

Under his leadership, the church has grown exponentially, expanding their vision, attendance, facilities, staff, and outreach.

The congregation supports missionaries across the globe, hosts annual community events, and focuses on developing programs for all age groups within the congregation.

As Bethel Gilead Community Church celebrates 150 years of history, I pray it continues to be a faithful witness of God's love in the Bronson community and beyond.

H.R. 6886, HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR RETURNING TROOPS AND SERVICEMEMBERS ACT OF 2018 (HEARTS ACT)

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to state my concerns regarding H.R. 6886 and the process for considering this bill, and the potential unintended consequences for the Medicare program.

The bill seeks to address the unfortunate circumstances under which a servicemember who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability cannot easily return to the TRICARE program if and when the servicemember becomes able to work again.

I am concerned because this bill did not go through regular order, and was not marked up or considered in any committee of the House of Representatives. It represents a significant change to current law and has impacts on both our healthcare system for active and retired service members, and on the Medicare program. To pass such legislation without an open, transparent, and measured process is disservice to the institution of the House of Representatives and to the American people.

The problem with a failure to adhere to regular order is not just a philosophical one but a practical one. Legislation that has not been vetted properly often has unforeseen or unexpected consequences. We have seen that time and time again. I am concerned that this will also be the case with H.R. 6886. I am concerned about disabled servicemembers moving in and out of the Medicare program, and whether they will be fully informed about the implications of their decision not to enroll in Medicare when they become eligible. I am concerned about the precedent for the Medicare program of folks being able to decline Medicare coverage for other coverage, and how that may undermine the universality of the Medicare program.

I might have been able to be convinced that these concerns could be addressed if we had had a full process with a legislative hearing and a markup, but unfortunately, that is not the case. For these reasons, I must state my concerns regarding this bill and the process we undertook for considering it.

PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST DRONES AND EMERGING THREATS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LEGISLATION

As passed by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2018

On September 25, the House of Representatives passed the following three pieces of legislation:

H.R. 6620, the Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare assessments of the threats presented by unmanned aircraft systems (often called drones) and other emerging threats associated with such new technologies;

H.R. 6735, the Public-Private Cybersecurity Cooperation Act, which would require DHS to establish procedures for people or organizations to report vulnerabilities in the department's information systems; and

H.R. 6740, the Border Tunnel Task Force Act, which would direct DHS to establish task forces to combat threats from cross-border tunnels; the task forces could include personnel from federal, state, local, and tribal agencies.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not significantly affect spending by DHS in any fiscal year because the department could largely implement each act with existing personnel.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

None of the acts contain intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

U.S. CONGRESS,

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

Washington, DC, September 27, 2018.

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. 6620, H.R. 6735, and H.R. 6740, three bills concerning the Department of Homeland Security that were ordered reported by the Committee on Homeland Security on September 13, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

IN RECOGNITION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVANT, SERENA R. "RENNY" MANUEL

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary public servant, Serena R. "Renny" Manuel, whose management of the Winchester Regional Airport in the northern Shenandoah Valley, has established the airport as a critically important asset of the region's dynamic economy. This region of the 10th Congressional District, that includes Frederick County, the City of Winchester and Clarke County, is growing rapidly and the Winchester Regional Airport has become a catalyst for this growth by supporting business aviation, law enforcement, agricultural and life-saving services, air ambulance operations and organ transports, freight and package delivery, as well as recreational activities.

All of these benefits were developed, improved upon and managed by Executive Director Renny Manuel, with the able guidance of the board of directors of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. Starting as an Office Assistant at the airport in 1991, Renny Manuel's extraordinary conscientiousness and reliability, coupled with her humility, humor, and cooperative spirit, caused her to be given progressively greater responsibilities and, in 1999, the Authority officially appointed her Airport Director, in which role she served with distinction until her retirement on July 30th of this year. In addition to skillfully overseeing the day to day operations of the airport and complying with numerous federal and state regulations and orders, Mrs. Manuel's excellence as a team leader was most apparent as she managed numerous complicated capital and airport redevelopment projects, such as the runway rehabilitation design and construction project, the general aviation terminal building renovation, the airfield lighting upgrade, airport perimeter security fencing, the T-hangar apron rehabilitation, land acquisition, relocation and rehabilitation of Taxiway "A", the snow removal plan and equipment project, the wetland mitigation project, and oversight of construction of a second corporate hangar facility.

Airport Director Manuel's reputation for effectiveness and reliability was acknowledged by her colleagues throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia when they asked her to serve as Secretary of the Virginia Airport Operators Council. And in further recognition of the high regard that those in the aviation industry have for her, she was recently presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in recognizing and thanking Winchester Regional Airport Director Renny Manuel for her extraordinarily dedicated service to the people of the northern Shenandoah Valley and ask you and our colleagues to join me in wishing her and her husband much happiness, as they spend more time with family and have more time to travel, in their retirement years.

H.R. 68, TIFFANY JOSLYN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION AND BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House of Representatives I has passed my bill H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act.

