

Dr. PHIL ROE and I have introduced to help families in their time of greatest need. I think it's worth a look. I think it's worth your support.

HONORING TEACHERS AND CONSTITUENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, it is important that we always remember why we're here and who we serve. And the best way to do that is by spending time with the people that we were elected to represent.

For the past few days, I've had the honor of showing some wonderful residents of New Mexico's First District around our Nation's capital, and this group includes my daughter Taylor Grisham and her new family: Ian, Kamen, Kwane and Kaden, the Stewarts.

These people are leaders in the community, they're model citizens, they're family members, and they're longtime friends. And today I would like to recognize two of these individuals for their service to New Mexico and to our Nation.

Lori Drury and Maureen Salmon, both of whom are here today, are exceptionally talented teachers and dedicated public servants. Teachers play an invaluable role in our society. Creating jobs, defending and expanding the middle class, growing the economy, and making sure everyone has a fair shot at the American Dream, teachers directly contribute to all of these noble missions. And they don't do it for the money and they don't do it for the glory. They do it because they care deeply about the students they teach.

So I rise today to thank Lori and Maureen, to thank my family, and to thank all the teachers and public servants in New Mexico and in America for the work they do each and every day to make this a finer and stronger America.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

We ask Your blessing upon this assembly and upon all to whom the authority of government is given.

Encourage the Members of this House, O God, to use their abilities and talents in ways that bring righteousness to this Nation and to all people. Ever remind them of the needs of the poor, the homeless or forgotten, and those who live without freedom or liberty. May they be instruments of justice for all Americans.

May Your spirit live with them, and with each of us, and may Your grace surround us and those we love that in all things we may be the people You would have us be in service to this great Nation.

May all that is done within the people's House this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the White House announced this week that President Obama will be returning his focus to jobs and the economy; but he's not planning to do this by removing red tape from job creators, withdrawing his opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline, or by repealing ObamaCare.

He's planning to do this by giving speeches. Speeches don't turn the economic tide. Speeches devoid of policy proposals won't help the 4.3 million Americans who've been without a job for more than 6 months. Speeches also won't undo the damage ObamaCare is already doling out to small businesses and working families.

The particularly lethargic recovery our Nation is trudging through is the economic signature of the Obama Presidency. Rather than blocking American energy or defending ObamaCare, the President should try something new—working with House Republicans to advance our plan for economic growth and jobs.

The American people deserve a thriving economy and economic growth.

House Republicans have a plan to get us there. The President should take note.

PRESERVING MEDICARE PATIENT ACCESS

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this week the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health will begin a markup on legislation to fix a problem that Congress has been struggling with for over a decade, and that's fixing what's known as the "doc fix," or the sustainable growth rate formula.

The proposed legislation is bipartisan. Both sides of the dais agree that this must be done, and it incorporates the feedback we've received from over 80 stakeholder groups. The legislation replaces the problematic formula with an improved system to increase the quality of care for Medicare patients while streamlining the costly and complicated process in a fiscally responsible way.

Most importantly, the legislation ensures that Medicare patients will continue to have access to medical service. By providing incentives for doctors to continue to treat Medicare patients, we're putting the health of our seniors first.

I'm proud to be part of this commonsense solution, and I look forward to speaking to this House more about this in the weeks to come as it works its way through committee.

FIFTH UNANSWERED BENGHAZI QUESTION

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my fifth question about the terrorist attack in Benghazi that remains unanswered: Why was the CIA security team repeatedly ordered to stand down for more than 30 minutes after the attack began? Where did the order to stop the team from responding originate? Was it directed by the CIA or someone else in Washington? If the team had been allowed to respond immediately, could the lives of Ambassador Stevens and Sean Smith be saved?

Last year, news reports indicated that the CIA security team in Benghazi was repeatedly ordered to stand down or not respond to the attack at the consulate by agency chain of command. Trusted sources have confirmed this report, saying that the security team was ready to respond within minutes after receiving the initial call for help, but the CIA repeatedly blocked their departure for more than 30 minutes. The team ultimately disobeyed, but by then it was too late to save Stevens and Smith.

Will we ever, ever find the truth? We need a select committee.

HONORING JACK HOFFMAN

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Jack Hoffman of Atkinson, Nebraska, and the Team Jack Foundation.

At only seven years old, Jack has inspired millions of people from around the world, while raising awareness and funding to fight pediatric brain cancer through the Team Jack Foundation.

Many of us remember when Jack, after surviving brain cancer, made his now-legendary touchdown run during the University of Nebraska's spring football game. The video of that play was voted the top play on ESPN.

Last week, Jack's touchdown was honored during ESPN's ESPY awards as Sports Moment of the Year for 2013. This award was well deserved. But more importantly, Jack has used his newfound fame to further the Team Jack Foundation, which is committed to helping find a cure for pediatric brain cancer.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in honoring Jack not only for his award, but also for his continued efforts to fight cancer.

