

organizing. Thanks to their hard work, the Student Leaders' Von Nieda Park Task Force has transformed Von Nieda Park into a cleaner, safer, more beautiful park through community organizing, and regular meetings with public officials.

For this reason, it is my honor to submit the names of the student leaders to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Jenaya Aide, Jessica Aldana, Alejandro Bernal, Eloisa Colon, Karelys Cruz-Bermudez, Samantha Fontanez, Elino Javier, Sergio Martinez, Ashley Melendez, Janeliz Muniz, Jose Reyes, Rodrigo Reyes, Alex Rosario, Dean Rosario, Lea Rosario, Ziani Sanchez, and Itzel Tapia.

Mr. Speaker, these students exemplify the commitment to community and justice championed by Dr. King. I join all of South Jersey in honoring their dedication to the memory of one of our country's greatest leaders.

RULE GOVERNING DEBATE ON H.R.
3547 "OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS
ACT FOR FY 2014"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 3547, the bipartisan "Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014."

I want to thank Chairman RODGERS and Ranking Member LOWEY for their constructive work in fashioning this bipartisan and bicameral legislation to fund the government for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014.

The bill before us is not perfect—far from it—but it is a modest and positive step toward preventing Republicans from shutting down the government again and manufacturing crises that only harm our economy, destroy jobs, and weaken our middle class.

As with any compromise there are some things in the agreement that I support and some things that I do not.

The bill abides by all the terms set by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (the "Ryan-Murray Agreement"), providing a total of \$1.012 trillion for the operation of the federal government, a substantial and necessary increase over the inadequate \$968 billion spending limit contained in the House budget resolution which led to the shutdown of the federal government last October.

The bill contains all 12 regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2014, with no area of the government functioning under a Continuing Resolution, thus allowing every program to be considered on its own merits and prioritized, rather than be subject to arbitrary across the board cuts.

The bill also provides increased funding for several programs that I strongly support. Let me list just a few of the more important ones. Agriculture and Related Agencies:

\$6.7 billion for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), sufficient to meet expected need in 2014.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies:

\$17.65 billion for NASA, which is \$154.8 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$376 million for Byrne-JAG grants, which is \$8.3 million less than the 2013 enacted level

and \$11 million more than the post-sequester level.

\$214 million for the COPS program, which is \$4 million less than the 2013 enacted level and \$4 million more than the post-sequester level.

\$417 million for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs, which is \$9.1 more than the 2013 enacted level.

The bill rejects House proposals to prohibit the Department of Justice from using funds to challenge state immigration laws; and prohibit grants from being awarded to "sanctuary" cities.

Defense:

Multiple provisions focused on eliminating sexual assault in the Department of Defense and supporting victims, including: (1) Fully funds request of \$156.5 million for Sexual Assault and Prevention Office (SAPRO) services; (2) \$25 million above request to implement a Sexual Assault Special Victims Program; (3) Prohibition on obligation of funds contravening more severe penalties for perpetrators established in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Fully funds Peer Reviewed Medical Research Programs and includes \$125 million above the request for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Psychological Health research and \$4 million above the request for alcohol and substance abuse research.

The final agreement repeals last year's cut to cost of living adjustments for disabled military retirees and survivors.

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies:

\$1.912 billion for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, which is \$102 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$5.467 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, which is \$495 million more than the 2013 enacted level (excluding emergency funding for Hurricane Sandy relief).

\$1.11 billion for water resources projects within the Department of Interior, which is \$46 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

The agreement eliminates the majority of riders proposed in the House bill, including those related to Waters of the United States, guns on Corps lands, Clean Water Act agriculture exemptions and ceiling fan standards.

Financial Services and General Government:

\$673.3 million for the District of Columbia, which is roughly equal to the 2013 enacted level.

Homeland Security:

\$10.6 billion for Customs and Border Protection, \$220.4 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$4.93 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, which is \$225.8 million less than the 2013 enacted level.

\$923.8 million for Cybersecurity and Communications, an increase of \$27.5 million above the 2013 enacted level.

