

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, on January 6, I attended the funeral of the former Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, in New York City. Consequently I missed several votes in the House of Representatives.

I would like to submit how I intended to vote had I been present:

On Roll Call 1, the Quorum Call of the House, I would have voted PRESENT.

On Roll Call 2, the Election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, I would have voted for Representative NANCY PELOSI of California.

On Roll Call 3, to Table the Motion to Refer H. Res. 5, Adopting rules for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call 4, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 5, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call 5, the Motion to Recommit H. Res. 5 with Instructions, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call 6, Agreeing to H. Res. 5, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call 7, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 22, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain my vote on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in opposition to H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015. Although I support many aspects of this legislation, I was unable to support the final bill due to a number of troubling amendments.

I am strongly in favor of funding the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), especially with the risk of terrorism we currently face as a nation. I applaud many sections of the DHS funding bill, including increased funding from FY 2014 for Customs & Border Patrol (CBP), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

However, there are a number of amendments added to this bill which run the risk of tearing families apart, and I could not support the final bill.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 240) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 240, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2015. Without further action by Congress, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will face a shutdown on February 28, 2015. Everyone agrees DHS should receive robust funding to carry out their mission of keeping the American people safe, and I'm pleased to see there is bipartisan, bicameral agreement on funding levels for the agency. However, I am very disappointed that the Republican majority had decided to add poison-pill amendments to this legislation related to the President's actions on immigration. This is putting the American people at risk and is unacceptable.

Global tensions remain high following the terrorist attacks in France, and we should not be letting down our guard at this critical time. Yet this is exactly what we are doing by passing H.R. 240 today. This legislation has no chance of being signed into law, as President Obama has already said he would veto the bill. If my friends on the other side of the aisle are so concerned about immigration, they should work with Democrats in a bipartisan manner on comprehensive immigration reform. I stand ready to work with them on this critical issue.

I want to address the DeSantis Amendment to this legislation. As a woman who is active on domestic violence issues, I will always do everything in my power to protect victims of abuse. However, this amendment is misleading and I am afraid it could have unintended consequences if adopted. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops stated that this amendment would discourage victims of domestic violence from reporting abuse to the proper authorities. I also spoke with domestic violence groups in Michigan, and they have pointed out the unintended consequences of this amendment as well. We need to make it easier to report incidents of domestic violence, not harder, which is why I am opposing the DeSantis amendment today.

In the meantime, we should pass a clean DHS appropriations bill so the operations of this critical department can continue uninterrupted. Their mission is simply too important to jeopardize. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 240.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF LEMON HENRY MOSES, JR.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lemon Henry Moses, Jr., a distinguished community leader in Maryland's Fifth District who passed away on December 10, 2014. He was 94 years old.

Lemon Moses made history as the first African-American to serve as Chairman of the Charles County Liquor Board. All of us who knew Lemon saw how deeply devoted he was to his family, his community, and his country. He gave so much of himself to all three, and he will be fondly remembered by the many whose lives he touched across Charles County and Maryland.

After growing up in Savannah, Georgia, Lemon moved to Pittsburgh in his youth and was a singer and tap dancer in a local Vaudeville troupe called the 'Kandy Kids,' where he befriended Gene Kelly before he became famous. Attending Howard University in Washington, DC, Lemon studied mechanical engineering, and when World War II broke out, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country as a sailor in the Pacific Theater of Operations. When the war ended, he began a career with the U.S. Postal Service that lasted forty-four years, where he served in a number of leadership positions.

Lemon became involved in the Civil Rights Movement in 1947, when he worked to integrate his local school district while serving as president of a parent-teacher association. In the Postal Service, he held the role of Eastern Region Vice President for the Postal Service Supervisors and made equal rights a focus of his work there. President Lyndon Johnson later appointed Lemon as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist to handle discrimination complaints in Congress. In 1974, he moved to Waldorf, in Charles County, where he became very active in the County's chapter of the NAACP. In addition to a trailblazing service on the Charles County Liquor Board, Lemon also spent five years on the board of directors for what is now the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center and was active in Chapter 3885 of the AARP.

Lemon was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife of seventy-three years, Elaine Moses, as well as his daughter Yvonne Beatrice Buford and her husband Walter, and his son Mike Moses and his wife Delores. In addition to them, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, Lemon is survived by a community to which he had devoted so much of his time and energy both before and during his retirement. He was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Waldorf, where family and friends bade farewell in a moving funeral mass on December 18, 2014.

I join in expressing my condolences to Elaine and to the entire Moses family, and I

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thank them for sharing Lemon with all of us for the many years in which he did so much good for the people and communities of Charles County and for our country. As I remarked at his funeral, Lemon Moses was no lemon—he was a peach, a pear, and an apple, and all of our lives were made sweeter because of his.

HONORING DENISE RUSHING

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Lake County Supervisor Denise Rushing for her eight years of dedicated service to the people of Lake County. Supervisor Rushing championed countless projects that will improve the long-term vitality of our county.

Supervisor Rushing served as the 3rd District Supervisor for Lake County for eight years, during which time she also served as the Chair of the Lake County Board of Supervisors. During her years of service, Supervisor Rushing was instrumental to implementing and finishing a number of projects that will help to protect and sustain our environment.

