

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ohio Norsemen as they celebrate Syttende Mai in recognition of Norwegian Constitution Day.

Every year May 17th, or Syttende Mai, is observed by people throughout the world in recognition of the National Day of Norway. This date marks the anniversary of the 1814 signing of Norway's Constitution which declared the nation's legal independence and established a government dedicated to the freedom and equality of the Norwegian people. The document was inspired by and embodied the ideas of other early independence movements, marking a major victory for democracy in early 19th century Europe.

The holiday is celebrated with a prominent display of the nation's flag as well as a focus on parades featuring the children of the community. Processions are traditionally led by marching bands with some participants dressed in traditional Norwegian attire and often include speeches by young and old alike.

The Ohio Norsemen continue the tradition of celebrating their proud Norwegian ancestry by holding celebrations, parades, and potlucks replete with the foods of Norway. The celebrations held by the Ohio Norsemen are in line with a long held American tradition of honoring one's cultural ancestry while highlighting the shared democratic values embodied by the constitutions of these two nations.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Ohio Norsemen as they celebrate and share the culture and heritage of all our citizens of Norwegian descent.

SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Chairmen LUNGREN and ISSA, I would like to submit the following letters regarding H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2012.

Hon. DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Washington, DC.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMEN ISSA AND RYAN: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on House Adminis-

tration on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's April 26, 2012, amendments to title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112. These amendments to title 5 contain provisions that fall within the jurisdictional of the Committee on House Administration.

I recognize the dictates of the budget reconciliation process require these amendments be brought before the House of Representatives in an expeditious manner, and accordingly, I waive the Committee's consideration of the amendments to title 5, United States Code. However, agreeing to waive jurisdiction over these amendments should not be construed as waiving, reducing, or affecting the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

I ask that a copy of your letters of May 3, 2012 and this response be included in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's transmittals to the Committee on Budget and also be placed in the Congressional Record during any floor consideration of these amendments.

I look forward to working with you on matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2012.

Hon. DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUNGREN: I write to you concerning your Committee's jurisdictional interest in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's April 26, 2012, amendments to title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112.

I appreciate your willingness to support expediting the budget reconciliation process. I acknowledge that the amendments contain provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration, and agree that your willingness to waive further consideration of these amendments is without prejudice to your Committee's jurisdictional interest in this or similar legislation in the future.

I will include a copy of this letter and any response in Oversight and Government Reform's transmittals to the Committee on Budget and request this letter and any response be placed in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of these amendments. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the resolution of the budget reconciliation process.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2012.

Hon. DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write to you regarding your Committee's jurisdictional interest

in H.R. 4966, the Sequester Replacement Act of 2012. The bill, as reported from the Committee on the Budget on May 7, 2012, contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

I appreciate your willingness to support expediting floor consideration of this important legislation. I acknowledge that H.R. 4966 contains provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration, and understand and agree that your willingness to waive further consideration of the bill is without prejudice to your Committee's jurisdictional interests in this or similar legislation in the future. In the event a House-Senate conference on this or similar legislation is convened, I would support a request from your Committee for an appropriate number of conferees.

I will include a copy of this letter and your letter of May 8, 2012, which discussed this matter, in the Congressional Record during any floor consideration of H.R. 4966. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2012.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN RYAN: I write to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on House Administration in H.R. 4966, the Sequester Replacement Act of 2012. The bill, as reported from the Committee on the Budget on May 7, 2012, contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House of Representatives in an expeditious manner, and accordingly, I will waive Committee consideration of provisions that fall within the Committee's jurisdiction. However, agreeing to waive jurisdiction over these amendments should not be construed as waiving, reducing, or affecting the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

Additionally, the Committee on House Administration expressly reserves its authority to seek conferees on any provision within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this, or any similar legislation. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Committee for conferees on H.R. 4966 for provisions within the Committee's jurisdiction.

I ask that a copy of this letter and your response be placed in the Congressional Record during any floor consideration of H.R. 4966.

I look forward to working with you on matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2012.

Hon. DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUNGREN: I write to you concerning your Committee's jurisdictional interest in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's April 26, 2012, amendments to title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112.

I appreciate your willingness to support expediting the budget reconciliation process. I acknowledge that the amendments contain provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration, and understand and agree that your willingness to waive further consideration of these amendments is without prejudice to your Committee's jurisdictional interest in this or similar legislation in the future.

