

health services. She was especially committed to expanding access to family planning services and treating and preventing HIV.

Anita's son, Rohan, is in the gallery today with his father, David. They will join Anita's friends and colleagues at a reception this evening at the U.S. Institute of Peace to remember Anita and celebrate the mark her work left on so many.

Rohan recently moved to my home district in New York. Rohan, we are proud and honored to have you in our community. Your mom made the world a better place through her passion, spirit, and dedication to helping others. Her selfless commitment to service is one of the many indelible legacies Anita bestowed on Rohan and all those who had the honor of knowing her.

I would also note that the Senate passed, on February 1, 2016, a bipartisan resolution, S. Res. 347, honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar; condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on November 20, 2015; and extending heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family, friends, and colleagues of Anita Ashok Datar, particularly her son, Rohan; and the individuals touched by the life of Anita Ashok Datar or affected by her death, including the dedicated development professionals and volunteers that continue to selflessly engage in critical humanitarian and development efforts.

The text of S. Res. 347 can be found on pages S134–S135 of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, dated Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

We will continue to be inspired by Anita's dedication to helping others.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, O merciful God, for giving us another day.

In these days after Memorial Day, we thank You again for the ultimate sacrifices of so many of our citizen ancestors. Bless their families with Your consolation. Bless, as well, the men and women who serve our Nation this day in our Armed Forces.

O God, You have blessed every person with the full measure of Your Grace and given us the bounty of Your Spirit. We pray, especially today, for Your

children here in the U.S. but also across the world who are lacking in the nutrition to develop and grow as human persons, fully alive. May we who have so much work to provide bread for the world, especially for those in the first 1,000 days of their lives, from conception to early childhood.

As the Members of this people's House return from the Memorial Day adjournment, bless them with the wisdom and perseverance to attend to the pressing needs of all who hunger and thirst, for sustenance, and for justice.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REMEMBERING A TRUE MINNESOTAN

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

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the life of St. Cloud native Wheelock Whitney. Mr. Whitney devoted his life to the State of Minnesota and to our community.

Wheelock Whitney was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and joined the Navy following high school. After serving his country, he attended Yale University and went on to become the successful CEO of J.M. Dain & Company until he retired in 1972.

Wheelock's passions, however, expanded far past business. He served as the mayor of Wayzata, Minnesota, and ran for the U.S. Senate in 1964. He also ran for Governor of the State of Minnesota in 1982. Wheelock was active in politics throughout his long life. He was also a baseball enthusiast and was instrumental in bringing our beloved Twins to Minnesota.

While Wheelock will, undoubtedly, be remembered for his successful career and many endeavors, many of us will remember him for his charity. Among his many charitable efforts, Wheelock served as the chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and he cofounded the John-

son Institute, which helps fight addiction.

Wheelock Whitney was a man with a great heart. He lived to help others and strived to make Minnesota a wonderful place to live, and we will all miss him.

THE FAILURE OF HOUSE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in Congress have failed to pass a budget or to adequately address the health crises that we have brewing in this country, including one in my own hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Now, this week, Speaker RYAN is trying to distract the focus from Republican Party leader and presumptive nominee Donald Trump's racist and bigoted remarks toward Mexican Americans and Muslim Americans.

Releasing white papers is not enough to offset what the leader of your party is saying every day about American citizens.

Last week, for example, Donald Trump questioned the ability of an American Federal judge to do his job—this is a direct quote—because “he’s a Mexican.” He even doubled down on this extreme position, questioning whether a Muslim American judge could also properly do his job based on his religion, based on his beliefs. These are deeply troubling, racist, un-American comments that cannot be tolerated, that cannot be accepted.

Honestly, if I felt as if the leadership in the House were doing its job to overcome that so as to do its own job and not align with those sorts of statements by allowing its own legislation to fail because of the willingness to fly the Confederate flag, it would be far more acceptable.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia). The Chair will remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities towards presumptive nominees for the Office of the President.

SPEAKER RYAN'S “A BETTER WAY” AGENDA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this week, Speaker of the House PAUL DAVIS RYAN presented a positive program on what Republicans support—A Better Way—which is our vision for a confident America.

Speaker RYAN has outlined a bold Republican agenda that advances meaningful reforms to address poverty, to protect national security, to grow our economy and create jobs, to defend the Constitution, to improve health care, and to reform the Tax Code. The A Better Way program will provide positive opportunities for American families

and will chart the course that challenges all Americans to reach their full potential.

