

While roughly 90 percent of background checks on gun sales are completed immediately, a small amount requires additional time for operators to discern whether a purchaser is prohibited from buying a firearm. However, under current law, if a background check is not completed within three business days, the sale can proceed. This loophole allows thousands of prohibited purchasers each year—including the shooter in Charleston, South Carolina—from obtaining guns without the completion of a background check.

H.R. 1112 would keep everyday citizens safe by keeping firearms out of the hands of prohibited purchasers. It would also protect law enforcement by reducing the need for ATF agents to retrieve guns from individuals who shouldn't have been allowed to purchase them.

While there is no single measure that will completely eliminate gun violence, these bills take crucial steps towards reducing it. They also protect the rights of law abiding gun owners. I am proud to support these pieces of legislation and encourage my colleagues to do so.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, yesterday had I been present, I would have voted in strong support of S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act. I was detained due to severe weather and cancelled flights in Oregon.

S. 47 is a compilation of approximately 100 public lands and natural resources bills. One of the main provisions would provide permanent authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which I strongly support.

Also included in this essential legislation are three provisions that I authored to protect critical salmon and steelhead habitats in southwestern Oregon and designate more than 30,000 acres of public land as Wilderness.

H.R. 994, the Chetco River Protection Act, would prohibit new mining claims on various rivers and creeks in Southwestern Oregon. The waters protected by this legislation supply clean drinking water to thousands of residents of Southwest Oregon and Northwest California and are critical salmon habitat.

H.R. 999, the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act, would permanently protect Devil's Staircase, a remote, unspoiled area in the Coast Range. The legislation would designate approximately 30,500 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands as Wilderness. In addition, this legislation designates approximately 14.4 miles of the Wasson and Franklin Creeks, which support native Coho and Chinook salmon, trout, and steelhead runs, as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

H.R. 1056, the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act, would designate almost 100,000 acres of public land in the Steamboat Creek Watershed in the Umpqua National Forest that is vitally important steelhead habitat. The legislation would honor Frank and Jeanne Moore's lifelong efforts to protect the North Umpqua River and its tributaries.

The lands protected in these bills are some of the most beautiful, pristine, and ecologically-diverse areas in Oregon. To leave these areas unprotected would be to subject them to pollution and mining, endanger drinking water for thousands of families, and devastate local recreation economies.

I am proud that Congress overwhelmingly passed this legislation and that President Trump is expected to sign this important legislation into law.

HONORING GRANT THOMPSON

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Grant Thompson, a 14 year-old in my district who found a glitch in Apple's FaceTime software that allowed iPhones to be turned into spying devices. He is a Freshman at Catalina Foothills High School whose interest in technology put him in a position to discover this critical flaw.

The flaw Grant discovered allowed a user to be eavesdropped on before they actually accepted a call. Before his discovery, I'm sure millions of Americans used the app completely unaware of this very serious security and privacy violation. But Grant, his sister, and his mom took initiative to ensure this vulnerability was addressed, and for that, we should all be grateful.

Grant is a lot like other freshmen—he spends time on Instagram, he plays Fortnite, and obviously, he enjoys FaceTiming with his friends. He is a humble young man who told me that he and his sister Lauren simply stumbled across the flaw. His mother, Michele Thompson, supported her son and reached out to Apple so that the flaw could be fixed, which Apple promptly did. Michele is rightfully proud of her son, and I am too.

Grant's future is bright. I hear he dreams of one day being involved in a STEM-related industry, and I have no doubt that with hard work and his natural technology skills his dreams will one day become a reality.

I thank Grant, Lauren, and Michele for protecting the privacy of people around the world. I also want to thank Apple for listening to the Thompson family and for rewarding Grant's work with an investment in his future. Arizona's 2nd Congressional District is excited to watch Grant grow and thrive.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BENJAMIN CAMACHO PALACIOS

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Command Sergeant Major Benjamin Camacho Palacios. Mr. Palacios was a Retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major and will be fondly remembered for his many outstanding contributions and accomplishments throughout his military and civilian career.