I will include a copy of this letter, Oversight and Government Reform's transmittals to the Committee on the Budget, and any response from the Committee on House Administration in the Congressional Record during any floor consideration of these amendments. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the completion of the budget reconciliation process.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF DR. SAM H. MCGOWEN

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career of Dr. Sam H. McGowen as he retires as Superintendent of Mascoutah Community Unit School District #19, in Mascoutah, Illinois.

Sam McGowen has built a 45-year career in education, both as a teacher and administrator. A native of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Sam earned his Bachelor's Degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1966 and began his education career as a social studies teacher in Bonne Terre Missouri. Sam would also earn a Master's from Southeast Missouri State and a doctorate in educational administration from St. Louis University.

Sam's career evolved into school administration and this would lead him to positions as superintendent for several Missouri school districts before coming to Mascoutah, Illinois. Part of the attraction of the Mascoutah opportunity was Sam's familiarity with Scott Air Force Base. He had visited Scott many times as part of his duties in the Missouri National Guard. Knowing that many students in the Mascoutah School District were from military families and appreciating the Mascoutah community from his previous visits, Sam was intrigued by this opportunity.

Sam McGowen's tenure as superintendent of Mascoutah Community Unit School District #19 has seen tremendous growth, both for the district and for the Mascoutah community. Enrollment has soared from 2,700 to 3,600 stu-

dents and new construction has been completed for both a new high school building and a new elementary school for students who reside on the base.

This success comes in part because Sam understood the unique challenges that schools serving military families, such as Mascoutah, face. As a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and President of the Military Impacted Schools Association in 2001, Sam worked tirelessly on behalf of these students to ensure Impact Aid schools receive the necessary resources to provide their students with a quality education. Sam's dedication has made Mascoutah the successful school district it is today.

Sam and his wife, Sue, reside in Mascoutah and have four children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Dr. Sam H. McGowen for his years of dedicated service to the Mascoutah community and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 I was inadvertently detained on rollcall votes 250, 251 and 252. Had I been present to vote I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 250, "yes" on rollcall 251, and "yes" on rollcall 252.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGARET TERRY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Margaret Terry, who is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is a law firm for low-income individuals and provides services in the areas of consumer rights, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities and taxes. It was founded as a nonprofit in 1905. Until 1966, it operated primarily with volunteers. In 1966, staff attorneys were hired; today there are 53 attorneys, 40 staff members and more than 1800 volunteers that serve Cleveland's low-income individuals. Legal Aid's mission is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and otherwise vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions.

Ms. Terry graduated from East Carolina University in 1967 before enrolling in the University of North Carolina Law School. Upon graduating in 1970, she joined Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. Margaret was placed at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, working in the Juvenile Unit during her second year of serv-

ice with VISTA. She was permanently hired by the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in January 1973. Throughout her career, Ms. Terry handled a wide range of cases. She developed knowledge in a variety of aspects of the law led to her becoming a supervising attorney for Legal Aid's Intake Unit.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Margaret Terry on retiring after 40 years of unparalleled service to the underprivileged who sought her help through the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING OLDER AMERICANS DURING THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Asian and Pacific Americans and their invaluable contributions to the American family.

It is a privilege to represent an extremely diverse district in Orange County, where many Asian Pacific Americans call home. As a Member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I am a proud cosponsor of House Resolution 621, recognizing May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It is also a time to honor the rich traditions and immense contributions Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made to our nation.

May is also Older Americans Month, a time where we recognize older adults and show our appreciation for their guiding wisdom and commitment to our communities. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge three extraordinary APIA community members from Orange County for their distinguished contributions that have enhanced the moral fabric of my district, the state of California, and our country.

Arts and music play an instrumental role in preserving and promoting the Vietnamese American culture. I would like to honor Mr. Tu Cong Phung, a renowned musician. Composer Phung arrived in the United States in 1980, as a boat refugee from Vietnam. His romantic music captures the essence of love that has become an integral part of Vietnamese music-lovers across for over 50 years.

Mr. Minh Tam Nguyen is a businessman, educator, and a veteran. Mr. Nguyen and his family immigrated to America in 1975 and began serving the community as a social worker in California. Mr. Nguyen founded Tam's Beauty Salon and Tam's Beauty Colleges and has educated over 25,000 students during his career and is proud to serve the Orange County immigrant community.

RECOGNIZING DUQUESNE, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the resilience of the Duquesne, Missouri community.