

because with the background check, many innocent sick people will be stopped. We cannot afford to continue to lose lives and have families severely impacted by senseless violence at the hands of criminals with deadly firearms.

Madam Speaker, we owe it to the American people to respond immediately to this violence.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT II

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, leave it to Washington to leave a severely outdated government regulation on the books where it can continue to be a thorn in the side of hardworking Americans all across the country.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938—yes, 1938, 3 years before our country entered World War II—American workers in the private sector are not allowed to choose to be paid for overtime with extra time off instead of extra wages.

There's no denying that our workforce has changed since 1938. Nowadays, 59 percent of American families have two parents that work, and 8.5 million workers are single parents. When you're balancing work and family, time can be just as valuable as money.

The Working Families Flexibility Act, which House Republicans have introduced, will amend the 1938 law to give more American workers the choice to be paid in extra time off. It's your time and you deserve it.

SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, this institution is commonly referred to as the people's House. We have an obligation to address issues that impact all Americans.

The sequestration cuts began as a slow burn but have increasingly caused pain for people all across this country. Now, this House somehow found the courage to rescue air travelers from the sequestration battlefield, but we left other Americans behind:

We left Head Start children behind; we left expectant mothers behind; we left seniors who rely on the Meals on Wheels program behind; we left public housing residents behind; we left the long-term unemployed behind.

We have an obligation to address issues that confront all Americans. That's why I support H.R. 900, a one-sentence bill that would repeal the sequester.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

(Mr. SCHWEIKERT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I wanted to take this 60-second moment to stand here in front of the House and talk a little bit about the Working Families Flexibility Act. I am someone that as a Member of Congress, in a previous life, has run both a State agency where they could do this, where actually employees at my State level had the options of how they managed their compensation, whether they wanted to take it in time or actually in dollars.

But yet the arrogance, the continuing arrogance of Washington, it's good enough for our public employees, but it's not good enough for the businesses around the country. I've got to give MARTHA ROBY credit. Thank you for bringing this bill before us. Hopefully, we're going to step up and say, if we really want economic choice for the American people, we'll pass this bill.

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HONORING THE STUDENTS OF ELM PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PROBLEM SOLVERS

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, my district is home to Highland Park's Elm Place Middle School. The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who make up the Problem Solvers team recently won their division at the Illinois Future Problem Solvers Bowl, and they will compete in the international competition in June.

The Future Problem Solving Program encourages young students to think critically and creatively in order to develop a vision for the future and to become leaders. In my view, these Elm Place students have achieved all three.

Their project, Tefkiir, connected them with a girls school in Jordan, and they began to exchange books and educational materials. Quickly, the students realized how much they all have in common—how much more binds us than separates us. The Elm Place students are moving on to the International Problem Solving Bowl, but they don't want to go without their partners, without their friends in Jordan. So the team raised money in our community to pay for the airfare. These students, a half a world apart, started this project together, and that's how they will finish it.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to use my time today to honor the students of Elm Place Middle School's Problem Solvers.

TIME FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FACE SEQUESTER

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, the Federal budget is approximately \$3.6 trillion; \$2.4 trillion is what we call "mandatory spending." That's Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and interest payments on the debt. Approximately \$1.2 trillion is the discretionary budget, and we sit here and moan about \$85 billion in sequester. Businesses have had the sequester over the past 3 to 4 years. Not-for-profits have had the sequester for the past 3 or 4 years. It's about time that the Federal Government sequestered also.

I want to thank the President for addressing the mandatory-spending program. With his chained CPI address on Social Security, he recognizes the fact that, if we want to stop sequestration from occurring, mandatory programs have to be reformed.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in favor of comprehensive immigration reform, especially one that respects the heroic work and heroic lives of our military.

We've now heard from many military personnel who have said that what they fear most is that their spouses are going to be unfortunately and dastardly taken from them and deported. We heard from a young marine over at the Russell Building who is going off to Afghanistan for his third tour of duty. He said that he is not afraid of dying. He says, "That's what marines do—we fight and we die." His only fear is that, when he is gone, they may deport his wife back to Mexico, and then he doesn't know what he can do to help her or their two children.

So we have to change the law. The law is not fair. How can the law possibly be fair when our military men and women are under this kind of threat? I stand here today to say that we have to have comprehensive immigration reform, especially one that respects our military.