The American Dream should be true for everyone. All should have a chance to make the most of their lives no matter how they start. The optimistic agenda of creating jobs will get America back on track while addressing some of the most serious challenges of our time. I appreciate Speaker RYAN's work to make this a positive and inclusive process by collecting feedback from citizens across the country for A Better Way.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

REMEMBERING COY LUTZ

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the tragic loss and in memory of 19-year-old Coy Lutz, a young man from my hometown of Howard, Pennsylvania, who was killed in a New Jersey rodeo accident.

Coy was a four-time national qualifier and a two-time Pennsylvania State champion in High School Rodeo Associations. He was also a 2015 graduate of the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. He continued his education at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he was majoring in criminal justice.

At the University of Tennessee, Coy was also pursuing his passion for rodeo. Following his death, the university's rodeo coach, John Luthi, said, "Even though he was only here for 1 year, his impact will always be felt here at UT Martin. He was a super human being who always took care of his business. It's hard to imagine why something like this had to happen, but we have faith that God is in control."

My thoughts and prayers remain with the Lutz family, including Coy's parents, Doug and Sabine, along with his sisters, Melanie and Laura.

PFEIFER KIWANIS CAMP AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SANFORD TOLLETTE

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedicated and exceptional work of Mr. Sanford Tollette, the executive director of the Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp in Arkansas.

The camp provides at-risk and underprivileged children throughout Arkansas with the opportunity to enhance their education while experiencing nature and the great outdoors. Originally a summer camp, Mr. Tollette has transformed it into a year-round resi-

dential academic intervention program.

A grateful mother from Arkansas recently shared with me the powerful impact that the camp has had on her daughter's development, allowing her to better interact with her friends and her classmates. Further, the camp has provided critical guidance and information to the mother to help her with her child's development.

Under his leadership, the camp has provided thousands of young Arkansans with the opportunity to grow, learn, and build lasting friendships. I commend Mr. Tollette for his fruitful efforts, and I look forward to his continued success.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1545

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FARENTHOLD) at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

CHECKPOINT OPTIMIZATION AND EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5338) to reduce passenger wait times at airports, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5338

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Checkpoint Optimization and Efficiency Act of 2016".

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that airport checkpoint wait times should not take priority over the security of the Nation's aviation system.

SEC. 3. ENHANCED STAFFING ALLOCATION MODEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Se-

curity Administration shall complete an assessment of the Administration's staffing allocation model to determine the necessary staffing positions at all airports in the United States at which the Administration operates passenger checkpoints.

(b) APPROPRIATE STAFFING.—The staffing allocation model described in subsection (a) shall be based on necessary staffing levels to maintain minimal passenger wait times and maximum security effectiveness.

(c) ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.—In assessing necessary staffing for minimal passenger wait times and maximum security effectiveness referred to in subsection (b), the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall include the use of canine explosives detection teams and technology to assist screeners conducting security checks.

(d) TRANSPARENCY.—The Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall share with aviation security stakeholders the staffing allocation model described in subsection (a), as appropriate.

(e) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.—The Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall require each Federal Security Director to engage on a regular basis with the appropriate aviation security stakeholders to exchange information regarding airport operations, including security operations.

(f) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall review the staffing allocation model described in subsection (a) and report to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the results of such review.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF STAFFING RESOURCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To the greatest extent practicable, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall direct that Transportation Security Officers with appropriate certifications and training are assigned to passenger and baggage security screening functions and that other Administration personnel who may not have certification and training to screen passengers or baggage are utilized for tasks not directly related to security screening, including restocking bins and providing instructions and support to passengers in security lines.

(b) ASSESSMENT AND REASSIGNMENT.—The Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall conduct an assessment of headquarters personnel and reassign appropriate personnel to assist with airport security screening activities on a permanent or temporary basis, as appropriate.

SEC. 5. TSA STAFFING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall take the following actions:

(1) Utilize the Administration's Behavior Detection Officers for passenger and baggage security screening, including the verification of traveler documents, particularly at designated PreCheck lanes to ensure that such lanes are operational for use and maximum efficiency.

(2) Make every practicable effort to grant additional flexibility and authority to Federal Security Directors in matters related to checkpoint and checked baggage staffing allocation and employee overtime in furtherance of maintaining minimal passenger wait times and maximum security effectiveness.