\$4.35 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, \$3.8 million above the 2013 enacted level.

\$1.5 billion for State and Local Grants, an increase of \$35.4 million above the 2013 enacted level; and

\$680 million for Firefighter Grants, an increase of \$5.7 million above the 2013 enacted level.

Controversial House riders related to abortion services and immigration enforcement are not included in the bill.

Among the contentious riders dropped was a provision to prohibit ICE from adhering to enforcement guidance, including a June 15, 2012, memo prioritizing enforcement actions against dangerous criminals ahead of DREAM Act children.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:

\$3.938 billion for wildland fire, which is \$417 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$4.4 billion for the Indian Health Service, which is \$78 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

A total of \$2.35 billion for the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Funds, which is only \$4.7 million less than 2013 enacted levels but \$119 million more than the post-sequester level.

\$2.6 billion for the National Park Service, which is \$29 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$146 million each for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is equal to their 2013 enacted levels.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies:

\$8.6 billion for Head Start, which is \$612 million more than the 2013 enacted level, sufficient to both fully restore the cuts to Head Start and to invest in the Administration's Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships.

\$2.6 billion for job training through WIA Training and Employment Formula Grant program, which is \$10 million less than the 2013 enacted level but \$121 million more than the post-sequester level.

\$815 million for Seniors' Nutrition programs, which is equal to the 2013 enacted level and \$46 million more than the post-sequester level, allowing full restoration of meals.

\$2.36 billion for Child Care & Development Block Grants, which is \$36 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

The agreement abandons the futile but wasteful effort by House Republicans to repeal the Affordable Care Act and provides the Department of HHS roughly the same amount as it had last year for implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and some additional funds will become available through existing fees on policies sold on the exchanges.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies:

\$63.2 billion in discretionary funding for Veterans Affairs, which is \$2.3 billion more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$585.6 million for prosthetic research, which is \$3.5 million above the 2013 enacted level.

The Omnibus provides new tools and resources to address the backlog of veterans disability claims by increasing personnel, enhancing training and quality oversight, and strengthening accountability.

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies:

The final agreement does not include a policy rider codifying the 'Global Gag Rule,' which prohibits non-governmental organizations (NGOs) receiving federal funds from providing women information about certain health services.

I would have preferred that the bill provide more than \$2.67 billion for Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance, an amount that is \$224 million less than the 2013 enacted level. Our diplomats who risk their lives serving in dangerous outposts around the world

deserve all the resources required to keep them safe.

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:

\$600 million for National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER), which is \$100 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$17.4 billion for Section 8 Tenant Based Rental Assistance renewals, which is \$123 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$9.6 billion for Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance renewals, which is \$596 million more than the 2013 enacted level.

\$1 billion for HOME Investment Partnerships, which is equal to the 2013 enacted level.

The bill does not include any funds for high-speed rail. I believe this decision is short-sighted and shortchanges our nation's future. Highspeed rail will save energy, create jobs, and increase our nation's global competitiveness.

As I stated, this bill is not perfect. But on balance it is a significant improvement over the spending bills considered in the House last year and is worthy of our support.

SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kyiv and so many cities and towns throughout Ukraine are right now struggling, praying, and risking—some of them really risking their lives on the Maidan for justice and human dignity.

The government's violent crackdown has led to the deaths of at least four protestors, and countless beatings, arrests, detentions, kidnappings or harassment of activists, journalists, medics and lawyers.

I want to join many of my colleagues in calling on the Ukrainian government to stop, now, these attacks on human life and the basic human rights of free expression, assembly and association—and immediately to release those detained for peaceful actions and account for missing persons.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should urge Ukrainians to find a peaceful, political settlement of the crisis through meaningful negotiations between the government and the opposition in order to get Ukraine back on the road to democracy. As to association with Europe, it is not our government's place to say what the Ukrainian government or people should do either way on this point, above all since we don't know what arrangements are on offer. But we do stand up for the right of the Ukrainian people to determine this according to their own constitution and laws, free from coercive pressures by any foreign government.

