

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2028, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 612, GEORGE P. KAZEN FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in reluctant opposition to S. 612, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), a bill which reauthorizes water infrastructure projects and includes authorizing language regarding Flint aid.

First, let me acknowledge Congressman DAN KILDEE, who has worked tirelessly to bring justice to the Flint families. His work and the work of the Michigan delegation, is essential to ensuring the people of Flint have the resources that they need to recover.

Mr. Speaker, while I strongly support that this bill included \$170 million for Flint and other communities impacted by lead to replace water infrastructure and provide needed health care, I am deeply concerned about the poison pill California drought rider.

This shameful rider would gut environmental protections in California's Bay-Delta, threatening thousands of fishing jobs, water quality, and endangered species. This harmful rider also fails to adequately address critical elements of California's complex water challenges and will only worsen the effects of the drought.

Mr. Speaker, it is completely unacceptable to hold Flint funding hostage to this anti-environmental rider.

Since the beginning of this crisis, I have long supported providing robust funding for the families in Flint.

And let me also say that I was part of a Congressional Delegation that traveled to Flint, Michigan to listen to the residents regarding the horrendous impact of these government decisions that led to the poisoning of those on children and families.

However, while this bill does include funding for Flint, Republicans played partisan politics by inserting a poison pill drought rider, and sadly I cannot support it.

WISHING GEORGE HAYDEN A
HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. George Hayden as he celebrated his 80th birthday on December 11, 2016. George's commitment to his family, employees, and neighbors has been nothing short of inspiring, and his lasting impact in my hometown of Hazleton will be felt for generations to come.

Countless Hazleton residents call George Hayden a personal friend, and I am certainly

among them. People at home know that I am a big fan of the New York Yankees, and that George is a fan of their arch-rival Boston Red Sox. Despite this, George and I remain friends to this day, and enjoy claiming bragging rights based on which team won the last game they played against each other.

George graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in electrical technology in 1960 and later put that expertise to use as an electrician with the Coast Guard and Navy Reserves. Later, while working as a plant engineer, George and his wife, Florence, began to realize a lifelong dream of owning their own business. While Florence managed the finances, George assembled a small crew of electricians and started Hayden Electric, which eventually grew to include a team of sixty professionals that work both across the country and internationally.

When his family was young, George developed a habit of taking them to Wendy's restaurants, which they enjoyed tremendously. So in 1987, he opened a new Wendy's near Laurel Mall in Hazleton, later expanding to three additional Wendy's in downtown Hazleton, Drums, and Mt. Pocono. After seeing the positive impact on his business and the community, George and Florence started Citiscape, Inc. in 2004 with the goal of revitalizing downtown Hazleton by buying and restoring office and retail spaces for new and expanding businesses.

George is most known for his unwavering commitment to his family and the community at large. He has been active throughout the years with the American Cancer Society, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, the Hazleton Rotary Club, and the Holy Trinity Church. George has also served on the boards of Security Savings, First Federal Bank, and Penn State Hazleton, among many others. To support their strong belief in the value of education, he and his wife established The Pennsylvania State University Florence L. and George J. Hayden Scholarship Fund, so that the next generation of aspiring students can achieve their dreams of receiving a college degree.

Mr. Speaker, with so many successful undertakings throughout his life, it is my honor to recognize Mr. George Hayden as he celebrates his 80th birthday with his wife, Florence, five children, George, Marybeth, Theresa, James, and Alicia, and his 17 grandchildren. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him and his family all the best as they continue to hold such a special place in our Northeastern Pennsylvania community.

TRIBUTE TO LEON BILLINGS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man who has made a positive impact in the life of every American—Leon Billings.

Today, the air we breathe and the water we drink is cleaner and healthier because of Leon Billings. He may not be known to many, but his work as an architect of key environmental laws has saved countless lives.

Leon's instinct to stick up for the underdog was undoubtedly shaped during his years

growing up as the son of two journalists in Big Sky country in Missoula, Montana. His parents were editors for a weekly newspaper, The People's Voice, which was owned by a farmer-labor cooperative that provided the counterpoint to the daily papers controlled by the Anaconda Mining Company. Above his father's column was the quotation: "The hottest place in hell is reserved for those who, in a time of moral crisis, refuse to take a stand."

Leon lived by that creed; it was in his DNA. In my time serving with Leon, he was always a crusader for justice; always speaking out for the public interest against excessive corporate greed and unchecked power; standing up against bigotry and hate.

