

are in the middle of their careers. Some of them are military members. Some are students. Many of them are parents.

They showed dedication and effort and that sacrifice can lead to success. These athletes should inspire all of us to strive to achieve our goals. As a father, I have seen their example inspire my six children.

While these Olympians weren't guaranteed a medal, that didn't stop them from working and sacrificing in every way to achieve their goals. We should all continue to look to these Olympic athletes for inspiration, to become better, and to be more dedicated to our goals, even when it is tough.

I wish these athletes good luck in the future and thank them for their inspiration.

WIND POWER

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

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, climate change is real and is happening now. To reduce the harmful effects of human-caused greenhouse gas pollution, this Nation and the world must transition to clean energy sources. That is why I am here today to support wind power and for extending the renewable electricity production tax credit.

My home State of California has been a leader in deploying this key technology, and it has paid dividends. Wind powers over 2.1 million California homes, and California is the home to 21 wind manufacturing facilities which have helped to stimulate capital investments of over \$11 billion.

The California wind industry also supports over 7,000 jobs, ranking California as the second-highest wind-related job incubator in the Nation.

Wind power is part of the energy portfolio of the future. Let's make that future happen now and support the production tax credit.

OBAMACARE

(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, last week, the nonpartisan Office of the Chief Actuary for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services reported that as many as 11 million small business employees throughout the United States may see their health premiums rise after full implementation of ObamaCare.

That means approximately 14 percent of the men and women who are participating in the U.S. workforce will have less take-home pay and higher costs for services that they are forced to buy.

Just last week, I met with small businesses in Grand Junction, Colorado, and discussed this very issue.

They told me about how they already provide affordable, quality health care plans for their employees. However, like many small businesses, they are concerned and confused about what the future holds for them under the President's health care law.

We can provide certainty to businesses, families, and every American looking to have affordable and accessible health care, but the President's health care law isn't the answer. Almost every week, there are new reports of increased costs and decreased access to care.

Why don't we put people first, rather than putting government first? That is why I support replacement legislation, such as H.R. 2300, making it market-based, affordable, and lower cost for our people.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE SAJEWYCH

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay tribute to an American hero, Mr. George Sajewych, a U.S. citizen who experienced firsthand the violence in Kiev while peacefully assembling in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

An esteemed, long-time retired broadcaster for the Voice of America, originally from Chicago, Mr. Sajewych was one of many journalists to have endured ruthless violence firsthand when he was beaten by Berkut police forces.

The attack left him bleeding in the street, surrounded by the shreds of the helmet that he had worn for protection. His motorcycle helmet shattered by the beating. He was hospitalized after having suffered serious injuries.

I commend Mr. Sajewych for his fortitude and continuing resolve in standing for freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of the press, the fundamentals of an open society.

I urge our President to swiftly impose targeted financial and travel sanctions on any Ukrainian Government official found to have endorsed this brutal violence and to channel all financial assistance offered by our country to Ukraine only to those who are committed to upholding the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of press.

Let us praise Mr. Sajewych for his courage and inspiration, standing at liberty's side.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE SAM JOHNSON HIGHWAY

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the naming of U.S. Highway 75 in north Texas as the Sam Johnson Highway, after my friend and our colleague, Representative SAM

JOHNSON. This Monday, over 200 gathered to attend the public sign unveiling ceremony in Collin County, Texas.

This highway is a major artery in the north Texas area. The recognition it now provides is fitting, but can never repay Congressman JOHNSON for his sacrifice and service for our country, first in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam wars, including 7 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

After returning and being reunited with his family, he put years of hard work into being an entrepreneurial homebuilder in his community. He went on to serve in the State legislature and now serves as the U.S. Representative to Collin County, which he calls home.

I am honored to work with him in this Congress and on the Ways and Means Committee. I would like to thank my friend from Texas, SAM JOHNSON, for his years of service to our communities and our Nation.

SPECIAL INTERESTS IN ELECTIONS

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, we need a government by the people and for the people, not a government run by the special interests and for the corporations. But how do we get there?

First, we remove barriers to voting. From overcoming hurdles to absentee voting and difficulty with registration, to long lines at the polls, more can be done to make sure that our elections work for all voters.

We should take a good long look at the thoughtful recommendations of the President's bipartisan election commission, which listened to voters and to election officials and bundled together the best ideas.

Second, we can't let the big money interests choose our leaders. We need public campaign financing, like the bill recently introduced by my colleague, Representative SARBANES of Maryland.

In a post-Citizens United world, the voices of special interests will be much louder than those of average Americans, unless we act now and bring back government run by the people and for the people.

VENEZUELA

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the last several weeks, the people of Venezuela have risen up to protest the corruption, the food shortages, the soaring crime rates, and particularly, the alarming repression in Venezuela.

