

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DHS HEADQUARTERS REFORM AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters between the Committee on Homeland Security and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding H.R. 3572.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, October 22, 2015.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee, Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER: Thank you for your interest in H.R. 3572, the "DHS Headquarters Reform and Improvement Act of 2015." I appreciate your cooperation in refraining from requesting a sequential referral on this bill in the interest of allowing it to move expeditiously under suspension of the House Rules on October 20, 2015. Because H.R. 3572 has now passed the House, the Parliamentarians can no longer render an official decision as to any jurisdictional claim the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may have had.

I therefore acknowledge that the question of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's jurisdictional interest in a certain provision of H.R. 3572 has not been fully adjudicated and that no final decision as to that point was made. I further agree that the absence of a final decision will not prejudice any claim the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee may have with respect to this legislation in the future.

A copy of this letter will be entered into the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, October 22, 2015.

Hon. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
Ford House Office Building, Washington,
DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCCAUL: I write concerning H.R. 3572, the "DHS Headquarters Reform and Improvement Act of 2015". This legislation includes matters that I believe fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In order to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 3572, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure agreed to forgo action on this bill despite the fact that the Parliamentarians were unable to fully litigate the jurisdictional question. However, this was conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill would not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation

that fall within the Committee's Rule X jurisdiction.

I request that you please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR.
PELLEGRINI'S RECEIPT OF
ENRICO FERMI AWARD

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Claudio Pellegrini for his remarkable and groundbreaking work in the scientific community. On October 20, 2015, Dr. Pellegrini received the Enrico Fermi Award for his research on relativistic electron beams and free-electron lasers. This honor is among the most respected and prestigious awards for scientific achievement.

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Pellegrini has held many prominent positions and earned numerous impressive awards. After studying at the University of Rome, he became Director of the laser division at the Frascati National Laboratories in the 1970s. He later served at the Brookhaven National Laboratory and at the Nordic Institute of Theoretical Physics. In recent years he has worked at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. He is the distinguished recipient of a Fulbright fellowship and the FEL Prize. Still, these include only a fraction of Dr. Pellegrini's accomplishments.

I am especially pleased to recognize Dr. Pellegrini's position as a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics at the University of California Los Angeles. Widely considered an expert in electron and photon beams physics, his research contributed to the development of the first hard x-ray free-electron laser and helped advance high-energy physics more generally. The university and surrounding community has undoubtedly benefited from Dr. Pellegrini's presence.

I am confident that Dr. Pellegrini's work will continue to benefit the scientific community in the United States and throughout the world. Today, California's 33rd Congressional District is proud to congratulate Dr. Pellegrini as a Fermi Award recipient and as a tremendous scientist and individual.

LIFELONG ATHLETE: MARK
SERTICH

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Sertich of Duluth, Minnesota,

who continues to celebrate victories on the ice at ninety-four years old.

Mark, who during World War II fought in General George Patton's Third Army liberating concentration camps, still puts on his ice skates several times a week to play a pick-up game of hockey. At fifty-nine years old he ran his first marathon and did not stop there. As of today, he has finished five marathons and eleven inline skating marathons.

Ice hockey remains his favorite sport, which is why Mark plays every week—no excuses. Forty-two years ago Mark began competing in the annual Snoopy's Senior World Tournament with the late cartoonist Charles Schulz. The two played on the same line together for many years and became good friends.

After taking a hard hit on the ice, resulting in two fractured ribs and a punctured lung, doctors said would keep him out of the game for at least six weeks. Mark was back on the ice in just three. His commitment makes him a role model for us all. When asked in a recent interview how he stays motivated to play every week, he responded, "I say the most important step is the first one out the door."

I congratulate Mark for not only continuing to play his favorite sport, but also for his victories on the ice, including winning paid skating fees for life in a bet with his teammates when he was eighty years old. Hopefully when I am ninety-four years old I can still lace up my skates and hold my own with players my grandchildren's age—and win a few games too.

HONORING MALCOLM "MAL"
BURNSTEIN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader and activist, who fought for equality and civil rights for many decades, Malcolm "Mal" Burnstein.

Mal Burnstein was born in 1933 in Detroit, and faced heavy oppression and intolerance growing up as a Jewish man in the 1930's and 1940's. The difficulties Mal faced inspired him to be an advocate for civil rights. In the 1940's, Mal was very active in politics in his youth, and volunteered on quite a few campaigns. Some of the campaigns he volunteered for include Henry Wallace's campaign for president; Mennen Williams's campaign for governor; and Martha Griffith's campaign for Congress.

Mal graduated with his law degree from Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley in 1958, and after law school, he pursued a fellowship in Europe and studied international law at the Sorbonne in Paris. He then clerked for a year under California Supreme Court Justice Thomas White.

Mal's strong conviction to fight for civil rights and equality led him back to Europe for another fellowship, where he worked in Geneva,

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advocating for the cause of international human rights. In 1961, Mal began working for Robert Trehauft at the Trehauft firm, practicing labor law. The Trehauft firm soon disbanded, and Robert Trehauft joined Doris Walker's firm, hiring Mal as the only associate.

In 1962, Mal formed the Boatrackers Democratic Club, a group dedicated to representing civil rights demonstrators. The club is notable for defeating a recall proposed by conservative Berkeley citizens to recall the Berkeley School Board for racially integrating their Berkeley schools.