Passage of H.R. 68 came about as a result of hard and great teamwork amongst our amazing staff on both sides of the aisle. I am heartened by the work done on this bill along with the other four bills up for unanimous consent. I commend Chairman GOODLATTE's leadership on this effort to help pass H.R. 68. And after 5 years of this bill not being reauthorized, I am pleased that the fight I waged on behalf of Juvenile Justice Reform has been brought to House passage with the support of my Judiciary and House Colleagues.

This bill was named for Tiffany May Joslyn, a champion for criminal justice reform, who served as my Deputy Chief Counsel of the Crime Subcommittee and whose life tragically was cut short on March 5, 2016, in a car accident that sadly also claimed the life of her brother, Derrick. She was just 33 years old.

So today's passage of H.R. 68 is both bitter and sweet. She would have been proud, as she championed these causes. This moment is for both her and for all the countless juveniles that will be helped by this bill.

H.R. 68 will help to stem this epidemic of Juvenile incarceration by reauthorizing the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program (JABG) and providing funding to state and local governments for the creation of bullying and gang prevention programs.

It will authorize such appropriations as may be necessary, which is anticipated to be at least \$30 million per year.

In addition to reauthorizing juvenile justice programs, H.R. 68 clarifies how to address the occurrences of bullying through developmentally appropriate intervention and prevention techniques, which center on evidence-based models and best practices that rely on schools and communities rather than involvement from law enforcement and the justice system.

H.R. 68 is designed to help both the victims and perpetrators of bullying. Research studies have shown that approximately 25 percent of school bullies will be convicted of a criminal offense in their adult years.

It also includes provisions for gang prevention programs, which will help guide our children towards socially beneficial paths. If we want our children to learn, we must be able to maintain a safe and healthy school environment. Bullying is a massive issue in our nation's schools.

The National Center for Educational Studies reports show that 14 percent of 12- to 18-year-olds surveyed report being victims of direct or indirect bullying. 1 out of 4 kids is bullied.

Bullying is not just in a schoolyard anymore; it is a crisis that's taking over our nation. Gone

are the days that children can come home and seek solace and escape from their bullies; technological advances have made it easy for young people to be tormented on social networks at any time from any place.

They are never out of harm's reach. This needs to end. Americans children should be protected, and no child should be persecuted for exercising their American right to be themselves. It is time for us to come to a conclusive solution to America's bullying crisis. My bill, H.R. 68, the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act, provides the solution that we need.

This is why I urge my colleagues in the Senate to take up and pass H.R. 68 so that we may keep all of our children safe.

CAMPAIGN FOR YOUTH JUSTICE,
September 28, 2018.

HON. PAUL RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

HON. ROBERT W. GOODLATTE,
Chair, Judiciary Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

HON. JERROLD NADLER,
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN, LEADER PELOSI, CHAIRMAN GOODLATTE, AND RANKING MEMBER NADLER: As the House of Representatives considers critical aspects of criminal justice reform, the Campaign for Youth Justice encourages you to support H.R. 68, the "Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program Grant Reauthorization Act of 2017."

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant expired in 2013 and in the past five years has gone unfunded by the federal government. The expiration of this block grant program has greatly limited state's abilities to implement effective, age appropriate accountability and prevention measures to ensure children get needed services and that communities remain safe.

H.R. 68 updates the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) to reflect current research and practice. Key provisions in the bill include incentives for states to use graduated sanctions and incentives grounded in positive youth development, providing enhanced anti-bullying measures, and youth violence prevention and intervention services. It also updates the JABG to include evidence-based practices such as trauma informed practices and mental health care.

Federal support for juvenile justice programming has suffered greatly in the past decade, with funding decreasing nearly 50% to states. Reauthorizing this important program, with recommended funding levels of \$30 million, would make a tremendous difference to youth, families and communities.

We thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

MARCY MISTRETT,
CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2018

SPEECH OF

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that Congress included Section 131,

subsection (1) in the final version of H.R. 302, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

This provision amends section 47107(a)(17) of title 49, United States Code, to ensure that Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) is used for any contracts and subcontracts for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping, and related services for projects that use Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding in any phase. Thus, FAA would be precluded from funding any parts of the project using AIP funds if the QBS process is or was not used in the selection of professional service providers for the above activities.

This provision is intended to ensure that high-quality design, engineering, and architectural services are procured through a QBS process, including when an airport sponsor uses AIP for construction activities. QBS has long been used by the federal government and federal-aid grant programs to ensure the best-qualified companies are selected for pre-construction designs and activities that will result in high-quality, cost-saving construction projects.

I was pleased to work with my colleague Congressman DAN LIPINSKI from Illinois on the important measure and we look forward to its implementation.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JASON
GERHARDT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jason Gerhardt of Glenwood, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jason is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 243 in Glenwood and he attends Glenwood Community High School.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jason decided to renovate the bleachers at Lil' Rams football field as his Eagle Scout project. Jason was a former football player and he could see how the bleachers had deteriorated and were in need of repair. Jason and his parents, Janet and Jason Gerhardt, the Lil' Rams football team, the Glenwood Rotary Club, and a local welder helped financially and with the new construction. The work ethic Jason has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jason and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House