

and women's economic equality. We both know from our years working together that nothing happens with action, perseverance, and a little outrage. I know Susan will continue to use these attributes in her next endeavor. I treasure her friendship and her council.

Congratulations to Susan on her retirement. She has inspired those who have worked with her and been mentored by her. I wish Susan and Jared all the best.

INTRODUCING THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT
OF 2013

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Commission on Employment and Economic Security Act of 2013.

This legislation makes necessary and vital investments in our nation's workforce and their families. It establishes a national commission to examine issues of economic and psychological insecurity within our workforce that have been caused by employment displacement. Furthermore, it will propose solutions, including recommendations for legislative and administrative action, to Congress and the President.

During the recession that began in December 2007 and in the subsequent months, more than 8.7 million jobs were lost. By October 2009, the unemployment rate had reached 10.0 percent, and roughly 15.4 million people were unemployed in our country. In Florida, the unemployment rate reached 11.4 percent in March 2010, and in some states, such as Rhode Island and South Carolina, the unemployment rate rose to just short of 12 percent, peaking at 11.9 percent in early 2010.

Luckily, we are on the road to recovery, and 7.5 million jobs have been created during 42 straight months of private-sector job growth across the country. Unemployment rates have fallen in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our economy is recovering, but the need for this vital research is no less critical. This is highlighted by current projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which estimate that the unemployment rate will not fall below 6 percent until the end of 2016, and will remain above 5 percent through 2023.

Mr. Speaker, when Americans lose their jobs and their incomes shrink, too often, they face the loss of their family's health insurance and, subsequent to the loss of income, even their housing. According to an American Psychological Association (APA) report from February 2013, money (69 percent), work (65 percent), and the economy (61 percent) remain the most frequently cited sources of stress for Americans.

The mental health of the American worker is integral as we continue down the road of economic recovery. Congress must face this problem head on and help those facing long-term unemployment, loss of health insurance, home foreclosure, increased levels of stress, and increased risk of mental illness.

I believe that we have a responsibility to provide the greatest possible assistance to our

nation's workforce, whose commitment to economic participation has been a defining feature of the cultural fabric of our country. This Commission will be instrumental in ensuring that we get our nation fully back on track, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM LEE
TROLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Lee Trolan on the occasion of his retirement from the Office of the Sergeant at Arms on December 6, and to thank him for 35 years of dedicated service supporting and leading sensitive and classified national security programs.

Beginning in December 1978, and for the following six years, Mr. Trolan served as a commissioned U.S. Army officer defending our nation on the "frontiers of freedom," which included operational command of a nuclear missile site. For 19 years, he worked for several government agencies focusing on critical emergency management and national security programs, including response to nuclear weapons incidents. For the past nine years, he served as the Director of Continuity Planning for the U.S. House of Representatives where he developed plans and resources that dramatically improved Congressional planning and readiness as it relates to continuity of government operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to Mr. Trolan for his outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives and to our country.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS
CAVAROCCHI SR.

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nicholas Cavarocchi Sr., a tireless advocate for oral health research, on the occasion of his retirement from CRD Associates and as the principal consultant for the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) after 33 years.

Throughout his career, Nick has worked on every facet of health policy, from organizing an industry/patient coalition that led to the creation of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at the National Institutes of Health to co-founding the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, the pre-eminent advocacy voice for supporting biomedical research. As a former senior health advisor to the House Appropriations Committee he worked to sustain NIH and Public Health Service programs that improve the health and well-being of millions of Americans.

As the lead consultant for the AADR, Nick worked to educate members of Congress about the value and importance of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Re-

search. Throughout the past 33 years much progress has been made as a result of NIDCR supported research, which helped reduce the burden of oral disease and led to better oral health for tens of millions of Americans. Through AADR, Nick helped to mobilize thousands of oral health researchers throughout the country, encouraging them to reach out to members of Congress and tell us about the tremendous strides that have already been made and the promise dental research holds for further advances against oral disease and other disorders.

Mr. Speaker, this month a longtime champion for oral health, and a friend, is closing a chapter and opening a new one. I wish Nick all the best in his retirement and in this new phase of his life.

HONORING KANOE CARDELL
NEWELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kanoe Cardell Newell. Kanoe is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kanoe has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kanoe has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kanoe attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2012 and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kanoe has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kanoe constructed benches for a park in Gladstone, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kanoe Cardell Newell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,223,254,862,815.39. We've added \$6,596,377,813,902.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I represent California's Central Coast—The Salad Bowl of the World. I know firsthand how important immigrant workers are and their vital contribution to our national economy.

If America does not have enough workers, America doesn't eat. And whether or not we like it, most of those farm workers are not America citizens. We must rely on immigrant labor to harvest our food and, when the system breaks down like during the government shut down, it threatens the livelihood of our nation's farmers as well as the availability of fresh produce in grocery stores nationwide.

The agricultural labor crisis threatens jobs on and off the farm. For every job created on a farm, many more non-farm support jobs are created in the supply chain of distribution. Yet California's farmers, who are responsible for billions of dollars of economic activity every year, continue to face significant barriers to finding a legal and stable workforce.

Furthermore, the current, broken immigration system is undermining American food security. Many Americans would be surprised to know how close we all came to not having fresh fruits and vegetables at Thanksgiving because the shutdown prevented farmers from getting legal access to the workers they need to harvest their crops.

For these reasons, as well as many others, I believe it is past time for the House of Representatives to act on broad and meaningful immigration reform.

As Members of Congress, it is our responsibility to enact immigration policies that are tough, fair and practical.

Real immigration reform establishes a system that turns those who are willing to work

hard and play by the rules into taxpayers, paying their fair share. We need a system that has commonsense rules for who and how many people we let in legally, so we don't flood the labor market in hard times, but that allows businesses to hire the workers they need.

It is time to move forward, not backward. Congress must work together to find middle ground that benefits both the temporary guest workers as well as the agricultural employers. Final legislation must create incentives for farm workers to continue to work in the industry so that the United States can continue to feed the world. I believe in a comprehensive approach to immigration reform that includes earned legal status. This approach is critical for our country, our families, and our economy.

I am concerned that some interim immigration reform proposals would create even more devastating labor shortages for growers and other industries that rely on immigrant labor. It is short-sighted to think mandatory worker verification methods, like E-Verify, are the sole solution to our country's illegal immigration issues. Further, we should not impose additional barriers to legal workers who are willing to work hard and play by the rules. It would risk the economic vitality of the entire American agricultural industry and fail to accomplish true immigration reform.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House toward the goal of enacting a comprehensive approach to our nation's immigration problems, including a strong and balanced solution for the agricultural sector.

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 commit-

tees, 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, December 5, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED**DECEMBER 11**

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes.

SD-562

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate system and to consider health care extenders.

SD-215

DECEMBER 18

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation.

SD-562