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The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remain-

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the RECORD on rollcall votes 147 through 149 cast on May 15, 2013.

On rollcall vote No. 147, on consideration of H.R. 767 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 148, on consideration of H.R. 701 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 149, on consideration of H.R. 384 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "aye."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 45, REPEAL OF PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113–59) on the resolution (H. Res. 215) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1062, SEC REGULATORY AC-COUNTABILITY ACT

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113–60) on the resolution (H. Res. 216) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1062) to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RECOGNIZING CLARA BANCROFT

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

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clara Bancroft of Durango, Colorado. Clara is one of the exceptional stories to come out of our Nation's complex immigration system. An Argentine by birth, Clara chose to pursue a United States citizen residency and eventual citizenship. She did so entirely within the legal immigration system.

Born in Las Garcitas in the Chaco province of northern Argentina in 1967, Clara was the ninth of 13 children. Her parents were poor ranchers who often struggled to afford food, and her childhood home had no electricity. When Clara was only 8 years old, she had to leave school and become the sole caretaker for her grandmother. After the passing of her grandmother, she moved to Buenos Aires at the age of 16, where she worked as a nanny and returned to school. In 2001, while working as a receptionist at the BV Group, she met her soon-to-be husband, Paul Bancroft.

In February of 2002, Clara came to visit her future husband as a tourist under the U.S. visa waiver program. While she was in America, that program was unexpectedly ended with Argentina. Respecting U.S. immigration law, Mrs. Bancroft returned to her home country as she worked to be able to get her visa. While still navigating the immigration system, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft were married in October of 2002, and after nearly a year of legal battles, Mrs. Bancroft returned to the United States and reunited with her husband in January of 2003.

Since coming to America, Mrs. Bancroft has learned English, and in 2008 the Bancrofts welcomed their son, Bill, into their family. On November 15, 2012, Clara took the oath of citizenship in the United States. She is a proud citizen and loves her adopted country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mrs. Clara Bancroft for overcoming adversity and achieving the American Dream by becoming a citizen of the United States of America.

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ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

(Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the news that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere passed 400 parts per million for the first time in human history should serve as a wakeup call that we can no longer ignore the threat of climate change. Now, I know there are some that still don't believe in science and still believe that climate change isn't real, but we should all agree that this is a problem that we have to confront.

Addressing climate change is not only important for our environment, but also for our economy. Creating a clean energy economy powered by solar, wind, and other renewable resources will spur new jobs, new technological advancements, and grow our economy.

In order to ensure that we can compete and win in the global market to develop clean energy technologies, it is vital that we have a trained workforce ready to work. That's why this week I reintroduced the Community College Energy Training Act, legislation to support clean energy job-training programs in our community colleges. Community colleges play an integral role in training and retraining Americans who want to get ahead and learn the skills that will open up new opportunities.

By investing in training programs in the clean energy sector, we can lay the foundation for success in a field that holds such great potential and prepare our students for the good jobs of tomorrow.

$\begin{array}{c} {\rm FEDERAL} \ \ {\rm GOVERNMENT} \ \ {\rm ESCAPE} \\ {\rm ARTISTS} \end{array}$

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there's a troubling pattern here in Washington. When wrongdoing occurs involving Federal Government employees, blame falls away from the White House and the wrong-doers get a pass. No one is held accountable.

Exhibit A: Fast and Furious. Government walks guns into Mexico. Two Americans and hundreds of Mexican nationals are killed. White House blames Bush and a low-level employee. Employee resigns; government gets a pass.

Exhibit B: Benghazi. Government denies request for support before and during the attack. Four Americans are killed. Investigation is bungled. Blame is placed on a YouTube video. One Federal employee placed on leave, but still getting a paycheck. Government gets a pass.

Exhibit C: IRS target list. IRS unlawfully targets conservative organizations. Blame is placed on low-level employee, and we're waiting for accountability.