During her tenure Lake County installed solar power at county facilities, such as the jail and wastewater treatment plant. With Supervisor Rushing's guidance, the Board of Supervisors transformed the unsightly trailer park known as Clark's Island into an eco-park, made entirely of natural materials. In fact, Lake County made such tremendous advances in its use of solar power and green building practices that the county received two California Green Summit Environmental Leadership Awards.

Supervisor Rushing also championed the development of Mount Konocti County Park, the Middle Creek Restoration Project and the Konocti Regional Trails. Thanks to her fine work, residents of Lake County will be better able to enjoy the natural beauty and splendor that our county offers for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Supervisor Rushing for her invaluable service to Lake County. Her unyielding dedication to protecting and promoting environmental sustainability and renewable energy is greatly appreciated by the entire community and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

PROMOTING JOB CREATION AND REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS BURDENS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, the legislation we are being asked to vote on today is identical to legislation that failed on the suspension calendar last week—and so is now

being brought back to the floor under a closed rule, without possibility of amendment. I opposed this bill on both policy and procedural grounds last week, and because nothing has fundamentally changed on either score, I will do so again today.

Mr. Speaker, this unwieldy legislation is comprised of eleven, mostly unrelated titles—a few of which I have supported in the past, some of which I probably could support on a freestanding basis in the future and several of which either need a lot more work or simply should not be supported. In particular, as an advocate of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, I think we should tread very carefully before modifying or weakening something as central to financial reform as the Volcker Rule, which Title VIII of this legislation would do with respect to collateralized debt obligations. Additionally, while I am strongly in favor of giving employees more ownership opportunities in the companies they work for, I also believe those employees deserve to know the value of the stock they are being offered, and that is something Title XI of this bill fails to do.

For these reasons, I urge a no vote.

CONGRATULATING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BUCKEYES

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Ohio State University Buckeyes, the undisputed 2015 NCAA Football National Champions. In the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship Game on January 12, 2015, the Buckeyes, led by Coach Urban Meyer, beat the Oregon Ducks with a final score of 42–20.

In the state of Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned. This year's Buckeye football team worked hard the entire season in the face of adversity. After the pre-season loss of starting quarterback Braxton Miller, many critics predicted the season would be doomed. Following a 35–21 defeat in the second game of the season to the Virginia Tech Hokies, many questioned whether the Buckeyes could win the Big-10 Championship. When J.T. Barrett broke his ankle in the final regular season game against the University of Michigan, some wondered if the Buckeyes even deserved to be considered for the playoffs despite a 11–1 record.

This year's team defied all odds, silenced the critics, and finished the season as national champions. In their final 3 games of the season the Buckeyes, led by quarterback Cardale Jones, a constituent of my Congressional District, won the Big 10 Championship against the Wisconsin Badgers, defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide in the Sugar Bowl to advance to the National Championship Game, and capped off the tremendous season with a win over the Oregon Ducks.

As a proud alum of The Ohio State University, I commend these student athletes for their hard work and dedication both on and off the football field. O-H-I-O!

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DAVID L. LEVY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 16, 2015

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of David Lawrence Levy, a pioneering children's rights leader and advocate for joint parenting, who passed away last month. A longtime resident of Hyattsville, MD, which is in the Fifth District, David had battled cancer for several years with tenacity, determination, and infectious optimism. Sadly, he lost that battle on December 11, 2014, when he passed away at the age of 78.

David co-founded the National Council for Children's Rights—now called the Children's Rights Council—in 1985 and served as its CEO until 2008 and President of its Board until 2009. During that time, he fought for policies at the local, state, and federal level that promoted shared parenting with joint custody of children after divorce and encouraged courts to place the needs and well-being of children first. The title of a book David edited in 1994 summed up well the mission of the organization he had built: "The Best Parent is Both Parents." He oversaw the creation of the Children's Rights Council's access and visitation centers—including its flagship center in Prince George's County—which provide neutral locations for separated parents to drop off and pick up their children and a place where supervised visitation can take place. In October 2009, David was named as one of the "25 Most Influential People in our Children's Lives" by Children's Health magazine, alongside Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Melinda Gates, and Taylor Swift.

David was a native of New York and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida before settling in Hyattsville, which is in Prince George's County. Early in his career, he spent several years working as a copyright lawyer at the Library of Congress. David was also an accomplished author, having published several works ranging from fiction novels to articles in the Washington Post and other papers. He served as President of the Beth Torah Congregation in Hyattsville and later was an active member of Tifereth Israel Congregation in Washington, DC., where family, friends, and local community leaders gathered on December 14 to pay tribute to David at his funeral service.

David is survived by his wife Ellen, their daughter Diana and her husband Danny, his son Justin and his wife Ilana, and his granddaughter Corina. He also leaves behind many friends, neighbors, and extended family who will fondly remember David for his warmth, his sense of humor, and his enthusiasm for life. I join in offering my condolences to his family, in mourning this loss to our community and our country, and in celebrating his extraordinary life.