

main north-south corridor that runs through the heart of Las Vegas.

We cannot afford, nor can we risk kicking this can down an already deteriorated road. It is time for Congress to step up, to come together, and to offer real solutions that invest in our future.

NIGERIA

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

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make sure that we continue to address the threat of Boko Haram and to make sure we continue to work with the country of Nigeria.

It has been over 2 months since Boko Haram kidnapped nearly 300 girls from their school in northern Nigeria. To many Americans, this was the first time they had heard of Boko Haram, even though the organization has been attacking, kidnapping, and killing innocent Nigerians since 2009, but Nigeria is much more than Boko Haram.

I recently traveled to Nigeria with Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker and 20 American companies on an energy business development trade mission. Nigeria is Africa's economic powerhouse that has incredible potential for partnership with American businesses.

Nigeria recently surpassed South Africa as the largest economy in Africa, and with a population of nearly 170 million people, partnering with Nigerian businesses will benefit the American economy.

Although we must continue our efforts to fight Boko Haram, we need to also make sure we engage Nigeria as our partner.

EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today, millions of Americans across the country need emergency unemployment insurance to support their families—to provide for their very basic needs—as those hardworking Americans have lost their previous jobs and are simply in search of their next opportunities, through no fault of their own.

Somehow, this issue has been turned into a partisan issue. It is not a partisan issue back home. There is no such thing as a Democratic or a Republican unemployed person. They are unemployed, and they are looking for all the help they can get.

The week before last, I and three of my Democratic colleagues and Mr. LOBIONDO—a Republican—and three of his colleagues introduced a bipartisan unemployment insurance extension. It is a mirror image of the language that has been introduced by Mr. REED and Mr. HELLER in the Senate. This is a bipartisan bill. We can take this up right now.

Is it the bill that I would have written by myself? No. In fact, I did submit an extension of unemployment that the House has not taken up, but we have compromised. We ought to do the work of the American people.

We have a bipartisan bill to extend unemployment insurance. The House should take it up immediately. Millions of Americans need it, and it is upon us to take this action.

LINKS, INC.

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with others across the Nation to ask Congress to pass the Voting Rights Amendment Act.

I had the distinct pleasure to join near our Capitol last week with some 3,000 members of Links, Incorporated, at the national assembly and with the 15th national president and chair of KeyBank, Margot James Copeland, and with the national legislative chair and OhioHealth's president, Karen Morrison, of their foundation to lead a resolution to support the Voting Rights Act of America.

Links members proudly voted in support of a resolution, calling on Congress to pass the Voting Rights Amendment Act, H.R. 3899.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said:

Our feet are tired, but our souls are rested. Let us say the same of ourselves as we continue the unfinished work of ensuring that every American cannot only vote, but has the freedom, the justice, and the dignity that all individuals rightly deserve.

Let us join together as Democrats and Republicans and pass the Voting Rights Act.

HOLY LAND BAKERY AND DELI

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

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate a small business in my community on its 25 great years.

Holy Land Bakery and Deli has become a quintessential part of our town of Minneapolis. Holy Land is not only a good place to go to have a bite, but it is also a great place for social space.

Recently, they expanded their facility in honor of their 21st anniversary, and they really feel proud about that because they have been providing jobs and opportunities for so many years.

The CEO of Holy Land restaurant is Mr. Majdi Wadi and his brother, Wajdi Wadi; and they provide really excellent food that they prepare based on recipes that their mother gave them when she emigrated from Palestine many years ago.

For every small business person in America, including the Holy Land Bakery and Deli, happy 25 years to them.

May you have another 25 years of serving your great treats and of offering a wonderful social space.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

This bipartisan legislation being debated today reauthorizes the Workforce Investment Act, which has been instrumental in helping workers get the skills they need for the jobs of today.

In my visits with the Newark Workforce Investment Board and the Essex County Workforce Investment Board, it is clear that we must emphasize the improving of career pathways for our workers.

Further, when we implement jobs training, it is critical we include local input from stakeholders, like our community colleges, faith-based organizations, and labor—to truly break down barriers to employment.

I commend my colleagues on the House Education and the Workforce Committee and on the Senate HELP Committee for their continued commitment to the reauthorization of WIA. I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of passage of immigration reform, but I also want to talk about the humanitarian disaster that continues to unfold on the Nation's southern borders.

Tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors are fleeing to America from the drug war raging in the streets of the cities and towns where they live, in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

Those children fortunate enough to survive the treacherous journey to America are not illegals. They are children who need America's mercy and our humanitarian assistance. Immediate deportation without a chance for a fair hearing on their refugee status is morally repugnant and just plain wrong.

This week, the President requested over \$3 billion to deal with this crisis that is a direct consequence of the drug war which America is waging south of the border. Congress must act. America should act as the Good Samaritan.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 660

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Clawson.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Clawson.

Ms. FOXX (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. WAGNER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE AND INVESTING IN LIFELONG SKILLS ACT

Mr. KLINE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 803) to reform and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendments is as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE*.—This Act may be cited as the “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS*.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purposes.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Subtitle A—System Alignment

CHAPTER 1—STATE PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. State workforce development boards.

Sec. 102. Unified State plan.

