

fact, even those in the Trump administration, in the intelligence community, have enthusiastically and loudly declared that Russia interfered with the 2016 election, and they may and are preparing to do so in the 2018 election and 2020.

So the President's private behavior and efforts to cover it up have now generated three separate lawsuits. I don't particularly call upon that as a crucial element, except for those of us who know security and intelligence issues. Anything that can weaken you makes you vulnerable to individuals who need your information or need you to work for them. That is a well-known fact. If it is not well known, go to any spy movie and know that the vulnerability is what your operatives attack.

Now we have no fewer than three separate lawsuits dealing with his inappropriate behavior. In each case, his exposure grows. A particularly unseemly aspect of this silencing campaign is the enforcement of onerous nondisclosure agreements. So we will see a long journey of these particular items, these particular individuals coming before the cameras.

But I do want to say that there are women across the Nation who may not have this high-profile perpetrator, and I want to say to them and to the athletes who told their story in a Michigan courtroom that the Me Too movement is not temporary and fleeting, and the Me Too movement will continue to embrace you and secure you and safeguard you, and we hope that you will continue to do and tell the truth so that you can be healed and that you can be heard.

Over the last couple of days, the constant berating—constant berating of this special counsel has been frivolous, and let me tell you why. Although the special counsel has since indicted—or let me rephrase that. The special counsel is not doing frivolous work. The special counsel has since indicted three companies and 19 individuals, including the President's former National Security Advisor, his former campaign chairman, his deputy campaign chairman, and secured guilty pleas from five individuals, including three senior members of the Trump campaign. Trump continues to decry the special counsel's investigation as a hoax.

Republican colleagues would not even allow simple language in the omnibus bill to protect the special counsel to allow him to do his work; although, TREY GOWDY has indicated that his work should go on. And then, to attempt to suggest that the special counsel is going after him personally as a Republican, a Democrat, or that it is a witch hunt, I argue vigorously against it.

We need to find out the truth about Russia. We need to find out the truth about those who are surrounding this administration. We need to have an administration, whether it is his or anyone else, to be pure in their commitment to the American people. And the

truth should come out, and no one, regardless of their party affiliation, should try to undermine Special Counsel Mueller.

So I would make the argument: We leave on a recess; we are on our phones; we are on our emails ready to launch back to Washington to respond to any constitutional crisis; but over and above that issue, though that is juxtaposed right alongside, is the plea to this administration that we cannot and you cannot adhere to two leaders or two bosses. Either you adhere to the boss of the American people, whose safety and security are in your hands, or you play footsies with a dictator who is not unwilling to kill his own citizens with nerve gas on foreign soil.

Which will you choose, to be associated with this person who has wounded his own nation with human rights violations, women's rights violations, with an economy, with people locked up in jail, with family members who can never be found, with poisoning his own citizens, or are you going to stand with the American people and the men and women in the United States military who are on the front lines every day fighting against those despots and standing for the American people?

That is what we need to hear. And until we hear something different—and a mea culpa about the 2016 election, no one should put their hands on Director Mueller. All I can say is that his work should continue. I should not be involved with it; committees should not be involved with it; other leaders should not be involved with it.

Mr. Mueller should proceed with his work. It is painful. All of us would say so. But, frankly, it is the red, white, and blue. It is on behalf of the American people, Mr. Speaker.

And with that and my plea for power towards Mr. Putin on behalf of the American people and for dignity for this President on behalf of the American people, I yield back the balance of my time.

KENNEDY-KING NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SITE

Mr. CURTIS (during the Special Order of Ms. JACKSON LEE). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4851) to establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

In section 3, strike subsection (d).

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ESTES of Kansas). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to address this Hallowed Hall, sometimes more hallowed than others, but today was a bit of a sad day for some of us. The Federalist reported the headline: Congress Rushes Towards Spending Vote to Prevent a Shutdown.

"Congressional leaders released a \$1.3 trillion government spending plan for the rest of the fiscal year and asked lawmakers to begin voting on it with only hours to read and analyze the 2,232-page text.

