

RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND
GRID RELIABILITY CONFLICTS
ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Energy & Commerce Committee has been able to come up with another bipartisan piece of legislation that addresses a significant problem. I thank Chairman UPTON, Ranking Member WAXMAN, as well as my good friends Mr. GREEN and Mr. DOYLE. The work they and their staffs put into this bill is admirable.

To quote Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, "the law is an ass." Current law makes no sense by forcing a utility to comply with one federal agency and then be fined by another for complying. The bill before us eliminates this contradiction and will provide certainty to utilities that might need to operate under an order in the future. I believe the compromise negotiated will allow environmental protections to stay in place while ensuring the Department of Energy has the tools it needs in order to respond quickly to true emergencies.

Of the few emergency orders that have been issued under the Federal Power Act, most have been short term propositions. If an emergency order violates an environmental law, the negotiated compromise will allow the Department of Energy to react to an emergency situation and quickly issue a 90 day order which is longer than most of the orders that have been implemented. Should the emergency last longer than 90, the Department is required to consult with the appropriate Federal agency of the violated environmental law. The appropriate agency will submit its recommendations on how to tailor the extended order to minimize violations adverse environmental impacts. The Department of Energy may exclude recommendations it believes will interfere with implementation of the emergency order.

I believe this is a good piece of compromise legislation that solves an unnecessary contradiction in current law. I urge all my colleagues to support the Olson bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN COM-
MUNITY CENTER OF SAC-
RAMENTO VALLEY**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley (ACC) as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the hardworking staff, volunteers and supporters of the ACC who have ensured that this fine organization has continued to provide valuable senior health and social services to Sacramento's seniors.

Originally established as the Asian Nursing Home in 1987, the Asian Community Center offers a wide array of culturally sensitive services and programs dedicated to improving the

lives of Sacramento's seniors and their families. Today, the ACC Nursing Home continues to provide 24-hour, long-term health and nursing care to vulnerable seniors.

Recognizing the growing need to provide more culturally sensitive services to senior citizens in Sacramento, the Asian Nursing Home changed its name to the Asian Community Center and established its Park City activities center. Through Park City, the ACC is able to provide more than 150 classes each month in a variety of subjects including wellness, computer literacy, physical activity and art.

Located at Park City, the ACC Respite program provides daily care to older adults with disabilities and impairments, and gives them the opportunity to participate in activities specific to frail adults, and those with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia or Parkinson's. In many cases, the ACC Respite program provides a valued service to the families of disabled and impaired adults, and gives them an opportunity to fulfill daily tasks, run errands and attend appointments.

Additionally, in light of state and local budget cuts in 2010, the ACC then took over the operation of Sacramento's Meals on Wheels program. The ACC created a separate non-profit and accepted responsibility for the program as local service providers were faced with shutting down the program. Today, Meals on Wheels by ACC serves meals to 5,660 home bound seniors and older adults each week, and recently served its one millionth meal!

Lastly, the Asian Community Center has been instrumental in the creation of the Bridge to Healthy Families program, which seeks to build strong support systems for the families caring for elders suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Through its many programs and services to seniors citizens and their families, the ACC has become an anchor in Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker I am honored to recognize and celebrate the outstanding service of the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley on its 25th Anniversary. The Asian Community Center's success is owed in large part to its executive director, Donna Yee, its board of directors, staff, volunteers, and the countless supporters who keep it running each day. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their valuable contributions to the community and honoring their continued tradition of supporting Sacramento's seniors and vulnerable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 537, 538, and 539.

I was unavoidably detained in Georgia due to a scheduling issue, and could not return to Washington in time to cast my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 537, and "yea" on rollcall No. 538, and 539.

CONGRATULATING ALI BERNARD

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ali Bernard for being named to the U.S. Olympic Team, and having the opportunity to compete in London this summer. This is an unbelievable accomplishment, and a testament to American dedication and talent.

