

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Friday, May 18, 2012 due to a visit to a wounded Iowa warrior at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2012, I missed several rollcall votes due to a longstanding commitment to give the commencement address at Passaic County Community College, in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted:

"Aye"—Smith (WA)/Amash Amendment (No. 46)—Eliminates indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in US, territories or possessions by providing immediate transfer to trial and proceedings by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by an appropriate State court.

"Nay"—Gohmert Amendment (No. 45)—Clarifies that the FY 2012 National Defense Authorization Act and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (UAMF) do not deny the writ of habeas corpus or deny any Constitutional rights for persons detained in the United States under the AUMF who are entitled to such rights.

"Nay"—Coffman Amendment (No. 17)—Repeals the moratorium on A-76 procedures, which prohibits the outsourcing of U.S. military jobs to private contractors.

"Aye"—Keating Amendment (No. 18)—Freezes the transfer, reduction or elimination of Air National Guard units supporting an Air and Space Operations Center or an Air Force Forces Staff until the impact of the unit's loss and alternative plans to support the augmented Air Force missions are provided to.

"Aye"—Broun Amendment (No. 19)—Eliminates the maximum age limitation for individuals seeking to enlist in the U.S. military, provided they meet all of the other current qualifications for enlistment.

"Aye"—Carson Amendment (No. 20)—Prohibits military promotion boards from considering any information from official documents, word of mouth, or in writing on the pursuit of treatment or counseling for mental health or addiction issues, unless the service member is found unfit for duty or a danger to themselves or others. Would require the information on this prohibition to be promulgated to current service members.

"Aye"—Cummings Amendment (No. 26)—Expands the mortgage protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to include servicemembers serving in a contingency operation, surviving spouses of servicemembers whose deaths are service-connected, and veterans who are totally disabled at the time of discharge. The amendment also repeals the sunset provision that is set to expire at the end of this year and increases fines for violations of the SCRA.

"Nay"—Sablan Amendment (No. 29)—Includes the Northern Mariana Islands as an eligible location, in addition to the United States and Guam, for the overhaul, repair and maintenance of naval vessels and other vessels under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy.

"Aye"—Johnson (GA) Amendment (No. 30)—Includes a finding stating that the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons to South Korea would destabilize the Western Pacific region and would not be in the national security interests of the United States.

"Aye"—Johnson (GA) Amendment (No. 31)—Requires the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to report to Congress regarding whether nuclear weapons reductions pursuant to the New START Treaty are in the national security interests of the United States.

"Nay"—Price (GA) Amendment (No. 32)—Prohibits the President from making unilateral reductions to U.S. nuclear forces.

"Nay"—Rigell Amendment (No. 38)—Replaces the pending sequester of discretionary spending for FY 2013 and replaces it by reducing the discretionary spending limit for that year so that it conforms with the Republican/Ryan budget levels deemed in force in the House, but this replacement is contingent upon the enactment of spending reductions over five years of at least the amount of the sequester it supplants. Also requires a detailed report on the impact of the sequestration of funds authorized and appropriated for FY 2013 for the Department of Defense.

"Aye"—Lee Amendment (No. 42)—Limits Defense funding to the amount consistent with the Budget Control act. The resulting \$8 billion reduction in the underlying bill's authorization would come from programs selected by the President in consultation with the Defense Secretary, with military pay and health care exempt.

"Nay"—Duncan amendment (No. 47)—Limits funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to any institution or organization established by the Convention on the Law of the Sea, including the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

"Aye"—Coffman Amendment (No. 48)—Authorizes the President to remove all Brigade Combat Teams that are permanently stationed in Europe and replace them with a rotational force.

"Nay"—Lee Amendment (No. 49)—Appoints a Special Envoy for Iran to ensure that all diplomatic avenues are pursued to avoid a war with Iran and to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

"Nay"—Franks Amendment (No. 54)—Limits the availability of funds for nuclear non-proliferation activities with the Russian Federation until Russia is no longer providing support to the government of Syria's suppression of the Syrian people or transferring to Iran, North Korea or Syria equipment and technology that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction.

"Nay"—Pearce Amendment (No. 55)—Strikes provisions in the bill that authorize \$150 million for DOE to support the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) development of domestic uranium enrichment capacity.

"Nay"—Rehberg Amendment (No. 59)—Bans any reductions to the strategic nuclear triad unless the Secretary of Defense certifies that: 1) further reductions in the Russia Federation's arsenal are needed for compliance with New START limits; and 2) Russia is not developing or deploying nuclear delivery systems not covered by New START limits. Would also protect all three legs of the nuclear triad from elimination.

"Aye"—Price Amendment (No. 111)—Requires the Department of Justice to order an investigation into the possible violation of U.S. law regarding numerous leaks of sensitive information involving U.S. and Israeli military, in-

telligence, and operational capabilities. Would provide the Administration with 30 days after bill becomes law to begin its investigation and 60 days after enactment to report to Congress.

"Aye"—Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 4310.

"Nay"—Final Passage of H.R. 4310—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.

"Aye"—Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348—Offered by Mr. BARROW of Georgia.

"Aye"—Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348—Offered by Mr. RAHALL of West Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 4310.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4310, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 4310, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and the table of contents, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SEQUOIA AND KING CANYON NATIONAL PARKS BACKCOUNTRY ACCESS ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4849) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sequoia and King Canyon National Parks Backcountry Access Act".

SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATIONS IN WILDERNESS WITHIN THE SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS.

(a) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY.—Until the date on which the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) completes any analysis and determination required under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary shall continue to issue authorizations to provide commercial services for commercial stock operations (including commercial use authorizations and concession contracts) within any area designated as wilderness in the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (referred to in this section as the “Parks”) at use levels determined by the Secretary to be appropriate and subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(b) WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PLAN.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a wilderness stewardship plan with respect to the Parks.

(c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to issue authorizations under subsection (a) shall terminate on the earlier of—

(1) the date on which the Secretary begins to issue authorizations to provide commercial services for commercial stock operations within any areas designated as wilderness in the Parks, as provided in a record of decision issued in accordance with a wilderness stewardship plan completed under subsection (b); or

(2) the date that is 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

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Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 270, the Smith of Washington amendment, I voted incorrectly. I am recorded as a “no.” My intent and purpose was to vote “yes,” but I voted mistakenly.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH-AMERICAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FARENTHOLD). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276L, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following Members of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. PETRI, Wisconsin
Mr. CRENSHAW, Florida
Mr. LATTI, Ohio
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 435 note), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following member on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years:

Admiral William O. Studeman, Great Falls, Virginia

THE U.S. SENATE HAS FAILED TO PASS A BUDGET

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. For the last 1,115 days, the United States Senate has failed to pass a budget. If any business, big or small, were to operate in this very fashion, I submit it would be out of business in a matter of months. Yet the United States Senate refuses to pass a budget blueprint to address what I would consider are the very serious challenges facing our Nation today. This is just unacceptable.

The American people are frustrated; and, frankly, I'm frustrated as well. With a skyrocketing debt of over \$15.5 trillion and with trillion-dollar deficits happening year after year, we must come together to address the spending problem here in Washington, D.C. This is something we simply cannot ignore. We need to work in a bipartisan fashion to find common ground and to put people before politics and progress before partisanship.

Mr. Speaker, I supported the only bipartisan budget to hit the floor in decades because it took a step forward to adjust the problems facing our Nation. I would encourage the Senate to do the same.

SERGEANT MAXWELL DORLEY, A HERO TO THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, today, as our Nation recognizes National Po-

lice Week, I rise to honor Sergeant Maxwell Dorley of the Providence Police Department.

Sergeant Dorley is a hero to the city of Providence, a city he gave his life protecting last month. Sergeant Dorley was responding to a call for assistance from a fellow officer when his police cruiser veered into a telephone pole. Sergeant Dorley was later pronounced dead at Rhode Island Hospital.

He leaves behind a wife and two children who have remained in my thoughts and prayers since the day of his passing and in the thoughts and prayers of our entire community.

At the time of his death, Sergeant Dorley was working to build a new home in Georgia where he planned to one day retire with his family. A 15-year veteran of the Providence Police Department, Sergeant Dorley was known for his popularity with his fellow officers. The department honored his memory by posthumously promoting him to the rank of “sergeant” following his death—an honor that he well-deserved.

We keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

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LET'S GET RID OF THE WASTE IN GOVERNMENT

(Mr. DENHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, as chair on the Committee on Economic Development, Emergency Management and Public Buildings, we recently passed a bill to sell off 200 acres in Tracy at fair market value. This is one property amongst many. Recently, the President signed that into law. If we can do this once a day, it will take us 40 years to liquidate the 14,000 properties that the Federal Government has already declared surplus and excess.

It's not about Republican politics or Democrat politics. This is about American jobs, a chance for us to come together and sell the things that we just don't need.

Let's get rid of the waste in government. This is one small step. We have 14,000 more steps to go.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN DAVID WINTZ

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fire Police Captain David Wintz. David has served Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as a member of the fire service for 50 years, and he's a hero to the Bristol Fire Company and the entire Bucks County community.

David joined the fire service as a young man and exhibited a passion for