I first got to know Leon Billings through Maryland politics, when we served together in the Maryland House of Delegates. By that time, Leon was already a legend in the national environmental community. As a top staffer to Senator Ed Muskie, he had helped craft the landmark Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. That legislation was forged through constant clashes with powerful special interests that wanted to put their profits over the public health. Leon, a brilliant strategist, is credited with working across party lines to erect the pillars of many of our key environmental laws.

Leon Billings brought that same passion for taking on powerful special interests to the Maryland legislature, where he stood up for consumers in battles with the utility industry and fought for state environmental and consumer protections. I will fondly remember the many battles we waged together in the Maryland legislature.

Leon's successes were due in large part to a special mixture of passionate advocacy and a no-nonsense manner that was sometimes unsettling to the uninitiated, but always deployed for a good cause. Those who knew Leon understood that his sometimes gruff exterior was primarily reserved for the big shots who tried to enrich themselves by stomping on others. At his core, Leon was a very gentle soul; a plain speaking, compassionate man with a heart as big as Montana.

As we confront an incoming Administration that is looking to turn back the clock on Leon's work and erode the laws that have protected clean air, clean water, and public health for a generation, we must govern by Leon's example and stand up for the little guy against the special interests. We must be fierce defenders of the American public and its resources, and protect the right to clean air and healthy waterways.

Leon Billings waged battles on behalf of every American. I will miss my friend Leon, but pledge to continue his good work on behalf of all Americans.

RECOGNIZING JOHN LESZCZYNSKI
FOR 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service that John Leszczynski has dedicated to the South Bend community. For 30 years and on behalf of four

mayors, John has served on the Transpo Board of Directors. He leaves the Board in January having led the agency through a period of great change and challenge.

His public service began when he served as the Public Works Director for the City of South Bend. John established himself as a public servant with undeniable character and integrity. Then, after joining the engineering firm the Troyer Group, John spent 30 years as a volunteer serving on the Board of Directors of Transpo, the transit agency for South Bend and Mishawaka.

Over his 30 years on the Transpo Board of Directors, John was Chairman for 10 years and led the planning committee for most of his time on the Board. When he leaves the Transpo Board in January, he will leave behind a legacy that will be with us for years to come. That legacy includes the development of the "Lucky Reznik" Operations Center. Transpo's headquarters was the first LEED transit facility to be awarded a platinum designation. This outstanding facility has received national recognition and serves our community well.

John led Transpo's decision to replace its diesel-fueled bus fleet with compressed natural gas buses. As Transpo's fleet neared the end of its useful life, John initiated a review to determine the most cost-effective and environmental fuel for the new buses. But, as is characteristic of John's leadership, he developed a plan to develop CNG as a resource not only for Transpo, but also for the City of South Bend. Today, the City and Transpo share a re-fueling facility.

Under John's leadership, Transpo adopted a major bus route restructuring with the installation of new bus stops and the first bus shelters in Transpo's history. The new route system and shelters improve performance and offer better service and comfort to the thousands who depend on Transpo every day.

Throughout his tenure, John offered quiet, modest leadership that brought people together and exemplified the "South Bend" way. At all times, he approached his duties understanding that the opportunity to serve is an honor and an obligation that must be conducted with the highest sense of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to John Leszczynski for his accomplishments and service to the community of South Bend. I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing John for his tireless dedication and hard work as a member of the Transpo Board of Directors, and I want to wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, The following consists of the joint explanatory statement to accompany H.R. 6480, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 ("Joint Explanatory Statement").

The Joint Explanatory Statement reflects further negotiations between the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence ("the Agreement") since the passage by the House, on November 30, 2016, of H.R. 6393—a previous version of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. The Joint Explanatory Statement shall have the same effect with respect to the implementation of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a conference committee.

The Joint Explanatory Statement comprises three parts: (1) an overview of the application of the classified annex to accompany the Joint Explanatory Statement; (2) unclassified congressional direction; (3) and, in lieu of a full, section-by-section analysis and explanation of legislative text provisions, an identification of the differences between the text of H.R. 6480 and the text of H.R. 6393, including text provisions newly added by H.R. 6480, or changed by it.