Ali has been an incredible competitor in wrestling since high school. From the Junior Nationals to the Pan American Games to the World Championships, it has all led up to becoming a two-time Olympian. Ali's achievement is an inspiration and a source of pride for the New Ulm community, and I am proud to represent such an outstanding individual.

I look forward to watching Ali represent our country in London. I wish her and all the members of Team USA the best of luck in the 2012 Olympic Games.

RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF
THE LEMAY—AMERICA'S CAR
MUSEUM**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize The LeMay—America's Car Museum, located in Tacoma, Washington for opening its doors to the Pacific Northwest this summer. The LeMay Museum is one of the largest automobile museums in the world and will attract people of all ages with its modern look and unique history.

The museum, named after Harold LeMay, honors one of the most accomplished businessman from Tacoma, Washington. Harold was born in Yakima, Washington in 1919, but grew up in the Pierce County area where he pursued his love for motorized vehicles. As a young entrepreneur, he became associated with an automobile business in the Lincoln District of Tacoma. From there, he built Harold LeMay Enterprises, joined dozens of community organizations, and began his impressive automobile collection.

Harold and his wife, Nancy LeMay, owned one of the largest privately-owned collections of automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, and other motorized vehicles in the world. The LeMays formed the Harold E. LeMay Museum, a charitable organization that would donate their automobile collection to benefit the community Harold adored. In November 2003, just a few years after Harold's passing, the museum's board of directors approved the proposal to open The LeMay—America's Car Museum in the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate The LeMay—America's Car Museum. The museum showcases the history behind America's admiration for automobiles and Harold's inspiring story.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASING CREDIT EXPANSION ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see the damage done by our dependence on oil. We see high gas prices threatening our economic recovery and burdening families already struggling to make ends meet. We see rising temperatures and sea levels. We see higher respiratory disease rates. And we see any number of distant regimes holding our foreign policy hostage, weakening our ability to stand by our principles and our friends.

It is time for us to throw off these burdens and step into the future.

One of the most promising and necessary things we can do to leave oil behind is speed our transition to electric vehicles. Passenger cars alone use more than 40 percent of the oil consumed in this country. By 2020, the National Resources Defense Council estimates Americans will spend \$260 billion a year on gas. Just think of what we stand to gain from switching to electric vehicles. I drive an electric vehicle myself, back home in Los Angeles. I get to drive right on past the gas station. In fact, I have not been to a gas station in almost a year. The technology is here, all we need to do is implement it.

Unfortunately, the higher price tag of electric vehicles has impeded wide-spread adoption by placing them beyond the reach of many of the Americans who stand to benefit most.

The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the existing tax credit offered for the purchase of these vehicles—broadening access and speeding deployment in the near term, and helping to jumpstart the market and realize the economies of scale that will make electric vehicles no more expensive than a gas-powered car.

Since 2009, qualified plug-in electric vehicles have received a federal income tax credit of up to \$7,500, depending on their kilowatt-per-hour capacity. The Electric Vehicle Purchasing Credit Expansion Act would increase the tax credit to \$10,000, raising the base credit claimable by all plug-in electric vehicles to \$3,750, and the maximum kilowatt-per-hour credit to \$6,250 (fully claimable at 19 kwhr).

By passing this bill, we can clean our air, free our foreign policy by strengthening our hand with regimes like Iran, and put money lost at the pump back into the pockets of American consumers.

“THE FEW”—1ST LT NATHAN RIMPF, 2-16 RANGERS, 4BDE-1ST ID “DEMON CO”, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero from Raleigh North Carolina, Ranger 1st Lt Nathan Rimpf of The United States Army. Nathan was the team leader of Demon Company 2-16 Rangers,

while on patrol when he stepped on an IED on July 8th 2012 in Andar Province in Afghanistan. Already within two short weeks his recovery and his can do attitude is something to behold. With his parents support and his brother is a Capitol Policeman he is making remarkable strides. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell for the RECORD.

