

years? How are our kids going to be able to operate in this bridge we are creating to this new economy?

One of the things we need to do is we need to wire the country. We need to have the most sophisticated, broadband capabilities in every corner of the country so that every community can participate in the new economy that is driven by a digital world.

We have companies, for example, in Youngstown, where we don't have a whole lot of broadband in Youngstown. We don't have a whole lot of penetration for broadband in Youngstown. We have companies that are very sophisticated that try to get defense work or work with defense contractors that actually are put at a disadvantage because they don't, and we don't, have the broadband capability for them to be able to download the kind of files they need to be able to download in order to get the contracts they need to do the advanced manufacturing work. So not having broadband in your community would be like not having a road going in and out of your community, or waterlines going in and out of your community 50, 60, 70 years ago.

Do you want to start a factory and create jobs? How are you going to get the raw materials in and the product out if you don't have a road? The same concept with broadband in a 2017, 2027, 2037, 2047 economy. So this is a great investment.

The World Bank has studied this. They have said that every 10 percentage-point increase in broadband penetration equals 1.2 percent growth in your GDP. So you are making these investments and you are growing your economy at the same time.

I think we go to these coal miners who have been put out of work, we go to the steelworkers who have been put out of work, we go to the autoworkers who have been put out of work through the deindustrialization, through globalization and automation, and we say: You are hired. You are going to get on-the-job training. This isn't going to be: We are going to train you for some job that may or may not come. You are hired in America 2.0. You are going to work. You are going to lay broadband.

We need to upgrade our energy grids. We need smart grids that are more efficient, more secure, and less prone to terrorist attacks—more efficient, can communicate with the end user better so you know how much money you are spending when you wash your clothes. And you may go off hour so you can wash them at a different time and save a little money on your energy bill, money in your pocket because we make these investments.

You are going to work now on the smart grid. You are hired. And this country, as wealthy as we are, we are going to pay for it. We are going to build it, and we are going to change the trajectory of our country, and we are going to be ready to play ball in the economy.

So these workers that we are hiring that may be 50 or 55 years old, they don't know how they are going to get to retirement, they are hired. They are hired. And this is no make-work job because we feel bad for you. This is a job we need you to have in order for you to change the trajectory of our country for your kids and for your grandkids. If we don't make these investments, if we don't make this happen, America is going to be bringing up the rear.

We have got a great dynamic economy still, even with the stagnation that we have. We have just got to make a few key investments and not get caught up in this polarized political discussion that is getting us nowhere. Nobody in this Chamber suffers. Everybody in this Chamber draws a paycheck. They have got a job.

It is the family in Youngstown, it is the family in Gary, Indiana, it is the family in Milwaukee that suffers because we have failed to make the basic investments that this country has always made—always: the interstate highway, the intercontinental railroad, land grant colleges, NASA, the space program. Look at all of the technologies that spun out of NASA—in health, telecommunications, energy—because we said, “We are going to the Moon”; and it was as much about going to the Moon and about spinning off new technologies and saying, “We can figure out how to go to the Moon” because we were committed, as a country, to do great things.

And now we are committed to tweeting about some nonsensical show that is on TV or some backhanded comment that somebody gives. There is too much at stake. Every time we do that, we fall further and further and further behind.

One other piece of America 2.0, and the final piece or two I will share tonight, is green energy, resuscitating manufacturing in the United States. How do we do it?

I know we have discussions here about climate change. Some people say it is not happening. Some people say it is not man made. It is an important point to make that 98 percent of scientists who have reviewed all of the literature on this say it is happening and it is caused by man. I think that is an important point. But let's set that aside.

How do we help people with their energy bill and how do we resuscitate manufacturing in the United States? I believe that, if we move towards a green economy, we will have a renaissance in manufacturing, and let me tell you why. Because for every windmill that we put up, there are 8,000 component parts to the windmill: gearshifts, hydraulics, steel, aluminum, plastics, all kinds of things, bolts. There is a sidewalk mile of concrete in a windmill.

□ 2015

These are things we make in this country. These are things we make in

northeast Ohio. Talk to Timken; talk to Parker Hannifin; talk to some of these energy companies that make solar panels. That stuff needs manufacturing. And we can do it here in the United States with the smart energy grid, and broadband, and use renewable energy to increase our manufacturing base, reduce our carbon footprint in our country and around the world, export the technologies and the stuff that we make, and put people back to work.

What is the matter with this? What is wrong with this picture?

We have a country now that is more reliable on renewable energy, that is increasing our manufacturing base, that is putting people back to work.

To me, that makes a lot of sense. So these families that are struggling—because we will be making a heck of a lot more solar panels than we are now—we can start getting these solar panels up on people's homes and reducing their energy cost. So if we do the smart grids and we do the solar panels, and we start reducing people's energy costs in their homes, you are putting money in their pocket, you are starting to close that gap a little bit, you are starting to reduce that anxiety a little bit, and you are starting to get us into new technologies and new ideas that are going to lead to growth.

So let's build out the country. Let's build out our roads, bridges, ports, and airports. Let's extend broadband to every corner of the country and hire Americans to go do this work. Let's redo our grid and extend it so that we can get this renewable energy all across the country; put people to work doing that; resuscitate our manufacturing base; and change the trajectory of our country so that our kids are wired, prepared, and living in a country that is ready to lead the world again in some of the great challenges that face us.