"The measure is wide ranging, with funds for fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border, combating opioid addiction and building new roads, along with incentives to bolster reporting to a database for gun-buyer background checks."

I have got to assert, Mr. Speaker, that this fix NICS bill, as it's been called, leaves in place a practice that has been going on. It grieved me greatly that Republicans would rush to embrace this thing, which allows the practice that the Obama administration started that administrative procedures by unelected, unaccountable-to-voters bureaucrats could decide people were not, in their opinion, entitled to have their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

We have heard accounts of people who didn't realize that they were being questioned in a way that would be used to take their guns away and their right to keep and bear arms to protect themselves, to engage in self-defense, and the VA is the most notorious. Simply asking a question like, "Who takes care of your checkbook finances?" and answer anything like, "Oh, my wife takes care of that," then a matter of weeks later, a letter is received saying you don't have a right to have a gun.

It is amazing that the Obama administration would start such an unconstitutional practice, and it is, to me, even more grievous that Republicans would participate in a bill that says it is going to correct a problem and make America safer when, actually, what it does will not make a difference in the mass shootings that have occurred.

But in the tradition of Congress, if there is a problem, too often people in this body feel it is not important that we do something that will make a difference; it is just important that we look like we are doing something. That is really where the fix NICS bill came into play.

It really wouldn't make people safer. It will add some restrictiveness, and it allows this heinous practice of having some bureaucrat at the VA just decide that a veteran who served his or her

Nation valiantly, qualified to use a weapon, can't have a weapon.

□ 1445

Forget the Constitution. We are the VA, and we decide you don't get one. Rather egregious.

But most egregious of all, we have about half a year to go, and we just voted \$1.3 trillion to be spent between now and the end of the fiscal year, which ends midnight September 30. Quite tragic.

And we are told, over and over, by pollsters that the American public doesn't want to hear about process, how laws are made, or if some rules are violated. They don't care about those things.

But the fact is, just like America and each State has laws, and if those laws are not observed, we hasten the demise of a Democratic Republic, this little experiment in self-government.

And when it comes to the rules of the House, when we don't go through the normal regular orders, it is called, which just means following the rules for how we pass a law, then the product is not going to be nearly as good.

And that is what we have in the bill that was passed today. It is really immoral. Going back as far as we are aware in North America, parents have traditionally wanted for their child or their children more opportunity, better opportunity, a better life, than the parent had growing up and going forward.

Yet, now for the last 50 years, we have had generations engaged in being all about themselves, and that includes my generation. Not all of us, but enough that we could pass a bill a month or so ago and then pass another one today that heaps hundreds of billions of dollars of debt onto our children, our grandchildren, that they didn't run up.

This is totally different. It is so immoral. It is totally different from what generations of Americans have wanted: something better for their kids.

Yet here we are. It is as if we go into a bank and say: I need a loan. Well, what is your collateral? How are you going to pay? Oh, I am not going to pay. I can't pay. But I have got all my children, got some grandchildren someday, and they will pay.

Well, what do you need the money for? Because I can't stop spending money. I just can't control myself. So I am going to have my kids and grandkids pay someday, because all I can do is spend, and that is where we are.

There is an obligation for each generation to be accountable for their actions to future generations. And there has been so much debt run up.

Of course, when I got here 13 years ago, we had crossed over into \$10 trillion in debt, \$11 trillion, and all of a sudden, in 8 years, we hit \$20 trillion. It was incredible.

The biggest part of that hit during the 4 years where the Democratic majority controlled the House and the

Senate, and those 2 years in which the Democrat majority in the House and Senate was also linked up with President Obama, a Democrat in the White House, and the debt exploded.

But when we bring a bill to the floor like came today, didn't go through regular order, it did not go through committee process, and I can't know for sure, I heard there were two, I heard there were four people negotiating. I heard that it was staff members who were doing the negotiation. And for heaven's sake, if we are going to have staff members negotiating numbers that involve \$1 trillion that our children and grandchildren will have to pay, let's at least get better staff members to do the negotiation for the sake of our kids. It is really tragic what has been going on.

