

Higgins	Maloney, Sean	Schakowsky
Himes	Massie	Schiff
Hinojosa	Matsui	Schrader
Honda	McCollum	Scott (VA)
Hoyer	McDermott	Scott, David
Huffman	McGovern	Serrano
Israel	McNerney	Sewell (AL)
Jackson Lee	Meeks	Sherman
Jeffries	Meng	Sinema
Johnson (GA)	Moore	Sires
Johnson, E. B.	Moulton	Slaughter
Jones	Murphy (FL)	Smith (WA)
Kaptur	Nadler	Speier
Keating	Napolitano	Swalwell (CA)
Kennedy	Neal	Takai
Kildee	Nolan	Takano
Kilmer	Norcross	Thompson (CA)
Kind	O'Rourke	Thompson (MS)
Kirkpatrick	Pallone	Titus
Kuster	Pascarell	Tonko
Langevin	Pelosi	Torres
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Tsongas
Larson (CT)	Peters	Van Hollen
Lawrence	Peterson	Vargas
Lee	Pingree	Veasey
Levin	Pocan	Vela
Lewis	Polis	Velázquez
Lieu, Ted	Price (NC)	Visclosky
Lipinski	Quigley	Walz
Loebsock	Rangel	Wasserman
Lofgren	Richmond	Schultz
Lowenthal	Roybal-Allard	Waters, Maxine
Lowey	Ruiz	Watson Coleman
Lujan Grisham	Ruppersberger	Welch
(NM)	Rush	Wilson (FL)
Luján, Ben Ray	Ryan (OH)	Yarmuth
(NM)	Sánchez, Linda	
Lynch	T.	
Maloney,	Sánchez, Loretta	
Carolyn	Sarbanes	

NOT VOTING—7

Castor (FL)	Mica	Rooney (FL)
Kelly (IL)	Payne	
Knight	Rice (NY)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1656

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

DEPUTY SANDBERG, WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL

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

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember fallen Deputy Steven Sandberg, who was shot and killed in the line of duty this past Sunday in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Deputy Sandberg's death was both senseless and tragic, but we must remember him for the heroic way he chose to live his life.

Deputy Sandberg was an honorable man who served his community for 24 years. He began working for the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office in 1991 and worked as an investigator for the past 20 years.

Every day for more than two decades Deputy Sandberg put his life on the

line to protect others, and we will be forever grateful for his service.

Our community has suffered a major loss, and we will never forget what this exceptional man has done for us. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steven's wife Kristi and daughter Cassie as well as his many friends and colleagues during this difficult time.

□ 1700

DEPUTY STEVEN SANDBERG

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

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, Minnesota suffered a terrible tragedy when we lost Deputy Sheriff Steven Sandberg of Aitkin, Minnesota, in the line of duty last weekend.

Deputy Sandberg, a 20-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was loved and cherished by his family, by all who knew him, and by the entire region.

His daughter, Cassie, recently said, "I want everyone to know that my dad was so proud to do his job and to serve the entire community."

Cassie, we want you to know that we are proud, too. We are proud to have had your dad's great service in our community. His bravery and his service will never be forgotten.

Today I ask my colleagues to please keep his wife, Kristi, and his daughter, Cassie, in their thoughts and in their prayers.

Please remember to thank and to honor all of the law enforcement officers who put themselves in harm's way every day to keep us safe.

HONORING MAJOR GREG TRUITT

(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 to honor Coral Gables native Major Greg Truitt on his retirement from the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Starting off as a rookie corrections officer in his early twenties, Greg has held many roles throughout his 40 years in law enforcement before retiring as Commander of the Village of Palmetto Bay's Policing Unit.

The mayor and city manager of Palmetto Bay are here in D.C. today to help honor his years of service and to join me in wishing Major Truitt good health, happiness, and all the best in the years ahead.

Major Truitt's profound leadership and commitment to south Florida have allowed him to shape the lives of countless individuals throughout his impressive career. Greg has shown that there is no greater reward than the satisfaction of serving one's fellow neighbor. For having embraced this most noble of endeavors with such lofty principles, I thank him so very much.

Not one to rest on his laurels since his retirement, Greg continues to volunteer his time to serve our community through his church, the Boy Scouts of America, and as a police reserve officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Godspeed to Greg Truitt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MINNESOTA LYNX

(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, the word "dynasty" gets thrown around loosely these days, but with three championships in 5 years, the Minnesota Lynx fit the bill.

Led by Maya Moore, who averaged over 23 points in the playoffs, the Lynx won the title with a hard-fought victory over the Indiana Fever in game 5. Coached by Cheryl Reeve, the Lynx overcame injuries and fatigue to clinch the top seed in the West during the regular season and set up their path to the title.

Mr. Speaker, as the WNBA continues to grow, the players often are called upon to do more than just play basketball. In that vein, the Lynx players have been tremendous ambassadors to the community and are heroes to numerous girls who are pursuing their athletic dreams.

I congratulate the Minnesota Lynx players and the coaches on yet another WNBA title.

FEDERAL-STATE CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, here on Capitol Hill, I visited with various National Guard units from different States to learn more about the innovative ways they are keeping us safe in cyberspace. I appreciate their efforts and their service.

The House has passed several measures to protect our cybersecurity this year, and the Senate is now working to do the same. There is a clear, bipartisan consensus that more needs to be done to protect us from data breaches, malicious hackers, and those who would inflict harm on the American people in using our cyber networks.