30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

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

Ms. TITUS. I rise today in recognition of National Travel and Tourism Week, and I will be introducing a resolution to that effect later today.

Travel and tourism make up the lifeblood of our economy in southern Nevada: 383,000 southern Nevada jobs are supported by the tourism industry, accounting for 47 percent of southern Nevada's labor force and generating \$45 billion in economic activity.

Men and women are employed in the convention, entertainment, gaming, and related service industries. Their

hard work, ingenuity, and dedication make Las Vegas one of the world's premier travel destinations for business and pleasure. Last year, nearly 40 million visitors came to Las Vegas. In addition, we hosted over 21,000 conventions and meetings, which brought in some 5 million national and international tourists, most of whom spent considerable time in District One. Furthermore, 43 percent of these visitors traveled through McCarran Airport, which is the Nation's sixth busiest airport, also located in District One.

So for the sake of southern Nevada's economy and our national future, we must make real investments in our country's infrastructure in order to increase the efficiency and reliability of travel and to encourage greater tourism to the United States and to Las Vegas.

WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT

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

Ms. FOXX. It is hard to raise a family and earn a living at the same time. The reality is that every hour you spend working to provide for your family is an hour you can't spend with your family.

For nearly 30 years, Federal, State, and local government employees have been able to choose paid time off, or comp time, instead of cash wages as compensation for working overtime hours. Unfortunately, Federal law prohibits employees in the private sector from having the same option. It's time to put an end to this double standard. Private sector employees deserve the same flexibility.

That is why Republicans have introduced H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act; and that bill deserves our support. We will vote shortly on the rule for that and tomorrow on the bill. Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote for fairness for the private sector.

U.S. AIR FORCE CAPTAIN REID NISHIZUKA, A HERO

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

Ms. GABBARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize one of Hawaii's heroes, U.S. Air Force Captain Reid Nishizuka of Kailua, Hawaii.

On April 27, 30-year-old Captain Nishizuka died as a result of an MC-12 aircraft crash near Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan. Captain Nishizuka put his life on the line in the service of our Nation, and he made the ultimate sacrifice. I am deeply saddened by this loss for his family, for Hawaii, and for our country. My thoughts and prayers are with the Nishizukas.

Captain Nishizuka always knew he wanted to serve. He had been on track to join the Air Force since high school

when he was a member of the Kailua JROTC and when he later went on to the Notre Dame ROTC, where he studied aeronautical engineering. As his family and friends have said, Captain Nishizuka always loved flying, brought joy to everyone around him, and even inspired his brother Chad to join the Air Force, too.

As we do our work here in the people's House, let us always remember the selfless example set by Captain Nishizuka and by so many other heroes, and let us do our very best to honor their immeasurable sacrifice.

HONORING OAKLAND PARK STUDENTS ON WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Today, I rise to say congratulations to the student inventors at Northeast High School in Oakland Park, Florida.

They were recently recognized for designing and creating a bicycle that serves as an emergency water sanitation system. After a natural disaster, the bicycle can be transported to the scene to filter contaminated water for E. coli and other pathogens. It can be assembled and taken apart in less than 1 hour, and it can produce enough water to hydrate 20 to 30 people for a 15-hour period.

These students first got the idea from unsanitary conditions in Haiti, and they have devoted countless hours to bringing this to life, and they even received a \$10,000 grant from MIT. Their work ethic, creativity, and dedication to making this world a better place is an inspiration to all of us.

So, again, congratulations to the student inventors of Northeast High School in Broward County, Florida; and my best wishes to all of them in the future.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HARTZLER) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

MAY 7, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER
Speaker,

U.S. Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 743

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Karen L. Haas.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1406, WORKING FAMILIES FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2013

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 198 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 198

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1406) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce; (2) the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Gibson of New York or his designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. House Resolution 198 provides for a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1406, the Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013.

Madam Speaker, it's hard to raise a family and earn a living at the same time. The reality is that every hour you spend working to provide for your family is an hour you can't spend with your family, seeing your children off the first day of school, taking them to a doctor's appointment, or attending parent-teacher conferences. As a mother who worked while my daughter was growing up, I understand the firsthand