

As this map demonstrates, other options are much less destructive and even less costly to build.

These options do not split a town in half and should be studied in place of the Red Line.

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority has already dropped three other options from consideration because of public protests in those towns about the potential harm to the community.

As each day goes by, Garner loses millions of dollars.

Garner stands to lose a project worth \$9 million in investments and hundreds of jobs.

Investors are literally walking away while the town stands in limbo, a hostage to a heavy handed government agency.

Further, the proposed route would cut across several tributaries flowing into Lake Benson, a major source of drinking water for Garner.

Runoff from the road would empty into the lake, increasing sedimentation and the risk of other pollutants.

With unemployment in my district at almost 10%, the federal government should get out of the way and let businesses grow.

It's disappointing that the Army Corps, at the behest of Washington regulators, would consider the interests of a few tiny mussels ahead of the interests of the people of Garner.

The Orange Route is the original plan proposed and has been on the map for nearly two decades.

In Garner, millions of dollars in investments and thousands of jobs would be lost.

Twenty-six commercial lots will be destroyed, with a total tax value of over \$30 million.

Approximately 510 residential lots in Garner representing a tax value of over \$106 million would be leveled.

I came to Washington to stop out of control spending and waste and remove job-killing regulations. It didn't take long to find examples of waste and job-killing regulations right here in our district with the continued study of this "Red Line." This option must be taken off the map so Garner can begin growing again.

Garner families are fighting for their homes and livelihoods, and I stand with them, ready to fight until the Red Line is removed from consideration.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLEVELAND  
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD'S  
25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Cleveland Federal Executive Board, and to thank all the federal employees in our community for their individual and collective dedication to the public good.

The community of federal employees in Cleveland, Ohio is comprised of more than 25,000 individuals who contribute their talent and expertise daily in an array of roles, including park rangers, administrators, accountants, clerical employees, attorneys, engineers, military personnel, mail carriers, scientists, nurses and physicians.

The professional contributions extended daily by federal employees serve as a foundation of support, safety and security throughout the community. Every day, the environment is protected; the mail is delivered; veterans receive medical care; our national park is preserved; immigrants are guided to citizenship; citizens are provided with benefits and programs; and the universe is studied and explored thanks to federal employees in Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of the Cleveland Federal Executive Board and the thousands of federal employees who live and work within the Cleveland community. Their dedication to their work continues to preserve, protect and strengthen our entire community.

UPHOLDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S TRUST OBLIGATIONS  
TO NATIVE AMERICANS

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today I join Congressman DON YOUNG and Congressman DOC HASTINGS in supporting H.R. 887. I explain separately my reasons for doing so, and specifically my concerns about a request for attorney's fees of \$227 million. The resolution of the litigation in Cobell v Salazar involved claims that ultimately amounted to a breach of trust by the government to Native Americans. The plaintiffs have been denied the use of money they were otherwise entitled to, according to the settlement. The petition for fees reports that "government officials have abused individual Indian trust beneficiaries" for decades.

While the mismanagement of the Native trust monies is bad enough, a second injury cannot be inflicted on these same peoples by a fee request that is almost a quarter of a billion dollars. It shocks the conscience to see such a large request. Every dollar paid out in legal fees is a dollar the injured Native Americans will not have. That being said, I recognize, and appreciate, the work done by Plaintiffs' counsel on behalf of the claimants, and I recognize the value of that work and the years it took. In this case, the magnitude of the recovery cannot be used as a benchmark to determine attorney's fees. I would prefer to see an accounting of the actual attorney's fees incurred, by the hour, to see how that compares as a benchmark. But a contingency fee based on a resolution that is itself measured in the billions is simply avaricious.

I therefore support this legislation, H.R. 887, that limits the fee award to \$50 million. Congress has the ultimate power over Indian affairs. It also has the duty to protect Native American rights. The Constitution grants to Congress the express power to make regulations governing the territory belonging to the United States (Art. IV, Sec. 3, Cl. 2). In addition, the Indian Commerce Clause conveys the express power to Congress over Native American affairs. This clause provides that "Congress shall have the Power . . . to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." (Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 3). As a result of

these powers, it is well established that Congress has plenary power over Indian affairs. It is up to us, members of Congress, to make sure we exercise these supervisory obligations.

Finally, there is what is referred to as the federal government's "trust relationship" between the federal government and the Native American tribes. This trust relationship obligates Congress and the federal government to protect the well-being of Native Americans, peoples who rendered their lands in return for this trust. As elaborated by Supreme Court Justice John Marshall, the tribes of our country are considered "domestic dependant nations" whose relationship to the United States was like "that of a ward to his guardian." We, the guardians in Congress, must now intervene to protect those under our care, especially where a fee dispute now creates a conflict of interest between the class members and their legal counsel.