I was just reading an article a moment ago with a statement from Minority Leader PELOSI, in which she indicated they had won the negotiation, they got lots more of what they wanted than did those in the majority and than did the President himself.

Unfortunately, though the President is an amazing negotiator, he graciously allowed the House leaders and the Democratic leaders to do the negotiating. And I would encourage the President, I know he wants better deals than this atrocity, but we need his negotiating skills involved to get a better product.

This article from Chad Pergram says: "With \$1.2 trillion omnibus bill topping 2,200 pages, Congress needs CliffsNotes."

I have another from Jacob Sullum: "Fix NICS bill would help block gun sales to peaceful people." And Jacob Sullum is right about that.

This from August 11, 2016, they are pointing out that the background checks, which were proposed in part of this bill that passed in the House today, would not be effective. The headline says: "Background Checks: Ineffective, unconstitutional, and dangerous."

It says: "Background checks were sold to gun owners as a bill of goods in the 1990s. But consider how ineffective, and dangerous, they have become to our Second Amendment rights:

"Number 1, roughly 95 percent of NICS denials are 'false positives,' which means most of the people who are being denied are not the people that want to hold up the neighborhood grocery store.

"Number 2, for the last year on record, only 13 prohibited persons were convicted for trying to illegally purchase a gun—when more than 10 million guns were sold."

Pretty amazing. Only 13. And this was back in the Obama administration. Of course, we know they weren't enforcing the law. They had the weakest gun violation enforcement of any administration in the last 50 years, all the while demanding tougher laws, gun laws and gun restrictions, when they were doing the worst job of just enforcing the laws we had.

So out of 10 million guns that had background checks and were approved for sale, only 13 were convicted of trying to illegally purchase a gun.

The article continues: "And the inspector general's report in 2016 found that the Justice Department"—and again, this is during the Obama administration—"only refers an average of 32 prosecutions per year under the Brady Law."

"That is not surprising, since good people can be denied their Second Amendment rights for outstanding traffic tickets, that result in a bench warrant . . . for having the same name as a bad guy . . . or for having engaged in a bar fight 50 years ago.

"Number 3, because of the NICS system, there are now more than 250,000 military veterans who cannot purchase firearms from a gun dealer—and the Obama administration tried to disqualify tens of thousands of otherwise law-abiding seniors in similar fashion."

I want to inject here. Just because a senior citizen has his or her adult child take care of their checkbook, it does not mean that that senior citizen does not know when their home is being broken into and they need to protect themselves.

Number 4 in this article says: "And what if you're blocked from buying a gun because you're illegitimately denied by the NICS check? Well, according to USA Today, the Obama administration illegally diverted every single one of its FBI appeal examiners to other duties, making it impossible for the agency to overturn people's denials and creating a huge backlog.

"Number 5, every time a gun dealer contacts the NICS system and a background check is conducted, there is the potential that gun buyers' names will be retained—despite prohibitions to the contrary. This data retention and the potential for gun owner registration is a constant concern for gun owners, given the expansive backup system at the FBI. Not only that, the General Accounting Office found in 2016 that the ATF had illegally retained the names of thousands of gun owners.

"Number 6, forcing law-abiding citizens to get 'permission' to exercise a constitutionally protected right can result in harmful delays—and even death. Consider Carol Bowne of New Jersey who tried to get a gun for protection . . . was forced to wait several weeks during the screening process . . . and was ultimately stabbed to death by the man she wanted to defend herself against.

"Gun control is denying the rights of law-abiding Americans, while not making us any safer."

And that is the thing. We hear these constant proposals for more background checks. A proposal that is being pushed, we have got to have background checks when someone gives or sells a gun to another individual when that person selling or giving the gun is not a firearms dealer, they are not in the business, which means a father to a

son, or a mother to a daughter. This push to get background checks when, as my friend John Lott's research has shown not one mass shooting in the last 100 years has resulted from a gun that was given or purchased in a lawful transfer person to person. So that kind of idea wouldn't help save any lives.