Sec. 103. Combined State plan.

CHAPTER 2—LOCAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 106. Workforce development areas.

Sec. 107. Local workforce development boards.

Sec. 108. Local plan.

CHAPTER 3—BOARD PROVISIONS

Sec. 111. Funding of State and local boards.

CHAPTER 4—PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY

Sec. 116. Performance accountability system.

Subtitle B—Workforce Investment Activities and Providers

CHAPTER 1—WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDERS

Sec. 121. Establishment of one-stop delivery systems.

Sec. 122. Identification of eligible providers of training services.

Sec. 123. Eligible providers of youth workforce investment activities.

CHAPTER 2—YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Sec. 126. General authorization.

Sec. 127. State allotments.

Sec. 128. Within State allocations.

Sec. 129. Use of funds for youth workforce investment activities.

CHAPTER 3—ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Sec. 131. General authorization.

Sec. 132. State allotments.

Sec. 133. Within State allocations.

Sec. 134. Use of funds for employment and training activities.

CHAPTER 4—GENERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROVISIONS

Sec. 136. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle C—Job Corps

Sec. 141. Purposes.

Sec. 142. Definitions.

Sec. 143. Establishment.

Sec. 144. Individuals eligible for the Job Corps.

Sec. 145. Recruitment, screening, selection, and assignment of enrollees.

Sec. 146. Enrollment.

Sec. 147. Job Corps centers.

Sec. 148. Program activities.

Sec. 149. Counseling and job placement.

Sec. 150. Support.

Sec. 151. Operations.

Sec. 152. Standards of conduct.

Sec. 153. Community participation.

Sec. 154. Workforce councils.

Sec. 155. Advisory committees.

Sec. 156. Experimental projects and technical assistance.

Sec. 157. Application of provisions of Federal law.

Sec. 158. Special provisions.

Sec. 159. Management information.

Sec. 160. General provisions.

Sec. 161. Job Corps oversight and reporting.

Sec. 162. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle D—National Programs

Sec. 166. Native American programs.

Sec. 167. Migrant and seasonal farmworker programs.

Sec. 168. Technical assistance.

Sec. 169. Evaluations and research.

Sec. 170. National dislocated worker grants.

Sec. 171. YouthBuild program.

Sec. 172. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle E—Administration

Sec. 181. Requirements and restrictions.

Sec. 182. Prompt allocation of funds.

Sec. 183. Monitoring.

Sec. 184. Fiscal controls; sanctions.

Sec. 185. Reports; recordkeeping; investigations.

Sec. 186. Administrative adjudication.

Sec. 187. Judicial review.

Sec. 188. Nondiscrimination.

Sec. 189. Secretarial administrative authorities and responsibilities.

Sec. 190. Workforce flexibility plans.

Sec. 191. State legislative authority.

Sec. 192. Transfer of Federal equity in State employment security agency real property to the States.

Sec. 193. Continuation of State activities and policies.

Sec. 194. General program requirements.

Sec. 195. Restrictions on lobbying activities.

TITLE II—ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Purpose.

Sec. 203. Definitions.

Sec. 204. Home schools.

Sec. 205. Rule of construction regarding post-secondary transition and concurrent enrollment activities.

Sec. 206. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle A—Federal Provisions

Sec. 211. Reservation of funds; grants to eligible agencies; allotments.

Sec. 212. Performance accountability system.

Subtitle B—State Provisions

Sec. 221. State administration.

Sec. 222. State distribution of funds; matching requirement.

Sec. 223. State leadership activities.

Sec. 224. State plan.

Sec. 225. Programs for corrections education and other institutionalized individuals.

Subtitle C—Local Provisions

Sec. 231. Grants and contracts for eligible providers.

Sec. 232. Local application.

Sec. 233. Local administrative cost limits.

Subtitle D—General Provisions

Sec. 241. Administrative provisions.

Sec. 242. National leadership activities.

Sec. 243. Integrated English literacy and civics education.

TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGNER-PEYSEYER ACT

Sec. 301. Employment service offices.

Sec. 302. Definitions.

Sec. 303. Federal and State employment service offices.

Sec. 304. Allotment of sums.

Sec. 305. Use of sums.

Sec. 306. State plan.

Sec. 307. Performance measures.

Sec. 308. Workforce and labor market information system.

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Subtitle A—Introductory Provisions

Sec. 401. References.

Sec. 402. Findings, purpose, policy.

Sec. 403. Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Sec. 404. Definitions.

Sec. 405. Administration of the Act.

Sec. 406. Reports.

Sec. 407. Evaluation and information.

Sec. 408. Carryover.

Sec. 409. Traditionally underserved populations.

Sec. 411. Declaration of policy; authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 412. State plans.

Sec. 413. Eligibility and individualized plan for employment.

Sec. 414. Vocational rehabilitation services.

Sec. 415. State Rehabilitation Council.

Sec. 416. Evaluation standards and performance indicators.

Sec. 417. Monitoring and review.

Sec. 418. Training and services for employers.

Sec. 419. State allotments.

Sec. 420. Payments to States.

Sec. 421. Client assistance program.

Sec. 422. Pre-employment transition services.

Sec. 423. American Indian vocational rehabilitation services.