

COMMENDING VENTURE HIVE AND THE LAB MIAMI FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTH FLORIDA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of two local south Florida innovative tech hubs: Venture Hive and LAB Miami.

Venture Hive is a business accelerator, and LAB Miami is a tech incubator, and both are local leaders working to help our community's entrepreneurs grow, create more jobs, and expand our economy.

Building on these lofty goals, Susan Amat, the founder of Venture Hive, has partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to engage students in the business of innovation at an early age.

Meanwhile, Wifredo Fernandez, or "Wifi," has worked to build a place known as the Ellis Island of Miami for tech entrepreneurs. Both of these wonderful places are examples for cities across our Nation to help strengthen our economy and spur innovation.

Congratulations—felicidades to Venture Hive and LAB Miami.

TRIBUTE TO CD1 FIREFIGHTERS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the first responders and fire crews who put their lives on the line for more than 24 hours to fight the five-alarm mill fire in Providence last week.

Firefighters from across my district came to the scene to help, working through the night to contain the blaze that consumed the 90,000-square-foot building.

Thank you to the members of the Providence Fire Department and to fire crews at Central Falls Ladder, North Providence Engine, East Providence Engine, Pawtucket Engine and Ladder, North Providence Ladder, and Cumberland Ladder for your willingness to help the Providence Fire Department and your dedicated service to keep Rhode Islanders safe all throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the companies from the Second Congressional District who pitched in, Warwick Engine and Cranston Ladder and Johnston Engine and Ladder.

I applaud their service today and hope this reminds all of us of the heroic and important work that our firefighters and first responders do and of our responsibility to support them in every way that we can.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER BURKE J. RHOADS OF NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and note the recent passing of Officer Burke J. Rhoads of Nicholasville, Kentucky.

On March 11, Officer Rhoads was suddenly and tragically killed in a car accident while on duty as an officer with the Nicholasville Police Department. Officer Rhoads was 35 years old and is survived by his wife, Melissa Suzanne Mason Rhoads, and his three children, Jacquelyn, Bryan, and Kevin. Officer Rhoads was a U.S. Army veteran and served on the Nicholasville police force for 8 years.

We grieve the loss of this promoter of peace, advocate of laws, and sentry of safety and security in our community; however, we also celebrate and honor his life and his service.

Inscribed on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial are the words "in valor there is hope." Officer Rhoads helped to bring his community hope in knowing that they were safer on his watch.

I thank Officer Rhoads for his service and devotion to our community.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. GALLEGOS. Mr. Speaker, today, Americans are working more and earning less. The cost of college is rising, young people are in debt, and America's infrastructure is in decay.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget, however, does nothing to help struggling Americans. It gives tax breaks to the wealthy, ends the Medicare guarantee, makes it harder for Americans to buy a home, and cuts funding for education.

Our military leaders even testified that the Republican budget will put the lives of our men and women in uniform at risk.

Mr. Speaker, this is outrageous. The American people elected us. We owe it to them to pass a budget that addresses their needs, keeps them safe, and gives them the best opportunity possible to live the American Dream.

Let's focus on creating good-paying jobs, providing universal pre-K, and restoring food stamp programs that have helped many American families through these tough times. Let's ensure that our military has the resources they need to make sure that they can fight the fight that America wants.

Democrats will keep standing with the American people and do the job that we were elected to do on their behalf.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House Republicans rolled out next year's budget and laid out a clear plan to balance the budget in less than 10 years, cut \$5.5 trillion in deficit spending, and fully repeal ObamaCare.

It will work to cut waste and create a lean and effective government that truly works for the people. Every day, hardworking taxpayers across our Nation are forced to balance their budgets. It is about time that the Federal Government does the same.

Over the last several years, we have seen reckless spending that is saddling future generations with massive amounts of debt. I want our children and grandchildren to have a better opportunity to succeed than we did, and on the current trajectory, that is just not possible.

Unlike the budget President Obama submitted to Congress, the House budget calls for a fairer, simpler Tax Code and promotes job creation and a healthy economy. It will work to cut red tape that is suffocating our private employers, and it creates a more transparent and accountable government.

It is time to put money back in the pockets of our hardworking American taxpayers, and this budget will do just that.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the latest budget proposal from House Republicans.

When Bill Clinton left office in 2001, our government was running a surplus and on track to pay down our national debt to zero by 2009.

Republicans then took control of the House, Senate, and Presidency, and we saw 8 years of Republican budgets that drove us into debt and wrecked our economy. By the time Democrats regained control in 2009, our economy was in collapse, and the deficit was over \$1 trillion a year.

Republicans are now proposing to return to the very same policies that destroyed our economy in the first place: wars and military spending paid for on the backs of the middle class; tax cuts skewed to the wealthy that produce no jobs; and underinvestment in education, research, and infrastructure that are the lifeblood of our Nation's economic growth.

Once again, we are seeing a budget that would increase financial stress on the middle class and the Medicare guarantee and force seniors to pay more for health care and for prescription drugs.

We can and we must do better.

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

(Mr. BEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring our attention to an increasingly urgent problem: ocean acidification.

About 25 percent of manmade carbon dioxide emissions are absorbed by our oceans. This is the great carbon sink, which helps buffer the amount of CO₂ in our atmosphere. This absorption is making our waters more acidic, which has a damaging effect on the ability of shellfish to build their shells.

Ocean acidification has already cost the United States shellfish industry millions in lost profits and jobs. I am deeply concerned because the Chesapeake Bay has been identified as a main hotspot for rapid ocean acidification. Nitrogen pollution from agricultural and sewage runoff into the bay are key culprits exacerbating the effects of acidification.

The clearest solution to address this problem is to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions entering our waters. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to stand with the Safe Climate Caucus in supporting efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

We need to support the EPA's proposed carbon rules for power plants, and we need to protect our ecosystems, and we need to protect the long-term viability of our coastal economies.

DETERGENT POISONING AND CHILD SAFETY ACT

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, this looks like it could be candy for kids, but it is not. These are detergent packs that we use in our dishwasher or in our washing machines.

Last year, the National Poison Data System received 17,230 calls involving children who are exposed to chemicals in these packs. They bite into them, or they squirt them into their eyes. These are concentrated packs, and so they do much more damage—in fact, even burning the esophagus. 769 of these children had to go to the hospital, and one child died.

I am introducing, along with Senator DICK DURBIN, the Detergent Poisoning and Child Safety Act to require that companies that produce these detergent packs provide more child-resistant packaging.

This is a consumer issue that should be addressed, and I urge my colleagues to join with me.

BRING BACK OUR GIRLS

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Hear ye, hear ye. Wake the town and tell the people that ISIS and Boko Haram are teaming up for terror. Boko Haram

plus ISIS equals a “marriage from hell,” says CNN.

Mr. Speaker, Boko Haram has courted ISIS for months, but this is the first time that the intelligence community has acknowledged that ISIS has responded to the overtures in a way that could pave the road for the two to collaborate.

We cannot forget the people of Nigeria. We cannot forget our school girls who were kidnapped. We cannot forget those awful unions between ISIS and Boko Haram.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to tweet to keep the reports of corruption, election shenanigans, and sheer terror in the national spotlight.

Tweet #bringbackourgirls and #joinrepwilson.

Tweet, tweet, tweet.

IT'S MORNING IN AMERICA

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, while Congress was away last week, we had another strong jobs report. You might even say, as former President Reagan used to say, “It's morning in America,” in his famous ad.

In February, the economy added another 295,000 private sector jobs, and the unemployment rate edged down to 5.5 percent. That means that there have been 12 straight uninterrupted months of private sector job growth of over 200,000 jobs a month. That is the first time that has happened since 1977.

Inflation remains tame; gas prices are low; the dollar is strong, and by many measures, the economy's performance under the Obama administration has been stronger than the economy under former President Reagan.

Though I suspect that some may find it unusual to compare President Obama and President Reagan, their efforts are good news for the economy and good news for America.

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REJECT HOUSE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, congressional Democrats are trying to move the country forward, but the House Republican budget is designed to turn back the clock.

Instead of trying to take a balanced approach to dealing with our Nation's fiscal problems, the House Republican budget seeks to balance itself on the backs of working families, middle class folks, senior citizens, young Americans, college students, the poor, the sick, and the afflicted. Instead of trying to promote progress for everyone, the House Republican budget seeks to

enact policies designed to simply benefit the privileged few.

It is a regressive, a retrograde, and an irresponsible Republican budget, and it should be soundly rejected. It does not add a single middle class job. It does not increase a single middle class paycheck. It does not help a single middle class family send its child to college. Mr. Speaker, I am urging that the House soundly reject this reckless Republican budget.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK) laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, March 17, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that the Committee on the Judiciary has received a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, for documents in a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel regarding the subpoena, I have determined that compliance is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

SECRET SCIENCE REFORM ACT OF 2015

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 1030.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 138 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1030.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1030) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible, with Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana in the chair.