

Smith (WA)	Torres	Wasserman
Smucker	Trott	Schultz
Soto	Tsongas	Waters, Maxine
Speier	Turner	Watson Coleman
Stefanik	Upton	Weber (TX)
Stewart	Valadao	Webster (FL)
Stivers	Vargas	Welch
Swalwell (CA)	Veasey	Wenstrup
Takano	Vela	Westerman
Taylor	Velázquez	Williams
Tenney	Wagner	Wilson (SC)
Thompson (CA)	Walberg	Wittman
Thompson (MS)	Walden	Womack
Thompson (PA)	Walker	Woodall
Thornberry	Walorski	Yarmuth
Tiberi	Walters, Mimi	Young (AK)
Tipton	Walz	Young (IA)
Tonko		Zeldin

NAYS—11

Amash	Hunter	Meadows
Gaetz	Jones	Sanford
Garrett	Massie	Yoho
Gosar	McSally	

NOT VOTING—23

Aderholt	Holding	Ryan (OH)
Buchanan	Maloney	Simpson
Cárdenas	Carolyn B.	Slaughter
Carson (IN)	Marino	Suozi
Castro (TX)	Rice (SC)	Titus
Duncan (SC)	Rohrabacher	Visclosky
Grijalva	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (FL)
Gutiérrez	Rush	Yoder

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Mr. SANFORD changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE FOOD TRUST

(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 today as chairman of the Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition to honor The Food Trust on celebrating 25 years of helping improve food security in Pennsylvania.

The Food Trust is a nonprofit founded in 1992 in Philadelphia that works to develop a stable food supply in underserved communities, educate youth and family about healthy eating, and improve the connection between urban communities and regional farmers.

A number of Food Trust programs have become national models that have expanded beyond Philadelphia to other regions in need of healthy food access and nutrition education. The Food Trust provides nutrition education for youth and adults in Philadelphia and the wider region, serving more than 70,000 lower-income individuals.

It also increases access to nutritious food in underserved communities by operating a network of 22 farmers markets in lower-income city neighborhoods, which accept SNAP benefits for the use of onsite wireless card readers.

I commend The Food Trust for the fine work it does promoting food education and to ensure that no one goes hungry in America.

Congratulations on 25 years.

CALLING FOR INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF THE KREMLIN

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, as revelations of Russian interference in our democracy continue to emerge, the need for a full and transparent investigation by an independent commission could not be more clear. The reason is simple: We need badly to restore trust in our government.

Though the House and Senate Intelligence Committees have begun related inquiries, neither will have fully investigated the activities of the Kremlin or its agents. Not a single member of the administration has testified under oath about their contacts with Moscow. The inherent politicization of these committees has made it nearly impossible for any congressional body to render the nonpartisan, irrefutable answers the American people deserve.

As a member of the House Oversight Committee, I echo Senator JOHN MCCAIN’s call that Congress “no longer has the credibility to handle this alone.” Now is the time for an independent commission to fully investigate the ties between the Kremlin and the White House, along with Russia’s broader interference in our democracy.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

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

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago yesterday, ground was broken on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Today, there are 58,272 names listed on that memorial. We still have work to do.

There are 1,615 names listed as MIA. As a Vietnam veteran, I want to call your attention to all of the men and women who served, the 2.7 million who served in Vietnam, a lot of whom are with us today, and a lot of those who will continue to celebrate the losses of our comrades.

Please remember that we all served honorably at the request of our government, and we will continue to serve as long as the cause is just.

CALLING FOR INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON OUR DEMOCRACY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, courageous Russians took to the streets to protest the repressive Russian Government led by Vladimir

Putin. All of our major newspapers report the stories of these brave souls.

Their protests were met by brutal tactics of Putin’s Russia, which bludgeoned opposition, and, even worse, in the case of Denis Voronenkov, a former Russian member of parliament, who, on March 23, had spoken against Putin and Kremlin policies and was shot in broad daylight outside a hotel.

Ukraine’s President Petro Poroshenko pointed the finger at Russian authorities, calling the assassination an act of state terrorism. Political assassinations are not new to Russia. Violent tactics are what we have come to expect from Putin’s Russia.

As we follow the facts on the Trump administration’s ties to Russia, I urge my colleagues to think of the violence and assault on our democratic values that happen daily at the hands of Putin’s Russia.

As we learned last week, this includes Russia’s attacks on our democracy here at home. Congress must leave no stone unturned and get to the bottom of these shady connections through empowering an independent commission.

America leads when it protects our basic values as the global champion for liberty and freedom throughout the world.

INF TREATY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, recently, U.S. officials stated that Russia deployed a fully operational cruise missile. This is a violation of the arms control treaty between the United States and Russia.

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty bans the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing, or testing a ground-launched cruise missile with a range capability of 500 to 5,000 kilometers.

We have suspected Russia of violating the treaty in the past—for at least the last 10 years—but the last administration didn’t pay much attention to it. He asked the State Department to gently ask the Russians to please come back into compliance, but that did not work. So last year, in the NDAA bill, Representative MIKE ROGERS and I sanctioned Russia for INF violations for the first time.

