

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as it celebrates its 85th anniversary this year. Since its founding, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey has provided quality, accessible insurance to its customers. Its commitment to the service and benefit of its policyholders is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The oldest and largest health insurer in New Jersey, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon) was established in 1932 as the Associated Hospitals of Essex County, Inc. and today serves more than 3.8 million residents. It is also New Jersey's largest Medicaid insurer, covering 841,000 patients. Additionally, Horizon provides a substantial impact on the economic growth of New Jersey as well as thousands of employment opportunities to New Jersey residents.

Horizon strives to fulfill its mission of improving the well-being of its members and the overall health care industry through a comprehensive approach to medical care. In addition to its medical, dental and prescription insurance coverage, Horizon offers patient support programs, case management, around-the-clock medical advice and lifestyle wellness resources.

Supporting local community organizations through the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, Horizon aims to improve the health of individuals across New Jersey. Since its inception in 2004, the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey has given \$47.8 million in grants to various organizations, including the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Jersey. Horizon's employee Horizon Cares program also provides hands-on volunteer assistance to neighborhoods across the state.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the 85th anniversary of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. The company continues to uphold its mission to providing outstanding services to its customers and New Jersey's communities.

**U.S. WANTS TO COMPETE FOR A
WORLD EXPO ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act (H.R. 534).

World Expos are gatherings of millions of people from around the globe exploring ideas, innovation and international understanding. A World Expo is a six month long event that highlights the very best that the host city and nation has to offer in science, technology, innovation, and culture. It is no wonder that states and cities across the United States are

interested in competing on the global stage and hosting a World Expo. A city that hosts a World Expo instantly becomes a global destination.

My home state of Minnesota is competing against Buenos Aires, Argentina and Lodz, Poland to host the 2023 World Expo. Minnesota's bid intends to focus on health innovation based on the theme "Wellness and Well-Being for All." Minnesota's healthcare industry is advanced, global, and innovative—and it deserves the spotlight. Hosting the World Expo in 2023 would be a remarkable event for the people of my state.

Unfortunately, an American state or city competing to host a World Expo is currently at an almost insurmountable disadvantage because the United States is not a member of the Bureau of International Expositions (BIE)—the governing body for World Expos. Unless Congress affirmatively authorizes the State Department to rejoin the BIE, from which the United States withdrew almost two decades ago, it is unlikely that Minnesota or any other state or city will be awarded a World Expo.

The U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act is a bipartisan effort that levels the playing field. It authorizes the Secretary of State to take the steps to rejoin the BIE immediately. By ending this harmful self-imposed isolation from the BIE, the United States will once again be in a position to host a World Expo and showcase the innovation, culture, and beauty of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 534, legislation that lets our country compete for the many benefits provided by hosting a World Expo.

**HONORING THOMAS KIBLER OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Thomas Kibler, for his retirement after 26 years in local law enforcement.

Mr. Kibler has served as a patrol officer and/or a criminal investigator with the Northern York County Regional Police, the North Middleton Township Police and finally with the Carroll Township Police. Mr. Kibler has earned numerous commendations and awards for his police work and also served our Nation honorably in the United States Army Reserve. He'll continue to serve our fellow citizens in a new role with the Pennsylvania Capitol Police.

Mr. Kibler's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our community truly is admirable.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate Thomas Kibler on his retirement from local law enforcement and wish him Godspeed in his future adventures.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL OFFICIALS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT EQUALITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Federal Officials Residency Requirement Equality Act, a bill that would amend federal law to require certain federal officials who serve the District of Columbia to actually live within its boundaries. In nearly every other jurisdiction in the United States, federal district court judges, U.S. Attorneys, and U.S. Marshals are required by federal law to reside within the jurisdictions where they have been appointed—but these same officials appointed to serve the people of the District are not bound by these same requirements. Even in the territories that have such officials, the officials must live in those districts, other than the U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal appointed for the Northern Mariana Islands who at the same time are serving in the same capacity in another district. The only other exceptions exist for such officials appointed to the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York, which are the only districts that serve different parts of the same city. My bill would put D.C. on equal footing with almost every other jurisdiction by ensuring that our Marshals, judges, and U.S. Attorney live among the residents they have been appointed to represent.

Clearly, the idea that these federal officials ought to live in the jurisdictions they serve is a significant one—which is why the residency requirement for other jurisdictions is enshrined in federal law. Yet, D.C. was exempt from this requirement based on the now-outdated notion that the District is too congested and small to house these appointed officials. The District is a vibrant and bustling city with a diverse populace who deserve direct engagement on the part of its federal judges, U.S. attorney, and Marshals. My bill recognizes the fact that D.C. deserves the same type of community involvement by these federal officials as nearly every jurisdiction.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**AVIATION EMPLOYEE SCREENING
AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2017**

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 876. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

U.S. CONGRESS,

Washington, DC, April 26, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost

estimate for H.R. 876, the Aviation Employee Screening and Security Enhancement Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director*.

Enclosure.

