

Rollcall No. 185: "Yea," S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013;

Rollcall No. 186: "Nay," Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule to H. Res. 243;

Rollcall No. 187: "Nay," H. Res. 243—Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2216 and H.R. 2217;

Rollcall No. 188: "No," Broun of Georgia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 189: "Aye," Amodei of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 190: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 191: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 192: "Aye," On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2216;

Rollcall No. 193: "Yea," H.R. 2216—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2014;

Rollcall No. 194: "Aye," Moore of Wisconsin Amendment;

Rollcall No. 195: "Aye," Polis of Colorado Amendment;

Rollcall No. 196: "No," Heck of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 197: "Aye," Garcia of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 198: "Aye," Deutch of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 199: "Aye," Bishop of New York Amendment;

Rollcall No. 200: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 201: "No," Garrett of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 202: "No," Ryan of Ohio Amendment;

Rollcall No. 203: "Aye," Cassidy of Louisiana Amendment;

Rollcall No. 204: "No," Meadows of "No" North Carolina Amendment;

Rollcall No. 205: "No," Thompson of Mississippi Amendment;

Rollcall No. 206: "Aye," Runyan of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 207: "Aye," Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico Amendment;

Rollcall No. 208: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 209: "No," Blackburn (R) of Tennessee Amendment;

Rollcall No. 210: "Aye," On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2217; and

Roll Call No. 211: "Nay," H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act.

The measure would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize a study for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. The catalog of lands and rivers that carry this designation would surely benefit from the inclusion of this watershed, an area identified as containing the last large forested track south of Boston. While a 300 square

mile area of land may not sound like a large area to some of my colleagues, open space in New England has come under increased pressure from development. Conducting a study with the potential of inducting into or including this watershed in the wild and scenic river system would significantly ease these development pressures.

In fact, the National Park Service has already conducted studies on this watershed. These past studies have identified the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers as "unique and irreplaceable resources." But even today the level of flora, fauna, reptiles, fish, and mammals found within the Wood-Pawcatuck boundaries is staggering for this region of the country. It includes the New England Cottontail an animal listed under the Endangered Species Act. The range of the cottontail historically included most of New England and parts of New York, yet today the watershed is one of only five locations this species can be found.

The watershed is one of the few remaining relatively pristine natural areas along the northeast corridor between New York and Boston. In fact, forest and wetlands comprise 60 percent of this land, which helps maintain its high water quality. This landscape provides vast recreational opportunities: 57 miles of rivers, mostly flat-water paddling on the rivers; numerous streams in pristine forest for fishing native brook trout and stocked brown and rainbow trout; and five state management areas for hiking, biking, hunting, birding and natures studies.

My district is already home to another watershed that carries the wild and scenic designation, the Eightmile River. I have seen firsthand the importance associated with this status. A partnership between the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service has developed and carried out strategies for ensuring the watershed ecosystem is protected and enhanced for generations to come. The involvement at the federal, state, and local levels has been invaluable to this resource. Expanding these same opportunities to Wood-Pawcatuck is critical.

I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Congressman Jim Langevin of Rhode Island, for his leadership in introducing this bill and ushering it successfully through this chamber again this year. Lastly, I would like to recognize the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association who has promoted and protected the integrity of the lands and waters of the watershed since 1983. Their dedication to this invaluable natural treasure must be applauded.

I urge passage of this legislation and thank my colleagues for their support.

HONORING MICHAEL TAYLOR
RIGGS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. Devoted son, brother, friend and colleague, Michael was taken from us too soon, on May 24, 2013. With his passing, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work to address the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and the countless lives he touched and

saved over the course of his career in advocacy and public policy.

Born on November 10, 1970, Mr. Riggs descended from a long line of Navajo clans and grew up on the Navajo Nation in a remote area of northern Arizona. After starting out as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at a hospital in Tuba City, AZ, Mr. Riggs began attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. In the early 1990s, while studying and working part-time at the Northern Arizona Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Mr. Riggs' passion for education, policy development and disease prevention took flight. His bold idea to form an HIV/AIDS prevention outreach program targeted at Native American men was unconventional for the time, but won the support and respect of his colleagues.

After enduring a family tragedy, Mr. Riggs began anew in Berkeley, California, where he found a position in the District Office of my predecessor and mentor, Congressman Ron Dellums. Mr. Riggs' constituent work invigorated and expanded his focus on HIV/AIDS prevention. By the time he became a member of my staff, Mr. Riggs had developed a prolific knowledge base on the issue and soon joined my Washington, D.C. staff as a trusted policy advisor.

His wise counsel and ceaseless dedication helped me form the platform of global HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention that, today, has expanded the availability of life-extending drugs to those living in poverty in Africa, the Caribbean and other impoverished areas around the world.

Mr. Riggs was instrumental in helping me and my colleagues create and pass the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000, which significantly expanded the U.S. commitment to fight HIV/AIDS worldwide and which created the framework for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Passage of this landmark legislation, which eventually led to the creation in 2003 and reauthorization in 2008 of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is a tremendous part of Mr. Riggs' professional legacy. Within days of Michael's death, PEPFAR celebrated its 10th anniversary—having directly supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for nearly 5.1 million men, women and children worldwide.

