

S. CON. RES. 63

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Secretary of the Senate is requested to return to the House of Representatives the enrolled bill (S. 2367, an Act to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes). Upon the return of such bill, the action of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in signing it shall be rescinded. The Secretary of the Senate shall reenroll the bill with the following correction: In section 2(b)(1)(B), strike "in subsection (b)" and insert "in subsection (j)".

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE LYING IN STATE OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE HONORABLE DANIEL K. INOUE

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table Senate Concurrent Resolution 64 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 64

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation by Daniel K. Inouye, a Senator from the State of Hawaii and formerly a Representative from that State, his remains be permitted to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol on December 20, 2012, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE RULES AND MANUAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 836

Resolved, That a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Represent-

atives for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress be printed as a House document, and that three thousand additional copies shall be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives, of which nine hundred sixty copies shall be bound in leather with thumb index and delivered as may be directed by the Parliamentarian of the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NO WASHINGTON PERMIT REQUIRED

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the United States State Department has haughtily told Israel not to build homes in East Jerusalem. It might upset the Palestinians, sayeth the State Department. It might even hurt their feelings.

The United States has no business telling Israel or any other country where they can or cannot build homes in their own country. Israel doesn't need a construction permit from Washington to build a house on their own land. What would we think if some country told us we couldn't build homes in certain parts of our Nation? We would tell that country, in probably not very polite language, "Mind your own business."

The United States is once again meddling in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation. This is the arrogance of power. In the meantime, Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel is going ahead with the housing project without the United States building permit. And good for him.

And that's just the way it is.

NOTHING WILL EVER BE MADE STRAIGHT ABOUT U.S. INTERVENTION IN LIBYA

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

Mr. KUCINICH. This past September 11, four Americans, including our Ambassador, were killed in Benghazi.

The responsibility for security failures has now been placed on the State Department. End of story? No. The deeper question is why did the U.S. intervene in Libya in the first place.

Twenty months after a U.S.-led mission to overthrow the Libyan Government, militias are still battling in the streets for control; al Qaeda-linked groups have a foothold in Libya they did not have before U.S. intervention.

Why did we spend U.S. tax dollars to open the door for al Qaeda in Libya? The intervention itself was a disaster,

and it makes the case that the U.S. Government's policy of intervention in Libya was wrong and that everything that proceeds from that intervention is bound to be tainted.

The book of Ecclesiastes says: That which is crooked cannot be made straight. Nothing will ever be made straight about U.S. intervention in Libya.

SEQUESTRATION MUST BE ADDRESSED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, with the negotiations surrounding the fiscal cliff, the administration is ignoring sequestration. This important issue must be addressed which devastates national security and destroys 700,000 jobs.

In addition, I am grateful for the opportunity to offer a fond farewell to two hardworking staffers, Ryann DuRant, office scheduler, and Master Gunner Sergeant Michelle King, military Fellow of the United States Marine Corps. Both women have served with dedication to the people of South Carolina's Second Congressional District. Michelle is relocating to the Pentagon where she will work with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Ryann is taking a legislative correspondent and press assistant position with her new hometown representative of Myrtle Beach, Congressman-elect Tom RICE. Their competence, hard work, and good humor will be missed. We wish them all the best of success in the future.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WHAT OUR LAX GUN LAWS BRING US

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Twenty children ages 6 and 7 went to school last Friday to learn, to play, to take their first steps into this world. What happened to them and six brave teachers determined to protect them is horrific and unimaginable. Our hearts break for their families, their friends, and their loved ones. What has been taken from them cannot be taken back.

The tragedy at Sandy Hook happened because we turned a blind eye to the carnage our lax gun laws bring us. It's time to change those laws before another school, mall, or movie theater is turned into a crime scene.

We must ban assault weapons. We must ban extended ammunition clips that shoot 30 bullets at a time. We must demand that everyone everywhere receives a thorough background check if they want to own a gun.

It's time to reclaim our security, and it starts by making changes to the law.

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HONORING JOHN MATSUSHIMA

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

Mr. GARDNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Matsushima, who will be honored as a Citizen of the West at the National Western Stock Show this coming January. This prestigious award has been presented since 1978, and the selected recipient must embody the spirit and determination of the Western pioneer who is committed to perpetuating the West's agricultural heritage and ideals. I can think of no better person to receive this honor than Dr. Matsushima.

Now 91 years old, he has dedicated his life to teaching others about agriculture and livestock. He began teaching in 1961 at Colorado State University, and he continued to enrich the lives of students until his retirement in 1992. Dr. Matsushima currently holds the title of professor emeritus at Colorado State University, and still spends significant time on campus as an adviser to those who will be future stewards of agriculture.

