

in every community throughout the country. They continue to be a true testament to America's All-Volunteer Armed Forces.

Most reservists must strike a balance between family life, full-time employment, and the growing demands of serving in our Nation's professional Army. This upcoming weekend I will have the honor of meeting with several Army Reserve units throughout Pennsylvania to highlight the important role that these men and women play in our national defense and also our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Army Reserve for continuing to play an important role in the defense of our great Nation.

I rise and reiterate how very proud we are of these men and women and all that they do for our country and to wish a special 106th birthday to our Army Reserve.

GROUNDBREAKING OF THE CONNECTICUT TREES OF HONOR MEMORIAL

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, last week Connecticut broke ground on a new memorial to honor the 65 men and women who died serving our country in the war on terror.

Like all memorials, this beautiful place will serve both as a source of comfort for loved ones, as well as a lasting reminder of the cost of freedom. That cost is measured in lives, but also in promises kept.

We have a duty to honor our veterans and support their families. That is why I am a proud author of the Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act. My bill would assist home caregivers of all veterans injured during their service, allowing them to recover in the comfort of their own homes.

I stand with the VFW and the DAV to do my part to ensure that we care and honor all those who so bravely serve our country.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 3383.

IF YOU LIKE YOUR DOCTORS, YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DOCTORS, BUT WE WON'T PAY THEM

(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, just late last week there was a news story that healthcare.gov was still not finished. The back-end portion, the part that deals with payments to doctors and hospitals, still has not been constructed.

Now, that was odd because just the week before the President held a big press conference down at the White House and said, Mission accomplished;

everything we wanted to do has been done.

Well, how do you reconcile these discrepancies? What, in fact, is the timeline for this to be accomplished?

Mission accomplished: the patients, the doctors, and the hospitals who are going to end up the ones on the hook for these payments that are not going to be received, I wonder if they feel the same way.

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Workers' Memorial Day, which is today, and honor those Americans who have lost their lives.

From steel mills to nursing homes, offices to construction sites, we must work to strengthen safety measures for all those who still face hazards in the workplace. We must ensure that workers in all areas are able to do their jobs in a safe environment. That includes agriculture.

Whether in a factory or on a farm, even one death on the job is too many. But in central New York, we are seeing far too many farmworkers being hurt and killed. In fact, two died in farm accidents in a single week recently. That is why I support the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's local emphasis program. My office and I have worked hard to ensure that dairies know the standards and have a reasonable time to comply.

But on this Workers' Memorial Day, let's dedicate ourselves to making our farms safe workplaces and support OSHA's efforts to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore THORNBERRY on Thursday, April 10, 2014:

S. 2195, to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 10, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*The 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 April 10, 2014 at 5:32 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 994.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 11, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*The 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 April 11, 2014 at 11:33 a.m.:

Appointments: National Commission on Hunger.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 17, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for both documents and testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM DIRECTOR OF APPROPRIATIONS, THE HONORABLE CHAKA FATTAH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Michelle Anderson-Lee, Director of Appropriations, the Honorable CHAKA FATTAH, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 21, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for testimony in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE ANDERSON-LEE,
Director of Appropriations.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX) at 4 o'clock and 10 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.

DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2014

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 994) to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 994

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 "Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014" or the "DATA Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) by disclosing direct Federal agency expenditures and linking Federal contract, loan, and grant spending information to programs of Federal agencies to enable taxpayers and policy makers to track Federal spending more effectively;

(2) establish Government-wide data standards for financial data and provide consistent, reliable, and searchable Government-wide spending data that is displayed accurately for taxpayers and policy makers on USASpending.gov (or a successor system that displays the data);

(3) simplify reporting for entities receiving Federal funds by streamlining reporting requirements and reducing compliance costs while improving transparency;

(4) improve the quality of data submitted to USASpending.gov by holding Federal agencies accountable for the completeness and accuracy of the data submitted; and

(5) apply approaches developed by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board to spending across the Federal Government.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) in section 2—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "this section" and inserting "this Act";

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as paragraphs (2), (4), and (7), respectively;

(iii) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following:

"(1) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.";

(iv) by inserting after paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following:

"(3) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term 'Federal agency' has the meaning given the term 'Executive agency' under section 105 of title 5, United States Code.";

(v) by inserting after paragraph (4), as so redesignated, the following:

"(5) OBJECT CLASS.—The term 'object class' means the category assigned for purposes of the annual budget of the President submitted under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to the type of property or services purchased by the Federal Government."

"(6) PROGRAM ACTIVITY.—The term 'program activity' has the meaning given that term under section 1115(h) of title 31, United States Code.";

(vi) by adding at the end the following:

"(8) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.";

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (3), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget"; and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget";

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) shall have the ability to aggregate data for the categories described in paragraphs (1) through (5) without double-counting data; and

"(7) shall ensure that all information published under this section is available—

"(A) in machine-readable and open formats;

"(B) to be downloaded in bulk; and

"(C) to the extent practicable, for automated processing.";

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget";

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget"; and

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget";

(E) in subsection (e), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget"; and

(F) in subsection (g)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget"; and

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking "of the Office of Management and Budget"; and

(2) by striking sections 3 and 4 and inserting the following:

"SEC. 3. FULL DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, and monthly when practicable but not less than quarterly thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Director, shall ensure that the information in subsection (b) is posted on the website established under section 2.

"(b) INFORMATION TO BE POSTED.—For any funds made available to or expended by a Federal agency or component of a Federal agency, the information to be posted shall include—

"(1) for each appropriations account, including an expired or unexpired appropriations account, the amount—

"(A) of budget authority appropriated;

"(B) that is obligated;

"(C) of unobligated balances; and

"(D) of any other budgetary resources;

"(2) from which accounts and in what amount—

"(A) appropriations are obligated for each program activity; and

"(B) outlays are made for each program activity;

"(3) from which accounts and in what amount—

"(A) appropriations are obligated for each object class; and

"(B) outlays are made for each object class; and

"(4) for each program activity, the amount—

"(A) obligated for each object class; and

"(B) of outlays made for each object class.

"SEC. 4. DATA STANDARDS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS.—The Secretary and the Director, in consultation with the heads of Federal agencies, shall establish Government-wide financial data standards for any Federal funds made available to or expended by Federal agencies and entities receiving Federal funds.

"(2) DATA ELEMENTS.—The financial data standards established under paragraph (1) shall include common data elements for financial and payment information required to be reported by Federal agencies and entities receiving Federal funds.

"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The data standards established under subsection (a) shall, to the extent reasonable and practicable—

"(1) incorporate widely accepted common data elements, such as those developed and maintained by—

"(A) an international voluntary consensus standards body;

"(B) Federal agencies with authority over contracting and financial assistance; and

"(C) accounting standards organizations;

"(2) incorporate a widely accepted, non-proprietary, searchable, platform-independent computer-readable format;

"(3) include unique identifiers for Federal awards and entities receiving Federal awards that can be consistently applied Government-wide;

"(4) be consistent with and implement applicable accounting principles;

"(5) be capable of being continually upgraded as necessary;

"(6) produce consistent and comparable data, including across program activities; and

"(7) establish a standard method of conveying the reporting period, reporting entity, unit of measure, and other associated attributes.

"(c) DEADLINES.—