Mr. Speaker, since the protests began, more than 500 people have been arrested, approximately 150 injured, and over a dozen have been killed. It is disgraceful to think the Chavez-Maduro regime has actually managed

to devastate the economy of Latin America's largest oil exporter to the point where, now, the Venezuelan people are facing shortages of basic goods, like cooking oil and even toilet paper.

Maduro has intensified his intimidation tactics by increasing political arrests and violence, labeling the opposition as terrorists and enemies of the State, and actually even expelling independent media, such as CNN.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the international community to aggressively express their commitment to the basic freedoms that are under assault in Venezuela; and I also, Mr. Speaker, urge our administration to—at the very least—demand that the OAS immediately convene its Permanent Council to invoke the democratic charter, since it has clearly been violated.

Now is the time to stand with the Venezuelan people.

ANNIVERSARY OF SUPREME COURT UPHOLDING 19TH AMENDMENT

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of *Leser v. Garnett*, where the Supreme Court upheld the 19th Amendment, which protects a woman's right to vote.

Our Nation's suffragettes stood up to the injustice. They fought for their rights. Without their perseverance and fearlessness, I and many of my colleagues would not be standing here today.

These suffragettes represent a long line of women who said no to the status quo, inspiring future leaders, like our very own former Congresswoman Patsy Mink from Hawaii, who authored title IX, a historic milestone for equality in women's sports.

Today, we honor the sacrifices of these suffragettes, and we commit ourselves to further equality, whether it means breaking the glass ceiling or lifting the floor beneath their feet.

Note that women make up two-thirds of the minimum wage workers. Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 is critical for our Nation's hardworking women struggling to pull their families out of poverty.

It is time for my colleagues to recognize this. In the legacy of the suffragettes, we will continue to fight for what women deserve: equality.

AMERICA'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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

Mr. COTTON. Yesterday, I introduced the LOCAL Act, a bill allowing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore joint management programs with local nonprofit organizations to

construct, operate, and maintain recreational facilities at lakes and reservoirs across the country.

Despite years of successful operation, the Corps recently determined they lacked the authority to continue these joint management programs and are in the process of suspending all local partnerships.

Arkansans know better than anyone how to manage our lands, and cuts to the Corps' budget shouldn't dictate our ability to enjoy these facilities. For years, these partnerships have allowed local groups, like the Friends of Lake Ouachita, to successfully maintain recreational facilities across our State.

Arkansas is known as the Natural State. One of our greatest points of pride is access to public lands and water. The LOCAL Act will ensure that facilities like Lake Ouachita and Beaver Lake remain easily accessible to future generations.

□ 1230

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, we adults ask students to be model citizens, to devote themselves to their studies, and to become tomorrow's leaders. But what is our message when their leaders can't even ensure a school building that passes code inspection? Every day, the students at Trenton Central High School attempt to learn in a building that suffers from electrical fires due to poor wiring and leaking water; dripping bathroom sewage; and an absence of science labs and general inadequacy and indignities.

To fix these problems and provide Trenton students with a facility worthy of students and teachers for the 21st century, it is projected to cost \$130 million. To bring all of New Jersey's schools up to code will cost several billions of dollars. Many States cannot manage that cost alone. We need to invest in our children by devoting Federal funds to school construction and renovation. With a modern school infrastructure, we can ask our students to become the community and world leaders we want them to be.

NATIONAL LATINO ENROLLMENT WEEK

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

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, the administration has declared this week to be National Latino Enrollment Week in the hopes of mounting a special push—a big rush—of Latinos rushing to sign up for the Affordable Care Act because it is supposedly going to help their lives in so many ways. Yet

Latinos nationwide, like millions of other Americans, are discovering that they just can't afford the Affordable Care Act. Not only is it causing them to lose coverage, but they also see their premiums rise and have their health care plans canceled.

The Spanish site that the administration promised would help people enroll reads as if it were written by a first-year Spanish student, and it has proven to have more problems than the actual English version of healthcare.gov.

Where we live in the Central Valley, Latinos already struggle to access doctors. We have got a huge shortage of doctors, doctors that are willing to take Medicare and Medicaid, because of the reimbursement rates. So now, with the Affordable Care Act, we are going to have even fewer doctors and less access. Health care reform that doesn't increase their access is meaningless. The Affordable Care Act has also heightened their struggles.

Mr. Speaker, we must repeal and replace this damaging law with one that benefits the Latino community and millions of others across the country.

ALL ECONOMIC REGULATIONS ARE TRANSPARENT ACT OF 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM). Pursuant to House Resolution 487 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2804.

Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. YODER) kindly take the chair.

□ 1232

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2804) to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to publish information about rules on the Internet, and for other purposes, with Mr. YODER (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, amendment No. 6 printed in House Report 113-361 offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TIPTON) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 7 printed in House Report 113-361.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

In the table of contents of the bill, insert after item pertaining to section 405 the following:

TITLE V—EXCEPTION
Sec. 501. Exception.