If we are going to do something, at least do something that saves lives, makes a difference.

But we know that, in Rwanda, there was a horrendous period in which 800,000 human beings were slaughtered with machetes. We know that the worst attack with the most horrendous murders in our U.S. history, on our soil, happened on September 11, 2001, and the weapon that was used was a box cutter.

We know that the Boston Marathon bombing, in which people were killed and maimed, a pressure cooker was used.

We know that in Austin, Texas, a sick criminal mind killed two people and wounded a number of others.

There is a lot of talk about ending gun violence without a thought about ending violence.

Oklahoma City, that was ammonium nitrate, that was fertilizer, used as a bomb.

I keep coming back to the quote of President John Adams in 1798, when he said so prophetically and analytically: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

□ 1500

That is really where we are. Do we want to end gun violence or do we want to end violence? Some of us would like to end violence. 800,000 human beings that are killed with machetes are just as dead as 800,000 killed with a bomb or a gun. Actually, they most likely suffered a great deal more than if they were killed with a gun.

A gun is like the law itself. It can be used to protect. During my 4 years in the Army, we were trained to use a weapon for protection of the United States and our Constitution. We took an oath to do that. We were never in combat in my 4 years, but that is what we were trained for. It was not an assault weapon. It was a protective weapon to protect our country.

So when we hear all this talk that maybe it is time to again ban assault weapons, any weapon is an assault weapon. Any weapon is also a defensive weapon. It is all about the hands of those who are holding the weapon.

We also know for a fact that the years in which so-called assault weapons were banned, it made absolutely no difference. We also know that in cities where there is the most strenuous gun laws, you often find the most violent number of gun attacks.

The Wall Street Journal had an article some time back talking about the mentality of those who use a gun and kill and engage in a mass shooting.

They said that almost invariably these are control freaks. Their idea, their thought is "I have got to be in control," so they want to go to a place where no one else will have a gun. They intentionally want to be somewhere where nobody else has a gun. That is their mentality. They want to be in control.

It is not uncommon to have happen what happened in Austin, when the bomber there was about to be captured, he took his own life because of the fear they are going to lose control, so they take that one last act of control and kill themselves.

So will we save more lives if we let law-abiding people have guns and do what the Obama administration refused to do more than any other administration in modern history, and that is prosecute people who violate the law in trying to obtain a gun illegally? I submit to you that the latter is the best way to go. We are better off allowing law-abiding citizens to have the guns just as the Constitution intended.

Coming back again to John Adams' quote, we have suffered through a time in American history where people on the far left politically have been saying, in essence, there is no real right or wrong. What may be wrong for you may be right for somebody else, so it is all relative. There is no absolute right and wrong.

C.S. Lewis pointed out that it is like music. Although some people will come closer to singing the proper note, just because many can't doesn't mean that note does not exist. The law does exist, and some will come closer to following the law more easily.

The law exists, and it must be enforced. That is one of the things that has made the United States so successful, to become as it was, the greatest country in the history of the world—I would humbly submit, even greater than Solomon's Israel, because Americans had more freedoms, more opportunities, and more assets.

This is the first time that I can find in history, anywhere, anytime, that the number one health problem for a nation's poor was obesity. That just doesn't happen through history, but it is happening here in the United States.

If you go back to the founding, you had people, most of whom were Christians, but all of whom wanted to have a country where Christians were not persecuted for their Christian beliefs. Now we have had the Christian religion so slandered and defamed that, even by government entities, it has been called a hate group. Evangelical Christians—which just means these are Christians who so love and honor God and believe they are going to Heaven when they die that they want others to have the opportunity to go to Heaven to be in paradise with Jesus. Yet in this perverse time, we have people belittling Christianity and Christian beliefs like has never happened in the history of this country.