That is the outline of America 2.0. In my mind, that is the direction we need to go in. It starts, Mr. Speaker, by getting people back to work, by us getting focused and being disciplined, and talking about the things and figuring out how to work out the deals that need to be worked out here in order to help those people back home.

That is our obligation because the generations before us—whether it was the Intercontinental Railroad, or the social justice movement, or the equality movement, or the interstate highway, or the land-grant colleges, or NASA—gave us a pretty good world to grow up in. And now it is our obligation to take this to the next level and create the next version of America.

Create America 2.0.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 255. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women.

H.R. 321. An act to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2016, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	10/29	10/30	Haiti		226.00		439.56				665.56
Edward Acevedo	10/28	10/30	Haiti		236.00		1,077.61				1,313.61
Sadaf Khan	10/28	10/30	Haiti		512.00		1,064.16				1,576.16
Douglas Seay	10/17	10/19	Latvia		303.37		1,388.06				1,691.43
	10/19	10/21	Lithuania		400.44						400.44
Sarah Blocher	10/17	10/19	Latvia		411.55		1,388.06				1,799.61
	10/19	10/21	Lithuania		617.40						617.40
Jason Steinbaum	10/17	10/19	Latvia		437.13		3,182.46				3,619.59
	10/19	10/21	Lithuania		408.66						408.66
Scott Cullinane	10/23	10/25	Belgium		558.00		3,089.76				3,647.76
	10/25	10/28	Italy		863.00						863.00
Philip Bednarczyk	10/23	10/25	Belgium		578.00		3,696.16				4,274.16
	10/25	10/28	Italy		888.00						888.00
Kyle Parker	10/23	10/25	Belgium		578.00		3,166.56				3,744.56
	10/25	10/28	Italy		888.00						888.00
Hon. Eliot L. Engel	12/19	12/21	Israel		1,117.00		11,111.79				12,228.79
Mira Resnick	12/19	12/21	Israel		1,119.00		10,404.39				11,523.39
Hon. Eliot L. Engel	11/19	11/20	Dominican Republic		276.00		380.56				656.56
Hon. Lee Zeldin	12/26	12/26	Qatar				7,560.36				7,560.36
	12/27	12/28	Afghanistan		33.00		(³)				33.00
	12/28	12/29	Qatar		388.61						388.61
Kristen Marquardt	10/29	10/30	Bahrain		315.00		5,065.86				5,380.86
	10/30	11/2	United Arab Emirates		1,561.00						1,561.00
	11/2	11/4	Oman		1,165.09						1,165.09
Matthew Zweig	10/29	10/30	Bahrain		315.00		5,065.86				5,380.86
	10/30	11/2	United Arab Emirates		1,561.00						1,561.00
	11/2	11/4	Oman		1,120.09						1,120.09
Mira Resnick	10/30	11/2	United Arab Emirates		1,530.77		5,350.66				6,881.43
	11/2	11/4	Oman		965.40						965.40
Thomas Hill	10/9	10/11	South Korea		849.84		7,527.92				8,377.76
	10/11	10/13	Taiwan		530.89						530.89
	10/13	10/15	Thailand		492.05						492.05
Hunter Strupp	10/9	10/11	South Korea		708.17		5,206.56				5,914.73
	10/11	10/13	Taiwan		532.40						532.40
	10/13	10/15	Thailand		483.97						483.97
Timothy Mulvey	10/9	10/11	South Korea		849.84		7,527.92				8,377.76
	10/11	10/13	Taiwan		530.89						530.89
	10/13	10/15	Thailand		492.05						492.05
Hon. Gerald Connolly	11/22	11/23	Turkey		353.00						353.00
Committee total					25,195.61		83,694.27		435.27		109,325.15

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

* Indicates Delegation Costs.

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE, Chairman, Jan. 31, 2017.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2016

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Chris Smith	12/18	12/21	Iraq				11,735.42				11,735.42
Mark Milosch	12/18	12/21	Iraq				11,815.42				11,815.42
Erika Schlager	9/17	10/1	Poland	Zloty	3,808.00		11,395.56				15,203.56
	10/16	10/21	Austria	Euro	1,610.00		12,244.26				13,854.26
	12/4	12/10	Germany	Euro	1,758.00		12,190.46				13,948.46
Janice Helwig	9/18	10/1	Poland	Zloty	3,536.00		2,048.60				5,584.60
	10/1	12/31	Austria	Euro	29,624.00						29,624.00
	12/4	12/10	Germany	Euro	1,758.00		977.90				2,735.90
Robert Hand	9/28	10/3	Macedonia	Denar	786.00		2,433.46				3,219.46
Everett Price	10/3	10/13	Austria	Euro	5,108.47		6,368.32				11,476.79
			Turkey	Lira							
	12/18	12/21	Iraq				5,220.42				5,220.42
Alex Tiersky	10/15	10/21	Austria	Euro	1,932.00		1,821.26				3,753.26
Paul Massaro	10/15	10/22	Austria	Euro	2,254.00		2,008.76				4,262.76
Nathaniel Hurd	12/18	12/21	Iraq				9,170.42				9,170.42
Committee total					52,174.47		89,430.26				141,604.73

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH, Co-Chairman, Feb. 7, 2017.