Several high-profile data breaches include a hack of the Office of Personnel Management, which accessed highly sensitive information that puts our national security at risk as well as that of many people's private lives.

We must act now to protect our cybersecurity before an even more catastrophic attack occurs. More integration and cooperation is needed among Federal, State, and local levels to be on the same page for the cybersecurity Americans expect of us in government

and are promised. I feel we are falling woefully short should another attack occur. We must be prepared better than we are.

PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT ACT

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

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of our House today to join me in support of H.R. 2800, the Pregnancy Discrimination Amendment Act.

This important piece of legislation expands upon existing law to help protect pregnant women from workplace discrimination, and I am proud to be a cosponsor.

Women account for nearly half of the workforce in our country, so it is particularly hard to believe, in today's society, women are still denied jobs or lose their jobs because they are pregnant. Every time this happens to a mom, it hurts her, it hurts her family, and it hurts our economy.

We must ensure that hardworking moms and moms-to-be are protected from unfair employment decisions. As a society, we should encourage and support all workers. We should help ensure that moms and dads are physically and financially healthy and secure as they approach parenthood.

As a single father myself, who raised my son from the time he was in diapers, I know firsthand how important it is to have a support system. That includes a supportive work environment where soon-to-be parents are not worried about being fired or about being overlooked for jobs or promotions because they have decided to have children.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 114-70)

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KELLY of Mississippi) laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To The House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1735, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016." While there are provisions in this bill that I support, including the codification of key interrogation-related reforms from Executive Order 13491 and positive changes to the military retirement system, the bill would, among other things, constrain the ability of the Department of Defense to conduct multi-year defense planning and align military capabilities and force structure with our national defense strategy, impede the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, and prevent the implementation of essential defense reforms.

This bill fails to authorize funding for our national defense in a fiscally re-

sponsible manner. It underfunds our military in the base budget, and instead relies on an irresponsible budget gimmick that has been criticized by members of both parties. Specifically, the bill's use of \$38 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations funding—which was meant to fund wars and is not subject to budget caps—does not provide the stable, multi-year budget upon which sound defense planning depends. Because this bill authorizes base budget funding at sequestration levels, it threatens the readiness and capabilities of our military and fails to provide the support our men and women in uniform deserve. The decision reflected in this bill to circumvent rather than reverse sequestration further harms our national security by locking in unacceptable funding cuts for crucial national security activities carried out by non-defense agencies.

I have repeatedly called upon the Congress to work with my Administration to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and explained why it is imperative that we do so. As I have noted, the continued operation of this facility weakens our national security by draining resources, damaging our relationships with key allies and partners, and emboldening violent extremists. Yet in addition to failing to remove unwarranted restrictions on the transfer of detainees, this bill seeks to impose more onerous ones. The executive branch must have the flexibility, with regard to those detainees who remain at Guantanamo, to determine when and where to prosecute them, based on the facts and circumstances of each case and our national security interests, and when and where to transfer them consistent with our national security and our humane treatment policy. Rather than taking steps to bring this chapter of our history to a close, as I have repeatedly called upon the Congress to do, this bill aims to extend it.

The bill also fails to adopt many essential defense reforms, including to force structure, weapons systems, and military health care. Our defense strategy depends on investing every dollar where it will have the greatest effect. My Administration's proposals will accomplish this through critical reforms that divest unneeded force structure, slow growth in compensation, and reduce wasteful overhead. The restrictions in the bill would require the Department of Defense to retain unnecessary force structure and weapons systems that we cannot afford in today's fiscal environment, contributing to a military that will be less capable of responding effectively to future challenges.

Because of the manner in which this bill would undermine our national security, I must veto it.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 22, 2015.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto

message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Pursuant to the order of the House of October 21, 2015, further consideration of the veto message and the bill are postponed until the legislative day of Thursday, November 5, 2015, and that on that legislative day, the House shall proceed to the constitutional question of reconsideration and dispose of such question without intervening motion.

SYRIAN DISPLACEMENT CRISIS

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Syrian displacement crisis has consumed seven nations in the Middle East, among them Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, obviously, and Syria itself, and has spawned the largest refugee crisis Europe has faced since World War II.

The scope of the damage is incredible. This protracted conflict has decimated Syria's infrastructure and has already taken the lives of over 250,000 civilians, has displaced over 4 million people, and has subjected tens upon thousands of children in that nation to Assad's horrific barrel bombs. Most everyone who remains in Syria endures power and water cuts, the threat of shelling, galloping inflation, and rampant speculation about: What will happen next? Who will help us, the innocents?

With roads often subject to ambush, freedom to travel has been heavily curtailed. Checkpoints and concrete blast barriers have become accepted adornments of daily life. Institutions such as schools, hospitals, and offices remain open in government-held areas, though many schools have become shelters for the legions of war injured and homeless. Truly, it is grim. Often, classes are held in double shifts to make room for the extra students. This is everyday life in Syria.

Five years into the conflict that has ravaged this once-modern nation, more than half of the Syrian population is displaced, with over 4 million refugees in neighboring countries and tens of thousands moving toward Europe. We see this on television every evening.

My hometown of Toledo has taken in 8 weary Syrian families—refugees who have now again found hope in the liberty that America offers—but fewer than 2,000 Syrians have come to the United States, though the war has displaced more than 12 million since 2011. The free world simply cannot allow this savage slaughter and dislocation to continue.

We ask ourselves: Where is the leadership for resolution?

□ 1715

Now, in addition to daily airstrikes against civilians by the Syrian Government violating international humanitarian law, Russian warplanes are