H.R. 876—AVIATION EMPLOYEE SCREENING AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2017

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on March 8, 2017

SUMMARY

H.R. 876 would direct the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to pursue a variety of activities aimed at improving

aviation security, particularly by enhancing vetting and screening of aviation workers and controlling their access to secure areas of airports. Based on an analysis of information from TSA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 876 would cost \$41 million over the 2017–2022 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 876 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 876 would impose intergovernmental and private-sector mandates as defined in

the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) on airport operators and air carriers. Based on information from the TSA and airport officials, CBO estimates that the total costs of the mandates on public and private entities would fall well below the annual thresholds established in UMRA for intergovernmental and private-sector mandates (\$78 million and \$156 million in fiscal year 2017, respectively, adjusted annually for inflation).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 876 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2017–2022
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	15	7	7	7	7	43
Estimated Outlays	0	11	8	8	7	7	41

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the end of 2017, that the necessary amount will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns.

H.R. 876 would require TSA to identify, in collaboration with airport operators and the TSA’s Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC), advanced technologies—particularly biometric identification technologies—for entrances and exits used by employees to access secure areas of airports. Under the bill, TSA could pursue a qualified products list (QPL) of such technologies, which would require several full time staff and ongoing collaborative efforts to develop and implement systems to test the full spectrum of commercially available technologies and recommend products manufactured by specific vendors. Because the bill would not require TSA to develop an official QPL, CBO expects that the agency would fulfill the bill’s requirement by identifying broad types or categories of technologies that would serve airports’ security needs. That effort would still involve several staff to assess existing and emerging technologies, on an ongoing basis, in collaboration with airport operators and the ASAC. Based on an analysis of information provided by the TSA about the cost of similar efforts, CBO estimates the agency would spend between \$4 million and \$5 million annually—or \$23 million over the 2017–2022 period—to implement this provision.

CBO estimates that implementing other provisions of H.R. 876 would cost \$18 million over the 2017–2022 period. That amount includes \$2 million annually for increased covert testing of employee screening at certain airports—an increase of roughly 10 percent over existing funding levels. The remaining \$8 million would be for a one-time study of measures used to secure entrances and exits used by employees to access the secure areas of airports. That estimate is based on the historical costs of similar efforts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 876 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 876 would impose intergovernmental and private-sector mandates as defined in

UMRA. The bill would require airport operators and air carriers to provide information to TSA about individuals who have had their security credentials revoked. Additionally, the bill would require airport operators to notify applicants for security credentials about screening procedures and to submit applicants’ social security numbers to TSA. Those provisions would impose an intergovernmental mandate on airport operators and a private-sector mandate on airport operators and air carriers. Based on information from the TSA and airport officials, CBO expects that affected entities would probably report information to TSA electronically and estimates that the costs to submit that information would be small. In total, CBO estimates that the costs on public and private entities would fall well below the annual thresholds established in UMRA for intergovernmental and private-sector mandates (\$78 million and \$156 million in fiscal year 2017, respectively, adjusted annually for inflation).

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RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF BENJAMIN “BEN” MORRIS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 90th birthday of Benjamin “Ben” Morris of Westmoreland County, VA.

Born on May 6, 1927, Ben would attend grade school at Oak Grove School for first through eleventh grade. Upon graduating in 1945, Ben enlisted in the United States Navy to serve in World War II.

By the time Ben completed boot camp in Maryland, the war had ended but the mission to evade Japan was still to take place. He journeyed to California to board a troop ship

that would travel to the Marshall Islands where he would board the USS *Prairie*. The USS *Prairie* traveled the seas of the Pacific, stopping at many islands, until it reached Tokyo, Japan. Ben recalls being amazed at the destruction of the city from the bombing that had occurred. After his naval tour of 15 months, he returned to his home in Montross, VA to begin working with his father at L.A. Clark Company, producing railroad ties.

In 1950, Ben and his older brother built a lumber mill. He was married that year and him and his wife would have three boys and a daughter together. In 1951, Northern Neck Lumber, Inc. opened for business in Warsaw, VA. After his brother’s death, Ben continued to run the business as President until 1995 when he retired. Ben’s two sons continue to run the business today.

Ben served on the Board of The Bank of Montross for 34 years until it was sold. Ben is a member of St. James Episcopal Church where he has served on the Vestry several times.

Ben has enjoyed the pleasures of the Northern Neck: golfing, fishing, boating, and hunting. He is proud of his three children from his first marriage who have blessed him with nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Ben and his current wife of 33 years live in Montross, and her two children and five grandchildren have been part of an ever growing family.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing Ben for many years and am honored to recognize him and to celebrate his 90th birthday. On behalf the millions of Americans that he has selflessly served through his military service and service to his community, I thank him and wish him the happiest of birthdays.

TRIBUTE TO COACH KEN SPARKS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, many Tennesseans care about the Three “F’s” in life: Faith, Family, and Football.

One outstanding Tennessean in particular, Coach Ken Sparks, incorporated his love for all three of these into his amazing life.