Now we have introduced H.R. 1182, preparing the United States to develop its own missiles. It is not in the United States’ national security interest to abide by a treaty when we are the only ones abiding by it.

And that is just the way it is.

ABOUT GOVERNANCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the question we raise this evening is about

governance. In the debacle of last Friday, when the administration failed to carry forward on its promise to pass the worst healthcare bill in the history of the United States, the administration offered a definition or an explanation: the ACA was exploding. It is not exploding. The CBO has indicated that the ACA needs improving, but it has insured some 20 million-plus people and protected children—unlike the administration's bill, Mr. Trump's bill which, in fact, would throw 24 million people off of health care and cut \$880 billion. It is about governance.

That is why it is important to have a full investigation of the Russian collusion of all of those who are involved in Mr. Trump's campaign, and in his administration, including very close members of his senior staff.

That is why we should have a full investigation, which would include the Judiciary Committee. I demand that the classified documents that we have requested in a bipartisan letter should be given to the Judiciary Committee, and we should begin investigations on whether there are any questions of criminality.

It is about governance, Mr. Speaker; and the House of Representatives must know the truth so the American people can know the truth.

#### STAND STRONG AGAINST PREJUDICE

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make it very clear that the people's House stands strong against prejudice.

Since January, we have seen a disturbing rise in bomb threats and violence targeted at Jewish Community Centers all over the country, including the Stroum Jewish Community Center in Mercer Island, Washington.

Our Nation is better than this. Today I am joining one of the strongest leaders I know on this issue—Representative KUSTOFF—in introducing the Combating Anti-Semitism Act. This bill is a direct response to the bad actors who are terrorizing our neighbors and friends.

If you threaten someone because of who or how they worship, this bill ensures you will be prosecuted for committing a hate crime. No matter your background, your religion, your walk of life, you should be safe and free to worship without fear in this country. With this bill, we are supporting our Jewish communities all across the country, and I am proud to give it my full support.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO AMERICANS

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the American people for what you did over the course of a few months since January, when you found out that your healthcare benefits were threatened by the TrumpCare repeal-and-replace attempt.

Because you went out into the streets, because you marched, because you attended townhall meetings, and you made your feelings known about the fact that you wanted to save the Affordable Care Act, you were successful. You gave backbone to the moderate Republicans who stood up and said no to the Trump replacement.

For that, I congratulate you, and I congratulate the American people.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1695

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1695.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

#### CELEBRATING THE USS "OMAHA"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the past and future of the United States Navy, the strongest and the best Navy in the world.

On this day, March 27, President George Washington signed an "Act to Provide a Naval Armament" authorizing the construction of six frigates, which includes the USS *Constitution*, the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel afloat.

The passage of the Naval Act of 1794 was, in part, a response to threats to American merchant ships from the Barbary pirates in the Mediterranean. 223 years later, the men and women of the U.S. Navy continue to protect the goods and information we transport via ships and undersea cables to our overseas trading partners.

This includes securing the resources and services we import to fuel our industries. Paraphrasing Admiral Jonathan Greenert: the mandate of the Navy in modern times is to be in the right place, at the right time, ready and able to respond.

The 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review signed by then-Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel—may I add a Nebraskan—states that in order to support this mission, we need to "continue to build a future Fleet that is able to deliver the required presence and capabilities and address the most important warfighting scenarios."

In that light, I look forward to the commissioning of the USS *Omaha* this fall, and to congratulating the crew of the newest addition to the United States naval fleet.

The USS *Omaha*, LCS-12, is an Independence-class littoral combat ship, and the fourth ship to bear the name USS *Omaha*. It is a chain dating back to the commissioning of a sloop-of-war in 1869. The last USS *Omaha* was a nuclear attack submarine that served in the Navy from 1978 to 1995.

According to the Omaha World-Herald, a great source of intelligence, the ship is the sixth in line of Independence-class littoral combat ships with a futuristic trimaran design that sits high above the water.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert Work once compared it to a Klingon Bird-of-Prey ship in the movie "Star Trek." The ship was christened on December 19, 2015, by Susie Buffett.

The ship's Latin motto is derived from its namesake, the city of Omaha, Nebraska. It translates to "Courageously in Every Enterprise," which denotes her crew's willingness to brave any future endeavor.

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While I am very proud of the future crew of the USS *Omaha*, I am equally proud of the members of the Nebraska Navy League and their counterparts for supporting the Navy's missions, their personnel, and their families. In an effort to strengthen the connection between the USS *Omaha* and the citizens it serves, the Nebraska Navy League has committed to bringing several members of the crew to our community each year. This endeavor helps to enhance the morale of the Active Duty personnel and their families, but it also helps to inform the American public of the importance of a strong United States Navy.

The people in the Second Congressional District are proud to have a fantastic new ship bearing the name of Omaha. It honors our community and the many men and women from Omaha and the surrounding metro area who proudly serve in the United States Armed Forces.

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

#### WHAT DO WE HAVE TO LOSE: \$54 BILLION IN DOMESTIC SPENDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include any extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?