THE FEW

The . . .
The Few!
Only, The Few!
Only, The Brave!
Can but so wear that most heroic title and beret,
of a United States Ranger as who!
And so bathe, all in that most heroic hue!
Ranger's like Jimmy Regan, Pat Tillman,
and Kyle Comfort who our world have so graced!

Who have all so worn courage's most courageous face!

For Ranger's Fight!
And Ranger's Lead!
And Ranger's do it all at such deadly speeds!
And for us one all,
Rangers will so die and bleed!
As The United States Ranger's so give to our nation what she needs!

And Ranger's hunt!
And Ranger's evil do so confront!
To stand strong,
to so right all of those wrongs!
To so intercede,
to so bring us peace!
Bought and paid for,
with but all of their fines lives indeed!
As all in Strength In Honor they so believe!
Beware, “THE DEMONS” are after you . . .
time to run!

Sorry but it's time for you to so confront your “DEMON'S” my son!

As their strong arms and legs for all of us they so willingly concede!

For all out there but in the darkest of all nights!

As that's where you shall so find them Leading The Way . . . The Charge, The Fight!

The United States Rangers,
who but bring their most magnificent of all lights!

Because, Rangers Lead!
Men like Nathan Rimpf,
whose hearts so shine upon us all on this very night!

As it was on a July patrol,
When this fine man's life almost went away . . .

With his two strong legs gone,
as for him his men so knelt and prayed!

And that's when this platoon leader got up and ran,

ran with his heart that very day!
Just one more hill to climb!

Just one more mountain to so scale all in his time!

As against all odds once again we would find!
That this Ranger led the way!

Like Superman, the only thing that can stop him is Kryptonite this day!

For such men are put upon this earth,
to so show us what comes first!

To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!

To So Reach Us!
Who out of such darkness but defeat the worst!

And come shining through like a star burst!
As have you Nate,

The Carolina Kid who at light speed has so traversed the most!

For there are but blue skies up ahead of you Nate to host!

“Can't you just feel the sunshine?”
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could shine as bright as this one!

Who so teaches us how the game of life is won!

Moment's are all that we so have!
To fight the bad!

To make a difference with it all!
For something noble, it's better to lose your two fine legs . . .

Then at the end of your life to so moan and beg,

as so wished you a better world you had so made!

But, Only The Few to our world such gifts can claim!

As you Nathan, The Few . . . are but one and the same!

And that's why the word Ranger is in front of your name!

The Few can claim!

RECOGNIZING THE OBERTO SAUSAGE COMPANY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Art and Dorothy Oberto and the Oberto Sausage Company, based in Kent, Washington. This family-owned business was built on a foundation of providing quality products for their customers and treating their employees well. This has made Oberto, which is also commonly known as Oh Boy! Oberto, one of the most iconic companies of the Pacific Northwest.

In 1918, Constantino Oberto and his uncle, John, founded the Oberto Sausage Company in Seattle, Washington. From the very beginning, Constantino and John dedicated their company to selling the very best handmade Italian sausages and salami. Art Oberto has run the Oberto company since he was just 16, when his father passed away. In all, Art has been responsible for the family business for nearly seven decades.

In 1964, Art introduced Natural Style Beef Jerky. He experimented with the product at home and the jerky was a tremendous success. It led to the company doubling in size and soon after Oh Boy! Oberto products were available nationwide.

Art and the Oberto Sausage Company continued to be dedicated to innovation. They launched turkey jerky in 1994 which solidified Oh Boy! Oberto as the nation's top jerky manufacturer. In 2011, Oberto released one of the biggest innovations to the jerky industry, All Natural Jerky. The company was the first major company to develop a jerky made with all-natural ingredients.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the hard work, perseverance and innovation of Art and Dorothy Oberto of Oh Boy! Oberto. Their dedication to quality and our community will drive the company forward for many years to come.

IMPORTANCE OF VOTER PROTECTIONS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, the freedom to vote for our elected leaders is the very