JOBS AND THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today is a very important day in the life of America as we recognize that Republicans are back in Washington to try and grow our economy and bring jobs back to the free enterprise system.

Mr. Speaker, for 12 years Republicans worked hard on doubling the size of GDP, and we did that from a GDP of \$6.5 trillion to over \$14 trillion. Over the last 5½ years, we have seen our President embark on an agenda that will reduce not just GDP, but jobs and job growth in America. We now stand at a GDP of just over 1 percent.

Mr. Speaker, this means that jobs, as we saw this last month when we saw the jobs report that came out, of some 700,000 jobs that have been created in America this year, of that number, about 600,000 are part-time jobs. America cannot make ends meet as workers, as families, as communities if we have a President who stands in the way of the free enterprise system and job growth.

Mr. Speaker, I urge House Republicans to continue their work on behalf of the American people for American jobs and to grow our economy.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1632

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

THREE KIDS MINE REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 697) to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 697

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—*The term "Federal land" means the approximately 948 acres of Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management land within the Three Kids Mine Project Site, as depicted on the map.*

(2) **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE; POLLUTANT OR CONTAMINANT; REMEDY.**—*The terms "hazardous substance", "pollutant or contaminant", and "remedy" have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601).*

(3) **HENDERSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**—*The term "Henderson Redevelopment Agency" means the redevelopment agency of the City of Henderson, Nevada, established and authorized to transact business and exercise the powers of the agency in accordance with the Nevada Community Redevelopment Law (Nev. Rev. Stat. 279.382 to 279.685).*

(4) **MAP.**—*The term "map" means the map entitled "Three Kids Mine Project Area" and dated February 6, 2012.*

(5) **RESPONSIBLE PARTY.**—*The term "Responsible Party" means the private sector entity designated by the Henderson Redevelopment Agency, and approved by the State of Nevada, to complete the assessment, remediation, reclamation and redevelopment of the Three Kids Mine Project Site.*

(6) **SECRETARY.**—*The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.*

(7) **STATE.**—*The term "State" means the State of Nevada.*

(8) **THREE KIDS MINE PROJECT SITE.**—*The term "Three Kids Mine Project Site" means the approximately 1,262 acres of land that is—*

(A) comprised of—

(i) the Federal land; and

(ii) the approximately 314 acres of adjacent non-Federal land; and

(B) depicted as the "Three Kids Mine Project Site" on the map.

SEC. 3. LAND CONVEYANCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—*Notwithstanding sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary determines that the conditions described in subsection (b) have been met, and subject to valid existing rights and applicable law, the Secretary shall convey to the Henderson Redevelopment Agency all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.*

(b) **CONDITIONS.**—

(1) **APPRAISAL; FAIR MARKET VALUE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—*As consideration for the conveyance under subsection (a), the Henderson Redevelopment Agency shall pay the fair market value of the Federal land, if any, as determined under subparagraph (B) and as adjusted under subparagraph (F).*

(B) **APPRAISAL.**—*The Secretary shall determine the fair market value of the Federal land based on an appraisal—*

(i) that is conducted in accordance with nationally recognized appraisal standards, including—

(I) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

(II) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(ii) that does not take into account any existing contamination associated with historical mining on the Federal land.

(C) **REMEDICATION AND RECLAMATION COSTS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—*The Secretary shall prepare a reasonable estimate of the costs to assess, remediate, and reclaim the Three Kids Mine Project Site.*

(ii) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—*The estimate prepared under clause (i) shall be—*

(I) based on the results of a comprehensive Phase II environmental site assessment of the Three Kids Mine Project Site prepared by the Henderson Redevelopment Agency or a Responsible Party that has been approved by the State; and

(II) prepared in accordance with the current version of the ASTM International Standard E-2137-06 (2011) entitled "Standard Guide for Estimating Monetary Costs and Liabilities for Environmental Matters".

(iii) **ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—*The Phase II environmental site assessment prepared under clause (ii)(I) shall, without limiting any additional requirements that may be required by the State, be conducted in accordance with the procedures of—*

(I) the most recent version of ASTM International Standard E-1527-05 entitled "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process"; and

(II) the most recent version of ASTM International Standard E-1903-11 entitled "Standard Guide for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Process".

(iv) **REVIEW OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—*The Secretary shall review and consider cost information proffered by the Henderson Redevelopment Agency, the Responsible Party, and the State in the preparation of the estimate under this subparagraph.*

(II) **FINAL DETERMINATION.**—*If there is a disagreement among the Secretary, Henderson Redevelopment Agency, and the State over the reasonable estimate of costs under this subparagraph, the parties shall jointly select 1 or more*