PART I: APPLICATION OF THE CLASSIFIED ANNEX

The classified nature of U.S. intelligence activities prevents the congressional intelligence committees from publicly disclosing many details concerning the conclusions and recommendations of the Agreement. Therefore, a classified Schedule of Authorizations and a classified annex have been prepared to describe in detail the scope and intent of the congressional intelligence committees' actions. The Agreement authorizes the Intelligence Community (IC) to obligate and expend funds not altered or modified by the classified Schedule of Authorizations as requested in the President's budget, subject to modification under applicable reprogramming procedures.

The classified annex is the result of negotiations between the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It reconciles the differences between the committees' respective versions of the bill for the National Intelligence Program (NIP) and the Homeland Security Intelligence Program (HSIP) for Fiscal Year 2017. The Agreement also makes recommendations for the Military Intelligence Program (MIP), and the Information Systems Security Program (ISSP), consistent with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, and provides certain direction for these two programs.

The Agreement supersedes the classified annexes to the reports accompanying H.R. 5077, passed by the House on May 24, 2016; S. 3017, reported by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on June 15, 2016; and H.R. 6393, passed by the House on November 30, 2016. All references to the House-passed and Senate-reported annexes are made solely to provide the heritage of, and context for, specific provisions.

The classified Schedule of Authorizations is incorporated into the bill pursuant to Section 102. It has the status of law. The classified annex supplements and adds detail to clarify the authorization levels found in the bill and the classified Schedule of Authorizations. The classified annex shall have the same legal force as this Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the bill.

PART II: SELECT UNCLASSIFIED CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION

The Agreement reiterates, and incorporates herein by reference, the unclassified direction set forth in the Joint Explanatory Statement to H.R. 6393, and found at pages H7039 to H7041 of the Congressional Record for November 30, 2016.

Managing a Multi-Sector Workforce in the Intelligence Community

In addition to the unclassified direction set forth in the Joint Explanatory Statement to H.R. 6393, and the requirements of Section 306 of this Act, the Agreement directs the Di-

rector of National Intelligence (DNI) to ensure that each element of the IC includes in the budget justification materials submitted to Congress for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 the number of civilian (direct and reimbursable) full-time equivalents, core contractor full-time equivalents, and military personnel of such element.

The Agreement further directs the DNI, in completing the report required by subsection (d) of Section 306, to identify how the tool used to calculate personnel costs, as required by paragraph (2) of that subsection, accounts for compensation (including locality pays and allowances, benefits, pay raises, and promotions) and other factors to ensure that the DNI can effectively project and compare long-term costs of civilian personnel and contractors to the whole of the U.S. Government.

Finally, the transfer to or from personal services funding in below-threshold reprogramming is a concern to the congressional intelligence committees. Therefore, the Agreement designates personal services and non-personal service funding at the program level as congressional special interest items.

PART III: SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATIVE TEXT

There are important differences between H.R. 6480 and a prior version of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, H.R. 6393. Because most of the provisions contained in H.R. 6480 are substantively identical to those in H.R. 6393—save for changes to section numbers—this Joint Explanatory Statement dispenses with a full section-by-section analysis and explanation of the text for H.R. 6480. Instead, the Agreement reiterates, and incorporates herein by reference, the section-by-section analysis and explanation of the text for H.R. 6393 found at pages H7041 to H7043 of the Congressional Record for November 30, 2016, except as follows:

Provisions of H.R. 6480 not included in H.R. 6393

Section 3. This section provides that this Joint Explanatory Statement shall have the same effect with respect to the implementation of this H.R. 6480 as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

Section 306. The section directs the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) to implement a multi-sector workforce initiative to improve the management of the workforce of the intelligence community, achieve appropriate ratios of government and contract workers, and establish processes for such ratios to be built and maintained. The section provides that personnel caps for IC components will be eliminated during a trial period in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. Absent further congressional action, at the start of Fiscal Year 2019, the trial period will sunset and personnel caps will be restored.

Section 308. This section requires the DNI to issue and release guidance regarding engagements between the entertainment industry and the IC.

Section 312. This section directs the Department of Homeland Security to establish a program to provide assistance to covered critical infrastructure, in order to reduce the risk of regional or national catastrophic harm caused by cyberattacks against such infrastructure.

Provisions of H.R. 6393 not included in H.R. 6480

Section 308. Modification of certain whistleblower procedures.

Section 421. Clarification of authority, direction, and control over the information assurance directorate of the National Security Agency.