Among his many honors and awards, Dr. Matsushima received the Japan Emperor award in 2009 and was the first Japanese American to achieve this accomplishment. He has also received national and Colorado 4-H Club awards, the Colorado State University Livestock Leader award, and Colorado State's Best Teacher award.

He is a true pioneer who has committed his life's work to Colorado and to the Western United States. These stories highlight an amazing man, and I am proud to honor Dr. Matsushima on the House floor.

MAINTAIN THE C-130 FLEET

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, this week, conferees met to reach an agreement on the National Defense Authorization Act. As we consider a final agreement, I rise in support of language in the conference report which prevents the movement and retirement of C-130 aircraft.

Madam Speaker, western New York is home to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, which hosts a robust fleet of C-130 aircraft. These aircraft were among the planes used to deliver supplies to the regions of New York and New Jersey in the aftermath of hurricane devastation. Additionally, these western New York aircraft flew over 1,500 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Representatives KATHLEEN HOCHUL, LOUISE SLAUGHTER, and I wrote to the conferees on this important issue, and we are pleased that the committee agreed to keep in language in the House-passed bill to maintain the C-130 fleet. I encourage the House to support

the conference report language that will maintain the C-130 fleet.

THE TRAGEDY IN NEWTOWN,
CONNECTICUT

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express the sorrow I feel about the tragedy that happened in Newtown, Connecticut, last Friday.

I have a personal connection with Newtown. After being transferred from Texas, my parents were sent to Connecticut, to the corporate headquarters of my father's company. They bought a home in Newtown. My brother graduated from Newtown High School. I would go to Newtown for the holidays. I have driven past Sandy Hook Elementary School—the place where 20 innocent children and six adults were killed by a madman.

As a parent, I cannot imagine the pain the families who lost a child are feeling. From my brief time in Newtown, I saw that it was a true community with strong people. They will go forward, but they need our thoughts, our prayers, and our love.

May God bless them and help them find peace.

MEDICARE IDENTITY THEFT
PREVENTION ACT

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, today the House will consider the Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act, and I urge my colleagues to support it this afternoon.

Despite actions taken by this House and Federal agencies, Medicare identity theft continues to be a problem. Medicare's own inspector general issued a report stating that more than a quarter-million Medicare beneficiaries are potential victims of identity theft. This is simply unacceptable.

The bill we will consider today makes a commonsense change to Medicare cards that most seniors carry. It will ensure that, in the future, Social Security numbers are not displayed or embedded on these cards, which are issued to every Medicare beneficiary.

Seniors spend their whole lives building financial security for their retirement years. They shouldn't have to worry about losing it if someone steals one's Medicare card.

HONORING THE CAREER OF BOB
MORTON, AN EASTERN WASH-
INGTON LEGEND

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. It is with great pride that I rise today to

honor the tremendous service and career of Bob Morton, a 22-year veteran of the Washington State Legislature, who recently announced that he was going to be retiring at the end of the year.

He was first elected to the House in 1990, and then he was appointed to the Senate, where he currently represents the Seventh District, including Pend Oreille, Ferry, Stevens, and parts of Okanogan and Spokane Counties. He owned a small logging business and ran cattle while also preaching at his local church and serving the community.

But Bob is not just an outstanding legislator for eastern Washington; he is also a close friend, a mentor, and the reason that I got into politics and public service in the first place.

As an elected official, I've worked with him on countless issues, and his advice and friendship have been invaluable. He is recognized for his leadership and knowledge of forest health and good forest management. No one knows Western water law better than Bob, and he has participated in most of the negotiations over Washington water law.

Bob and his wife, Linda, have five children and 11 grandchildren, and I know they're looking forward to spending more time with them in their retirement. I wish them the best in their next adventures.

SUPERSTORM SANDY DISASTER
ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

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

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, it has been nearly 8 weeks since Superstorm Sandy struck our shores and devastated an entire region. It has been 8 weeks, and Congress has yet to send a disaster assistance package to the affected States.

It is precedent for this body to stand together in the aftermath of a natural disaster and to immediately provide the necessary assistance in order to help communities recover and rebuild. Two weeks after Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast, Congress approved more than \$62 billion in Federal aid. One month after Hurricanes Ike and Gustav hit Texas, Congress approved more than \$20 billion in aid.

Why can't this Congress come together and approve the \$60 billion requested by the President to help the victims of Sandy? The damage done by Sandy is far beyond the resources and capacity that any single State possesses to recover on its own.

It is my hope that this Chamber can set aside its differences and swiftly approve the supplemental funding. Such assistance will aid those who have lost everything in the storm, and it will help to rebuild our communities stronger than ever. New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut have always stood by other regions of this Nation