He later continued this groundbreaking work with the United Nations' World Health Organization, the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Foundation and the Global AIDS Alliance. A sought-after speaker and panelist, Mr. Riggs' travels brought him across the globe and he was known for his uncanny ability to connect key stakeholders. Despite the difficult nature of the work, he was known to lift others up with his kindness, his unflagging energy and his generous sense of humor. Most recently, he returned to enjoy his roots and bolster his community back in northern Arizona.

On a personal note, Michael began working with me in my District Office when I was first elected in 1998. He was my very first District Scheduler. His sense of judgment and constituent priorities were always reflected in my schedule. I immediately knew that I wanted someone of his intellect and passion to come to Washington to work with me to address my priority issues, such as HIV and AIDS. I quickly learned that I did not need to direct Michael.

He directed me, my staff, the country and the world, saving millions of lives in the process. For this, we are all deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a pioneering global health advocate, Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. His invaluable service to the world will live on in the endless legacy of his life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones, friends and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING M. JUANITA SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. M. (Mildred) Juanita Scott.

Ms. Scott is the 6th child of 9 to William Scott and Mattie L. Taylor Scott Pace. She was born, raised and currently lives in Sunflower County, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott received her early education at First Church/School Kinlock, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff and later attended Sunflower County Baptist Association School under the leadership of Mr. N. A. Brantley, later named Carver Elementary School. She left Carver School in the 7th and graduated from the 8th grade at Magnolia Elementary, in Memphis, Tennessee, under the guidance of Mrs. Harry Mae Simon; attended Booker T. Washington High School, in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated June 1958 with honors, under the guidance of Blair T. Hunt; attended Coahoma Jr. College and received an AA Degree in Library Science, with honors; she furthered her education at Delta State University, in Cleveland, Mississippi; and earned a special training certificate at Southern University, in Early Childhood Education, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott is one of the first pioneers of Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), in Sunflower County and helped type the proposal for the Association Community of Sunflower County under the Directorship of Mrs. Cora Flemings and Mr. Frank Glover.

Ms. Scott worked with Fannie Lou Hamer helping people to vote in Sunflower County. She also served on the Bi-Racial Committee helping to integrate schools in Indianola. Her home was one of several homes who housed individual Freedom Workers who lived in Indianola. Moreover, Ms. Scott helped to boycott Indianola under the leadership of Willie Spurlock to see that blacks could be hired in banks, department stores and public facilities as cashiers in Indianola. She ended up being jailed because at that time, blacks could not use public library facilities. Authorities removed tables and chairs so blacks could not sit down at the Seymour Henry M. Library Facility.

Ms. Scott is a member of Bethlehem #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where she currently serves as church secretary/treasurer and Sunday school teacher. She is involved in many other activities/organizations like: being the secretary of the Sunflower County chapter of the NAACP; serving as the first black woman chairperson for Sunflower County Democratic Executive Committee; coordinated

President Barack Obama's campaign literature for Sunflower County in 2008 and 2012; served as den mother for over 32 cub scouts, from 1970 to 1985; she is pictured with an article in the book "Life and Death in the Delta" by Kim Lacy Rogers; she is a pioneer Civil Rights Worker in her town, county, and state; is presently employed part-time with the Bolivar County Community Action Agency; and worked 46 years as Administrative Assistant/Finance Department with this agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. M. Juanita Scott for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

EXPANDED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN PURCHASES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has now been six months since the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut—Six full months since Adam Lanza murdered six adults and twenty children in cold blood, devastated a small-town community, and broke millions of hearts all across America. And yet, the families of Newtown who lost loved ones and who are here today—and families all across America—are still waiting for us to act. Still, this House has taken no action.

Even though an overwhelming majority of Americans support background checks, the bipartisan King-Thompson bill to expand background checks on gun purchases, which has 180 co-sponsors, has not received a vote in this House. This is shameful.

Meanwhile, we have the highest rate of gun deaths per year in the industrialized world. 30,000 deaths and almost 75,000 injuries are caused by guns every year. An average of eight children and teens are killed by guns in America, every single day.

What are we waiting for? We have to find ways to move forward in a commonsense and responsible fashion to prevent gun violence in America. This is something the American people overwhelmingly support, and something the American people expect from us as their elected representatives.

In fact, the American people have already waited too long. Six months have gone by since Sandy Hook, and all the while more men, women, and children have been victims of gun violence on our streets and in cities all across the country. Just this week, a gun man killed six people in a shooting spree in Santa Monica.

It is time—now—to pass a stronger, more comprehensive system of criminal background checks for gun purchasers. It is time—now—to make gun trafficking a federal crime. It is time—now—to allow scientific research into how to mitigate gun violence. It is time—now—to ensure better access to quality mental health care for those in need.

There is no good reason for inaction. Not one. We know for a fact that commonsense, responsible policies like these make a difference. In fact, one recent study found that the ten states with the weakest gun laws collectively suffer from a level of gun violence that is more than twice as high than the ten states with the strongest gun laws.

In my state of Connecticut, the Assembly and Governor Malloy have stepped up to the plate, passing a comprehensive gun violence prevention bill that strengthens gun laws throughout our state. We should follow their example. At the very least, these commonsense proposals should get a vote in the House.

The longer we keep waiting, the more innocent victims will die, the more senseless tragedies we will have to endure. It is time to pass the commonsense, constructive measures that help prevent tragedies like Sandy Hook and the thousands of gun deaths we see every year across this country. Six months after Newtown, it is time for this House to show some leadership.

RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON BUSINESS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction".

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp. For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience,