

money or contribute to the Federal deficit. In fact, according to a recent economic analysis, every dollar invested in the conservation of public lands through the LWCF leads to \$4 in economic activity to local communities.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the permanent reauthorization of the LWCF, ensuring that it remains one of our Nation's most successful conservation tools.

BRINGING HEALTH CARE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is time to personalize and modernize our healthcare system and bring it into the 21st century.

We have an opportunity through the 21st Century Cures Act to pass bipartisan reforms that will accelerate the discovery, development, deployment, and delivery of lifesaving and life-improving techniques and cures.

The 21st Century Cures Act is the result of bipartisan work to ensure that our regulatory system keeps pace with the advances we are seeing in our science and technology fields. 21st Century Cures will make a difference in people's lives.

For the 10,000 known diseases, there are only 500 FDA-approved treatments. By removing barriers to research and development, by modernizing clinical trials, and by incorporating more patient perspectives, we can more effectively develop treatments and cures to fight cancer, Alzheimer's, and other diseases that affect millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, in the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to help bring the newest, cutting-edge medical technology to the people who need it the most.

REAUTHORIZE THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here today because the clock is ticking. Today is the last legislative day to prevent the shutdown of the Export-Import Bank and avoid disaster for our economy.

I have in my hand, sir, a letter regarding dozens of businesses in my district, the 14th District of Michigan, that rely on the Ex-Im Bank. It is clear the dire consequences if Congress does not act.

In 7 years, Ex-Im has supported \$93 million in exports and nearly 600 jobs just in my district. This year alone, more than half a million dollars has been financed for businesses in the 14th District. All of this was done at no cost to our taxpayers.

To reduce the deficit, to create more jobs, to remain globally competitive, we must reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank.

ELSON FLOYD

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

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of Washington State University president, Dr. Elson Floyd, who passed away on June 20, after a courageous battle against cancer.

Dr. Floyd was a giant for eastern Washington. He embodied the values we seek in our leaders. He was visionary. He was kindhearted. He was a fearless and passionate advocate for higher education, our region, and our State. He had the gift of making our dreams seem possible and of turning our aspirations into a reality.

It has been my privilege to know him and call him friend. During this difficult time, my prayers continue to be with his wife, his children, and the whole WSU family. Together, Washingtonians are inspired and will carry on his legacy.

Thank you, Dr. Floyd, for your tireless work. Rest in peace.

REAUTHORIZE THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

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

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my many colleagues in highlighting the urgency of reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank.

On Monday, I visited a steel company in New Castle, Delaware, called V&S Delaware Galvanizing. This small business employs 60 hard-working Delawareans. Their jobs depend on the financing provided by the Export-Import Bank. The failure to authorize the Bank would be a failure to support and protect these and many other jobs in Delaware.

If we are serious about making things here in America, if we are serious about providing good middle class jobs to people who need them, if we are serious about creating an economy that is built to last, we will reauthorize the Export-Import Bank before it expires next week.

The Ex-Im Bank creates jobs across the country. It sustains those jobs, and it also reduces the deficit. Last year alone, the Bank returned \$700 million to the United States Treasury, and it supports 160,000 U.S. jobs.

This shouldn't be a partisan issue, and it never has been in the past. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to come together and take action today to ensure that the Export-Import Bank can continue to grow our economy and create jobs across our country.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

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

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, in less than a week, the deadline for the administration's negotiations with Iran will pass. Many people, including myself, have serious concerns about the status and the outcome of these negotiations.

Iran's nuclear ambitions are a threat to the Middle East, especially to our closest ally, Israel. I remain skeptical of Iran's commitment to disarmament and transparency.

I believe there are five key issues that must be addressed for this to be a good deal for America and Israel.

One, unrestricted access to inspection locations on short notice—inspectors must be given complete access at any time and at any place for verification inspections.

Two, Iran must disclose the entirety of its previous activities and efforts towards a nuclear weapon.

Three, sanctions must remain in place until Iran complies and proves its compliance, and we must show commitment to a robust response to any violation.

Four, any deal must be long term, and it must not include the development of and access to nuclear weapons.

Finally, any negotiations must include provisions that require Iran to dismantle its program completely with no path to a weapon in the future.

I believe that only if these conditions are met should Congress and the American people even consider a deal with Iran.

SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in supporting equality and dignity for every American regardless of whom one loves.

Very soon, the Supreme Court will make an historic decision about the rights of LGBT couples and families, and it is my hope they will respect that each of us deserves as an American citizen the ability to have a family and to love whom one loves.

The economic downturn illustrated how important it is for all families to access the protections of civil marriage so they can live with more certainty and dignity even in challenging times.

No matter what the Court decides, we will keep pushing so people in loving, committed relationships throughout this Nation can say two simple words with extraordinary meaning: "I do." We will keep fighting to ensure that people don't face discrimination based on whom they love.

Let me close with the words of President Kennedy, who said: "In giving rights to others which belong to them, we give rights to ourselves and to our country."

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN
AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice in support of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Today, 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, including 200,000 who are younger than 65. When you include dementia and other brain diseases with Alzheimer's, the number of diagnoses is nearly on par with cancer diagnoses.

In fact, Alzheimer's, itself, is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and of the top 10 causes of death, Alzheimer's is the only one that today cannot be prevented, cannot be cured, and cannot be slowed.

This week, Congress is taking action. Yesterday, the House Appropriations Committee approved an initial funding bill for the Department of Health and Human Services that provides a \$300 million increase over last year's level for Alzheimer's research at the National Institute on Aging.

Additionally, the committee continues its support for the Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's Research Program at the Department of Defense.

These programs, coupled with several bills pending in the House, including the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, are a testament to the strong advocacy that we have been witnessing on Capitol Hill and throughout the country, but we must continue to do more.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in this fight and join me in raising awareness of this most critical national health concern.

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RETURNING TO THE SENATE H.R.
1735, NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2016

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution constituting a question of the privileges of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 340

Resolved, That the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1735) entitled "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes", in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill, with the Senate amendment thereto, shall be respectfully returned to the Senate with a message communicating this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of the privileges of the House.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Michigan seek recognition?

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the right to object, only to say I do not object.

Mr. BOUSTANY. I thank the gentleman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan withdraws his reservation.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO
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SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R.
1295, TRADE PREFERENCES EX-
TENSION ACT OF 2015

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 338 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 338

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1295) to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), my friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise this morning in support of a rule which would allow for an up-or-down vote in the House on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, the Trade

Preferences Extension Act, so that it can be considered by the full House; and, if the bill passes, it will head to the President's desk along with the trade promotion authority for the President's signature.

This bill that would be considered after passage of this rule renews the Generalized System of Preferences program, extending the African Growth and Opportunity Act, and reauthorizes Trade Adjustment Assistance, known as TAA.

The activity on the floor of the House today represents a promise to Congress made by Speaker BOEHNER and Senate Majority Leader MCCONNELL. After House Democrats voted down TAA last week, the House considered and passed TPA, with a bipartisan majority, and sent it to the Senate. In the meantime, the Speaker and the Senate majority leader promised that they would ensure that both TPA and TAA receive votes in the House and the Senate.

As promised, here we are today. The Senate yesterday delivered it, when it passed TPA 60-38, which is now headed to the President's desk for his signature. The Senate also passed the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, which will be considered today under the rule which we are speaking about. The final legislative step is for the House to consider the Trade Preferences Extension Act, and that is exactly what the rule will do.

This rule and the underlying bill represents the end of a long process to deliver trade promotion authority on behalf of the American people. Mr. Speaker, it is a Republican agenda about jobs. By passing TPA, the House and the Senate proved to the world that America is willing to lead and to stand for jobs and interaction between great countries to help lead in the 21st century. We believe in the rule of law, we believe in intellectual property, and we believe in an opportunity for consumers to have the best products, wherever they are around the world, at a great price.

The world has responded, and our partner nations have indicated that they are now ready to begin the negotiation to bring their best deals to the table. As these negotiations heat up, it is vital that the administration follow the requirements of TPA, some 160 separate, specific items which this House and the legislation very clearly talks about. It will lead negotiation to a deal that is good for the American people. If the administration violates that promise, the House can turn off TPA and stop the process.

Once a trade agreement is completed, the President is required to make public the text of an agreement for 60 days before the President seeks approval to it. The President must then submit the final text of any trade agreement to Congress 30 days before it gets a vote. Because of this important transparency feature of TPA, the American people have seen a better process than