I think a majority of Americans believe we have been blessed beyond measure because a majority of Americans did have an abiding faith in God Almighty, and you had a majority that believed that Jesus was not a liar, that He was not a lunatic, but that He was the Lord just as He said:

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father but by Me.

So a believer in Christianity believes if you don't believe in Jesus Christ, you can't go to Heaven.

So either Jesus meant what He said and He was the Son of God, or He was a lunatic, because that is a crazy statement if it is not true, or He is just a liar, like David Koresh.

Yet now the perversion has come and the attack has come that this religion, the one religion that is completely and truly based on love, that God so loved the world He sent His Son, and His Son so loved the world He laid down His life so that anyone who believed in Him could be in paradise in the next life, that is being called a hate religion, and Christians are being persecuted.

For the first time in American history, America doesn't seem to care about Christians being slaughtered and a type of genocide going on in the Middle East of Christians. The prior administration made very, very clear that their priority was not the Christians who were being slaughtered by the thousands in the Middle East; it was Muslim refugees. And that is why there was such a tiny, tiny percentage of Christian refugees who were allowed into the United States when compared to the percentage of Christians living in the Middle East where the refugees were coming from.

It is a sobering time, and it only makes sense that, when we reach a time when Christianity is maligned, defamed, and persecuted, that it is a time the Bible talks about: Right is wrong; wrong is right. Those that try to hold to the right as God gives them to see the right, that, gee, those folks are said to be crazy, and if not crazy, hatemongers.

They are not hatemongers. But when we get into that period of time, it made sense. Priorities are completely askew, and the generation in charge thinks of themselves and does not think about what is going to happen to that generation's children.

When one thinks about it, and with the scientific advancements we have, we know that a heart is beating inside that little child in the mother's loving womb. It is a real person with a beating heart. Janet Porter and others have talked about, with regard to the Heartbeat bill: What happens if you see someone appearing to be unconscious, lying down? You run over and check: Is there a heartbeat? If there is a heartbeat, then you call the ambulance and you do everything you can to save that life.

Mr. Speaker, it is a dangerous time, and it is time to become a moral nation again.

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. 1865. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and

State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3731. An act to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret Service, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2040. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 621 Kansas Avenue in Atchison, Kansas, as the "Amelia Earhart Post Office Building".

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 20, 2018, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2154. To rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows. The Explanatory Statement regarding House Amendment to the Senate Amendment on H.R. 1625 will be continued in Book II and Book III.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 23, 2018, at 10 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. S. 466. An act to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest; with an amendment (Rept. 115-615). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3008. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-616). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutiérrez (Rept. 115-617). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana: Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Bobby L. Rush (Rept. 115-618). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. DUNN (for himself and Mr. PAMETTA):

H.R. 5379. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to update the Biotechnology and Agricultural Trade Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 5380. A bill to establish a Commission on Securing our Nation's Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROYCE of California (for himself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. ROSS):

H.R. 5381. A bill to reduce and minimize the credit, guarantee, and insurance risk of all Federal Government programs by transferring such risk to the private sector at market terms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CURBELO of Florida (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 5382. A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of the slain or injured victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON,

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SIREs, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MOORE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. HIMES, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 5383. A bill to prevent the purchase of ammunition by prohibited purchasers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON

LEE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 5384. A bill to establish State-Federal partnerships to provide students the opportunity to attain higher education at in-State public institutions of higher education without debt, to provide Federal Pell Grant eligibility to DREAMer students, to repeal suspension of eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for drug-related offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 5385. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YOUNG of Iowa:

H.R. 5386. A bill to ensure that taxpayers are provided access to case files prior to conference with staff of the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 5387. A bill to provide for the establishment of clean technology consortia to enhance the economic, environmental, and energy security of the United States by promoting domestic development, manufacture, and deployment of clean technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 5388. A bill to require certain entities who collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice to such individuals in the case of a breach of security involving such information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 5389. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that civilian service as a temporary employee after December 31, 1988, may be creditable service under the Federal Employees Retirement System, and