

the State is opposed, what many folks from the State of Nevada say is let's find out the safety of this, let the NRC do its work, and we have resolutions from seven of the 17 counties that support that.

We will eventually get through this. We voted numerous times in this Chamber over my many years here. Last year, 335-81, 337-87. The House as a body, representing Members from across this great Nation, have spoken in support of supporting Federal law. You have the right to come down here and try to stop the implementation of law, and I understand that and I respect that; but there will be a time when we continue to pledge, as this policy moves forward, that we will do everything to do what is right for your State in moving and storing and ensuring safety for this as the national policy over land enacted by the Federal statute in 1982 along with the amendments in 1987.

I know I have got a lot of support on your side, and we need to get closure to this so that we can continue to have, really, an energy policy that is diversified. If we move on this climate agenda, how do you move on a climate agenda without nuclear power? You just can't. Large major generating facilities.

How do we deal with the World War II nuclear waste without a place to safely store, a place like Hanford in Washington State that is a legacy site from World War II? Do you know where that should go if the NRC concludes it is safe? Under a mountain, in a desert, 90 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Again, I am not trying to be a jerk. I know it is tough. Eighty-two, 30 years, \$15 billion—we can't walk away from that as an investment of this country. If we do, we are not being good public stewards of the taxpayers' funds and the ratepayers, which are about 32 States in this Union. Thirty-two States have put in money to the Nuclear Waste Fund on a promise that the Federal Government would have a site. Your amendment would say no, we are just going to walk away again.

Respectfully, I would ask for the defeat of the Titus amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your great work.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to my colleague, I believe he is addressing the previous amendment. This amendment simply deletes language from the bill that prohibits DOE from closing Yucca Mountain.

I would also remind him of the bipartisan bill that is in the Senate that would provide a solution for our nuclear waste problem, which is consent-based, bipartisan and consent-based.

This policy has been a waste of time and money and, indeed, it is bad politics, not good science.

I yield to my colleague, Mr. HORSFORD.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

First, I want to commend you for your tireless efforts in fighting this dangerous storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. From your days as a leader as a State legislator to now as a Member of Congress, your unwavering commitment to this issue on behalf of the majority will of Nevadans who are opposed to dangerous storage of nuclear waste in our State—from our Governor, Republican Governor Brian Sandoval; our U.S. Senator, Republican Member, U.S. Senator DEAN HELLER; our majority leader, Senator HARRY REID—this is a State issue. The State is opposed to the storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. There are local counties that have different positions, but the State's position has been clear for decades that we do not want dangerous nuclear waste stored in our State.

Ultimately, this threatens our State's health and our safety. It hurts our State's economy, not just gaming, but other areas. With one accident, it could devastate southern Nevada. The stakes are too high for our State to gamble with.

While this is 90 miles away from Las Vegas, we have 40 million visitors that come to our community—2 million people that live there in southern Nevada. But we are a State that relies on tourism, and that industry would be destroyed by any complication with nuclear waste. People come to Vegas for the bright lights, not for radioactive glow.

Our State leaders will continue to fight together, Republicans and Democrats, in Nevada to make sure that Yucca Mountain remains scrapped, as it should be.

I want to thank again my colleague, the Representative from District One, for her tireless leadership on this issue.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment that protects the majority will of Nevadans who have consistently opposed the storage of dangerous nuclear waste.

To my colleague from Illinois, I think if you would take the time to come and visit our community, talk to the small business owners, to the parents who are concerned about the transportation, of what this would mean on our highways and our roads, the threat that it could have to our schools and our local businesses, then maybe you would understand why there is near unanimous agreement that Yucca Mountain and the storage of nuclear waste is not right for Nevada.

Ms. TITUS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further pro-

ceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Nevada will be postponed.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC. 507. The amount by which the applicable allocation of new budget authority made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is \$0.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) having assumed the chair, Mr. HOLDING, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

2014 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113-129)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Armed Services, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Education and the Workforce, Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Committee on Homeland Security, Committee on Natural Resources, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2014 *National Drug Control Strategy*, a 21st century approach to drug policy that is built on decades of research demonstrating that addiction is a disease of the brain—one that can be prevented, treated, and from which people can recover. The pages that follow lay out an evidence-based plan for real drug policy reform, spanning the spectrum of effective prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice, law enforcement, and international cooperation.

Illicit drug use and its consequences challenge our shared dream of building for our children a country that is healthier, safer, and more prosperous. Illicit drug use is associated with addiction, disease, and lower academic

performance among our young people. It contributes to crime, injury, and serious dangers on the Nation's roadways. And drug use and its consequences jeopardize the progress we have made in strengthening our economy—contributing to unemployment, impeding re-employment, and costing our economy billions of dollars in lost productivity.

These facts, combined with the latest research about addiction as a disease of the brain, helped shape the approach laid out in my Administration's first *National Drug Control Strategy*—and they continue to guide our efforts to reform drug policy in a way that is more efficient, effective, and equitable. Through the Affordable Care Act, millions of Americans will be able to obtain health insurance, including coverage for substance use disorder treatment services. We have worked to reform our criminal justice system, addressing unfair sentencing disparities, providing alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent, substance-involved offenders, and improving prevention and re-entry programs to protect public safety and improve outcomes for people returning to communities from prisons and jails. And we have built stronger partnerships with our international allies, working with them in a global effort against drug trafficking and transnational organized crime, while also assisting them in their efforts to address substance use disorders and related public health problems.

This progress gives us good reason to move forward with confidence. However, we cannot effectively build on this progress without collaboration across all sectors of our society. I look forward to joining with community coalitions, faith-based groups, tribal communities, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, state and local governments, and our international partners to continue this important work in 2014. And I thank the Congress for its continued support of our efforts to build a healthier, safer, and more prosperous country.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 9, 2014.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6281. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Idaho Roadless Rule received June 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6282. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Female Squash Flowers From Israel Into the Continental United States [Docket No.: APHIS-2012-0078] (RIN: 0579-AD72) received June 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6283. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Relaxing Grade Requirements on Valencia and Other Late Type Oranges [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-14-0041; FV14-905-2 IR] received June 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6284. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6285. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a review of the Joint Precision Approach and Landing System (JPALS) Increment 1A program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6286. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a review of the MQ-8 Vertical Takeoff and Landing Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (VTUAV) Fire Scout program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6287. A letter from the Director, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's twenty-fourth annual report for the Facilities Services Directorate/Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office (FSD/PENREN); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6288. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Final Priorities, Requirement, and Definitions; Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program [Docket ID: ED-2013-OESE-0159; CFDA Number: 84.215G] received June 17, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6289. A letter from the Chief, Broadband Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions [GN Docket No.: 12-268] received June 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6290. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the February 15, 2014 — April 15, 2014 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq, pursuant to Public Law 107-243, section 4(a) (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6291. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List [Docket No.: 130103004-4458-01] (RIN: 0694-AF86) received June 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6292. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6293. A letter from the Executive Director, Access Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2013 report, pursuant to the requirements of section 203(b) of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6294. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6295. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting the 2013 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan of Pittsburgh, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6296. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting the 2013 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6297. A letter from the Acting Inspector General, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting notification that the Commission recently began the audit of financial statements for the fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6298. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's semiannual report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6299. A letter from the Acting Director, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's second report entitled, "Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Water off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6300. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 121009528-2729-02] (RIN: 0648-XD268) received June 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6301. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Gulf of Mexico Blacktip Shark Fishery [Docket No.: 130402317-3966-02] (RIN: 0648-XD312) received June 20, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.