Exhibit D: DOJ subpoenas reporters' phone records to silence a leak. Attorney General Holder recuses himself. We're waiting for who's responsible.

Mr. Speaker, this is a disturbing pattern. The so-called most transparent administration in history appears to be obstinately blocking the truth from the American public. America is tired of unaccountable escape artists in the Federal Government.

This ought not to be, but that's just the way it is.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{MILITARY MENTAL HEALTH} \\ \text{AWARENESS DAY} \end{array}$

(Mr. PETERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for $1\ \mathrm{minute.}$)

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Military Mental Health Awareness Day. Mental health issues continue to carry a significant stigma in our country, but it is time that we recognize the challenges that many current servicemembers and veterans are facing, and we work to address their needs.

Post-traumatic stress is all too prevalent in our servicemembers and veterans. As a country, beyond partisanship, we must come together to tackle this issue. Our men and women in uniform deserve our dedication, just as we ask them to dedicate their lives to our Nation's service.

In San Diego, nearly 5,000 veterans were treated for post-traumatic stress in 2011 according to the VA. We are fortunate in San Diego to have medical institutions that provide innovative models of care to our servicemembers and veterans; and it is my hope that with further attention to this issue, we can bring some of those standards of care to the rest of the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to help me bring attention to this issue by working with service providers, counselors, and military groups in their communities as we continue to honor the sacrifices these servicemembers make for us.

FARRM ACT OF 2013

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today the House Agriculture Committee is marking up a 5-year farm bill reauthorization, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013, or FARRM Act.

The FARRM Act is a commonsense package of agriculture reforms that will save taxpayers nearly \$40 billion while strengthening the economic health of our family farms and small businesses. The bill is the product of a multiyear policy assessment designed to modernize Federal agriculture policy and achieve substantial deficit reduction.

The FARRM Act delivers on both fronts, while offering American agriculture the tools to grow and prosper. The bill reduces regulatory burden on small businesses and makes needed reforms to nutrition assistance programs. It will help protect our forests and better manage our lands.

Mr. Speaker, we can no longer allow partisan gridlock to prevent this reauthorization from becoming law. The bill is good for the economy. It promotes jobs and growth. It achieves deficit reduction. And it secures the ability of American agriculture to continue providing the safest and most abundant food supply in the world.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who serve in our police forces. Every day, police officers put their own lives in danger in order to keep our families safe. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

This week, we celebrate our local heroes during National Police Week. In order to support the National Law Enforcement Memorial, my sister Davan. a deputy U.S. marshal, joined more than 1,800 officers last weekend in a 300-mile memorial bike ride from New Jersey to Washington, D.C. She honored the memory of three Hawaii officers killed in the line of duty last year: Eric Fontes, Chad Morimoto, and Garret Davis. They've been honored on the national memorial's wall; and in Hawaii, we're working to establish a local memorial, which will be the last State in the country to do so.

Today, I honor these everyday heroes and their families for their unwavering dedication to the safety and service of others.

DEFENSE AND VETERANS APPROPRIATIONS

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

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, America wants Congress to get things done, and lately that's been pretty tough. A deep philosophical divide often separates us, but there are certain things that have to get done. The military has to protect our country, and America has to care for her veterans.

While Congress is stuck in many areas, both parties this morning took a unified step forward in defense of our country and in service to our veterans. Mr. Speaker, in a small hearing room right below here, the Military Construction and Veterans Appropriations Committee said "yes" in a bipartisan manner to meet our Defense Department infrastructure needs and to properly care for our veterans.

The bill spends a little less than the President asked for and a little more than last year. Projects not justified are removed, others are properly funded. The bill also compels both the Department of Defense and Veterans Afairs to use a single integrated electronic health record, ensuring a seamless transition of care for our warfighters leaving service.

Mr. Speaker, this morning we got to a "yes" on that which is essential and right.

CONGRESSIONAL BLAME GAMES

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