Mal worked with the Free Speech Movement, the student protest that took place at UC Berkeley in 1964, when the Movement organizers sought legal representation from the Walker firm. Mal provided legal counsel for the Movement, and advised the Movement student organizers during negotiations with the school. Mal's admiration for student leadership and commitment to the Free Speech Movement proved vital during the trials of the 800 arrested students.

Mal was also a member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and was one of its volunteer lawyers. He participated in CORE organized eat-ins, sit-ins, shops-ins, and picket protests. Such actions were instrumental in paving the way for diversification in workplaces around the East Bay.

On a personal note, Mal has been a confidant, my lawyer, a mentor, and most importantly, a wonderful friend. I value his wise counsel and am always energized by his soaring spirit.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Malcolm "Mal" Burnstein.

HONORING ANDERSON'S GROCERY,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 EXCELLENCE
IN OPERATIONS AWARD
FROM THE WASHINGTON FOOD
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Anderson's Grocery in Republic, Washington for receiving the 2015 Excellence in Operations Award from the Washington Food Industry Association. I want to recognize the owners Ms. Kari Beedle, Ms. Julie Padilla, and Ms. Judee Young for their tireless effort, serving people in Republic and across Eastern Washington.

The Excellence in Operations Award recognizes those who excel in daily store operations, product merchandising, and employee relations of community-focused grocers in Washington State. As a family-owned grocery store, Anderson's Grocery has continuously served Republic, Washington for one hundred and fifteen years. It is this type of devotion and commitment that makes Anderson's Grocery truly deserving of this distinguished award.

Anderson's Grocery and its owners care deeply about their customers and employees and operate with the philosophy that their employees are the key to their success. Under this philosophy, the owners have implemented

many worker-friendly programs. Additionally, to better meet the needs of Ferry County and the surrounding areas, through the years, Anderson's Grocery added capacity in their frozen food, deli, produce and meat departments, and added a bakery department, further exemplifying their commitment to providing enhanced goods and services in order to better the lives of all within our community.

Outside of the store, Kari Beedle, Julie Padilla, and Judee Young established the Mary French Foundation. This foundation, named after an Anderson's Grocery employee who passed away of breast cancer, works to raise funds to support scholarship efforts for Republic High School seniors. This commitment illustrates what involved and devoted community members look like and Anderson's Grocery continually goes above and beyond to provide exemplary service and to give back to all of those in Republic, Washington and in Ferry County.

So today I recognize these accomplishments and congratulate Anderson's Grocery and its owners on being leaders in our community, on their dedicated service to Republic and Ferry County, and on receiving the distinct 2015 Excellence in Operations Award from the Washington Food Industry Association. Thank you for all of your efforts to serve and better Eastern Washington.

TRIBUTE TO VAN G. MILLER

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dear friend and a true innovator, Mr. Van G. Miller. I was saddened to learn of his death earlier this week. Van was a pillar of the community of Waterloo—founding VGM and Associates in 1986 as a provider of home medical equipment, believing that community-based providers produced the best results. Under his direction, the company quickly expanded to include more than 20 business units and employing 850 people. He was recognized as a Champion of Home Care by the American Association for Home Care and was named one of the HME Industry's Top Ten most Influential Individuals by HME News.

Despite his success, he remained humble and quick to credit his success to his employees. He called each of his employees on their birthdays and work anniversaries and supported numerous local charities throughout the First District. In addition, he shared the success of VGM with them as he sold 100 percent of the company to its employees through an Employee Stock Option Plan.

His family and friends, the state of Iowa and the City of Waterloo will greatly miss Van—a true visionary in his field.

I express my condolences to his immediate family, as well as his extended family at VGM, and for all of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

2015 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL
AUCTIONEER CHAMPION: TAMMY
TISLAND

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tammy Tisland, from Hines, Minnesota for being named the 2015 Women's International Auctioneer Champion. Tammy won the title at the National Auctioneers Association Conference and Show in July.

In addition to her work as an auctioneer, Tammy dedicates much of her spare time to helping veterans and their families in her community. As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders, and Patriot Guard Riders she has found helping veterans and their families greatly rewarding.

Tammy has been in the auction industry fourteen years and enjoys "helping folks move from one chapter in life to another." During the competition she was judged on everything from her professional presentation to effective selling skills, to her bid call. Tammy attributes her success to a culmination of evolving as a competitor, following the advice of her mentors, and growing not only her involvement with the National Auctioneers Association but also learning to be a giver within the NAA. As 2015 IAC champion she hopes to motivate young auctioneers to give back to the industry and the people it serves as they pursue their goals.

Thank you, Tammy Tisland, for your dedication and service to our community.

APPLAUDING MATT WEINSTEIN
FOR HIS SERVICE TO ALA-
BAMA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my appreciation to Matt Weinstein for his nine years of service to Alabama's First Congressional District. Matt's last day serving the people of Southwest Alabama will be Friday, October 30.

Matt started his service to Alabama's First Congressional District in 2010 as a legislative assistant to Congressman Jo Bonner (R-AL). Prior to working for the First District, Matt worked in the office of Alabama Congressman MIKE ROGERS (R-AL) starting in January 2007.

Upon my election to Congress in December 2013, I was proud to name Matt Weinstein my legislative director. In my office, Matt has been a dedicated advisor on all policy matters and served as a liaison with small businesses and elected officials in Southwest Alabama.

Matt has been instrumental in my office's efforts to push forward with construction of a new I-10 bridge over the Mobile River. Matt has done an impressive job of working with the Alabama Department of Transportation and the federal Department of Transportation to remove bureaucratic hurdles. With Matt's help, we have been able to make real, tangible process over the last two years.