While the current Ukrainian government has committed grave injustices in the course of this crisis, I am encouraged by signs that it is taking steps to resolve the crisis, including the revocation of the onerous January 16 anti-protest laws and the resignation of the government.

The people of Ukraine have endured tremendous suffering over the course of the last century including two world wars and 70 years of Soviet brutality, most starkly illustrated by Stalin's genocidal famine which resulted in the deaths of millions. With independence came new-found freedoms, but these have been challenged by corruption of grotesque proportions. The long-suffering Ukrainian people deserve better—they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Given the heroic strength and character and democratic maturity the Ukrainian people are showing in this crisis, I am confident that they will not be denied a more democratic future.

HONORING NANCY HEIMBAUGH

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions made by Ms. Nancy Heimbaurgh, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on February 3, 2014.

Ms. Heimbaurgh's distinguished government career spans 37 years, and her record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon herself and upon the organizations at which she has served, including her most recent role as DLA's Senior Procurement Executive/Component Acquisition Executive (SPE/CAE). Her contributions to the national defense were significant and she will be missed as she moves on to new and exciting opportunities.

Ms. Heimbaurgh, originally from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, entered the Federal service working for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, in 1976. There, she held a series of positions in purchasing and supply. In 1984 she became a contracting officer for the Naval Supply Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Ms. Heimbaurgh attended Strayer University, and the National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Services, and is the recipient of special achievement and performance awards, including the Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 2012, Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2007 and Vice President Gore's National Performance Review's Heroes of Reinvention Hammer Award for Electronic Commerce in 1996. In 1999, she was selected into the Defense Leadership and Management Program, a program designed to provide a Department of Defense framework for developing future civilian leaders.

In 1991, Ms. Heimbaurgh joined the Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters as a senior procurement analyst providing contracting expertise and guidance to field contracting activities. Ms. Heimbaurgh joined the Defense Logistics Agency in 2001 as a senior procurement analyst.

Ms. Heimbaurgh reached a career benchmark in 2007 with her selection into the Senior Executive Service as Director of Contracting and Acquisition Management at Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia; the first PLFA-level Acquisition Executive appointed in the Agency.

She was responsible for managing an acquisition workforce generating \$14 billion in awards across four supply chains. Ms. Heimbaurgh then served as the Director of Contracting and Acquisition Management in 2009. Her leadership was epitomized by the Defense Logistics Agency's performance during Hurricane Sandy, when she personally cut through the red tape in the contracting process to ensure needed supplies and services were delivered to our fellow citizens in New York and New Jersey in record time.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Nancy Heimbaurgh's contributions to the Defense Logistics Agency and the American people, and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating her on her retirement from civil service. She epitomizes the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal civil service a model all over the world.

CONGRATULATING DR. STEPHEN KLEINSMITH AND ZAC RANTZ

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Stephen Kleinsmith, superintendent, and Zac Rantz, director of communication, of Nixa Public Schools, on receiving the 2014 Leadership Through Communication Award.

It is important to keep the channels of communication open and the Leadership Through Communication Award recognizes a school district for their outstanding efforts in communicating with the families and communities they serve. It is jointly awarded by Blackboard, the National School Public Relations Association, and the American Association of School Administrators. This award is open to all school districts throughout the United States and Canada.

The Nixa Public Schools have engaged with their community to create a two-way street of communication. They have created a constant cycle of school administration transparency and community feedback.

When he joined the school district in 2000, Dr. Stephen Kleinsmith made communications a top priority. He has worked closely with Zac Rantz in revamping the Nixa Public Schools' communication systems. They have utilized social media, technology, direct messaging, and face-to-face interaction to engage with the Nixa community. They not only reach out to the parents of their students, but the local business community and taxpayers without children in the schools as well. The Nixa Public Schools have served as an example to school districts all throughout the State of Missouri.

I am proud of the initiative that Dr. Kleinsmith and Mr. Rantz have taken to make the Nixa Public Schools the best in communicating with their community. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this tremendous honor.