That brings us to the Cobell settlement. In rectifying the breach of fiduciary duty documented in Cobell, we cannot allow another breach to proceed under our noses. Just as the government has a fiduciary duty to the Native Americans in the first instance in ensuring trust monies are not misappropriated, so too Congress has plenary power to ensure that the Native American class members are not gouged in a fee award. I have long advocated for sensible legal reform. Excessive attorney's fees in cases like this support this advocacy. Though the Cobell litigation was contentious and time consuming, no one can tell me, with a straight face, that a \$50 million dollar fee award is not excellent compensation for one case. On behalf of the 21 federally recognized tribes in Arizona, over 250,000 strong, from the Diné in the north, to the Havasupai at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, down to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in the south, and on behalf of those tribes in between and throughout the United States, I rise in support of H.R. 887.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS AND JANICE  
BRINKMAN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dennis Brinkman, Vietnam War veteran and Alpha Gamma Rho brother from Iowa State University, and his wife, Janice Kay Reeder Brinkman, on the special occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. This special day will take place on March 27, 2011, but family will be celebrating the event in Galena, Illinois, this weekend—March 11–13, 2011.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brinkman were married on March 27, 1971, in West Union, Iowa. Together they raised one child, Ann Marie. Dennis has farmed near Greene and Charles City, Iowa, since 1972. His operation has included beef cattle, farrow-to-finish hog production, soybeans and corn. Jan, a graduate from the University of Northern Iowa, started her career as an elementary school teacher. When Ann Marie turned two, she began working for Greene Limestone Company as a bookkeeper.

Dennis and Jan currently reside in rural Greene, Iowa. Dennis continues to expand his

crop business and serves on the AgVantage FS Board of Directors. Jan is an office manager at Allied Manatts Group L.L.C. in Charles City, Iowa, and an active member of a local mother's club that helps support the Coats for Kids program at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I salute this lovely couple on the 40th year of their life together, and I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me, their friends and family in honoring them on this special occasion.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,193,176,753,471.62.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,554,751,007,177.80 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING BISHOP JAMES E.  
McKNIGHT

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida, I rise to recognize and wish a Happy Birthday to Bishop James E. McKnight, a man of God and leader to the community of Gainesville, FL.

Bishop James E. McKnight was born March 14, 1930, and is a life-long resident of Gainesville, Florida. He has been married to Jessie M. McKnight over 56 years with three sons and one daughter.

As a man for whom education was key, Bishop McKnight graduated from Lincoln High School in Gainesville, Florida and attended Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida. Bishop McKnight was not only a religious and community leader but also a patriot, he joined the U.S. Army and received special training in the Intelligence Division while serving in the Korean War from 1951–1953. Bishop McKnight has been a pastor in the Church of God by Faith for 53 years. He is presiding pastor of Gainesville Church of God by Faith in Gainesville, Florida, where he and his wife have served as leaders for over 50 years.

Under his leadership at Gainesville Church of God by Faith, a new building was built in 1973, and renovated and expanded in 1990. Bishop McKnight is very involved in the community and has served as a Board Member of the Eastside Clinic and development projects and the Black on Black Crime Task Force for many years. He was instrumental in offering their place of worship as a shelter to the resi-

dents of the former Kennedy Homes Apartment Building, who were displaced by fire in 2003. He received an award as a distinguished leader in the Gainesville Community in March of 2007. Bishop McKnight is highly respected and well known as a "Praying Man" in the Gainesville community and surrounding areas, and the National Church of God by Faith.

HONORING HOPE HOUSE'S 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hope House located in the Town of Dover, Morris County, New Jersey as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

Hope House, a not-for-profit, multi-service agency, established in 1971, is a Catholic Charity Agency in the Diocese of Patterson. This noteworthy organization serves clients mainly from Morris County, providing professionally based social services, especially for those who are oppressed, powerless, or otherwise disenfranchised. Hope House Social Service Agency advocates fair and just treatment for all individuals. Services are delivered without regard to race, gender, personal belief or circumstances.

Hope House provides numerous programs and clinical counseling for children, adolescents, and adults. They maintain a professional staff of mental health providers with diversified backgrounds. Hope House counselors are therapists, many of whom are board certified. Licensed clinical social workers and professional counselors are also on staff to provide individuals with the care and support they need.

Of the numerous programs Hope House provides, their HIV/AIDS Service extends into Sussex and Warren Counties. This service is a community based program designed to provide comprehensive and centralized AIDS specific services in a compassionate, caring, and confidential environment.

In addition to the excellent health and social services, Hope House also provides domestic home services to those in most need. For instance, the Chore Program assists low income seniors and younger, disabled adults with light household chores. This program enables individuals to maintain independence and may help prevent premature institutionalization. Much like the chore program is the Fix-It Program. This service offers minor home repairs to Morris County low income families, persons with disabilities and seniors.

The Hope House style is warm and welcoming, reflecting personal attention and sensitivity with a dedicated staff and many volunteers and supporters. It is a cherished resource in our community that enables individuals to seek support for a wide range of issues and receive the attention they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Hope House of Dover, New Jersey as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

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 Thursday, March 10, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's report to Congress, focusing on reforming America's housing finance market.

SD-538

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force.

SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold closed hearings to examine information regarding cyber security and critical electric infrastructure.

SVC-217

Indian Affairs

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

SD-628

10:15 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the "Freedom of Information Act", focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the digital age.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine realizing NASA's potential, focusing on programmatic challenges in the 21st century.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine enhancing the President's authority to eliminate wasteful spending and reduce the budget deficit.

SD-342