A dedicated public servant, Mr. Palacios became one of the most senior noncommis-

sioned officers serving with various commands both in the U.S. and overseas. Primarily serving in leadership positions within the Armor Career Management Field, he eventually assumed duty as the United States Army Forces Command Sergeant Major on July 27, 1998. He was the Army's senior ranking enlisted Soldier in Korea when he was honored with the South Korean Order of National Security Merit Gwanbok Medal. Command Sergeant Major Palacios was the first enlisted soldier to receive the medal since the end of the Korean War. He was also the only person who served over five terms on the Department of Veteran Affairs Congressional Committee Mandated Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans (ACMV).

On Guam and the Marianas, the personal accomplishments and success of native sons and daughters are celebrated and adopted as triumphs for everyone in the community. I am deeply saddened by the passing of Command Sergeant Major Palacios and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life and legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones, and friends. Command Sergeant Major Palacios will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for the bipartisan National Resources Management Act. Congress has not enacted a public lands package of this scale since 2009, and passage of this bill will mark a major milestone for the conservation and future of America's public lands. This bill will permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, designate over 1 million acres of wilderness, and protect over 1 million acres of land from destructive practices.

I have supported the Land and Water Conservation Fund for many years and since its creation, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has helped preserve America's outdoors heritage by supporting anglers and outdoor recreation for families in every state. Wisconsin alone has received \$211 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, helping to protect the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and North Country National Scenic Trail.

I am proud that the package includes the Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Act, which reauthorizes the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to help conserve migratory birds in rapid decline in Wisconsin and throughout the country. The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act provides more than \$66 million in grants to support long term conservation, research, and habitat protection of migratory birds.

As the founder and co-chair of the National Parks Caucus and longtime member of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus and Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I am proud to support this legislation.

H.R. 4, THE VOTING RIGHTS
ADVANCEMENT ACT**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 4, The Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA). The VRAA restores the protections and enforcement of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) to its former strength after being gutted by the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court decision. The VRAA responds to the wave of voter suppression tactics enacted by states and localities since that decision, requiring states with a recent history of voter discrimination to seek federal preclearance for election changes.

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest. In the previous two elections, we have seen an unprecedented increase in the engagement of voter suppression tactics. Specifically, in my home state of Texas, there have been ongoing suppression efforts, such as including additional obstacles for voter registration, cutbacks on early voting, and stricter voter identification requirements.

The VRAA will counteract these unfair practices by requiring a nationwide, practice-based preclearance for “known discriminatory practices,” such as the creation of at-large districts, inadequate multilingual voting materials and cuts to polling places. The VRAA will also increase transparency by requiring reasonable public notice for voting changes. Finally, the bill will allow the Attorney General authority to request federal observers to be present anywhere in the country where a serious threat to voter access and fair elections exists.

The reality is that we continue to see a number of significant obstacles to the free and fair exercise of the right to vote. Congress must do everything in its power to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. I support this critical legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I would have voted “yes” on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 995, as amended, which was considered on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY LEE JONES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man of faith, Henry Lee Jones. He was a husband, father, grandfather and entrepreneur from the Fourth Congressional

District of Wisconsin. Henry Lee Jones was born on July 19, 1943 in Aberdeen, Mississippi to the union of Elloyd and Rohdana Jones and passed away on February 18, 2019.

Mr. Jones moved to Milwaukee in his late teens and was employed by A. O. Smith as a welder for 12 years. In 1975, Henry and Bobbie's Bungalow was established on the corners of 14th Street and Keefe Avenue in Milwaukee. The restaurant featured specialties such as a variety of soul food, BBQ seafood and scrumptious desserts. The Bungalow's signature dessert is peach cobbler.

The Bungalow Restaurant provided catering services to many individuals in the community, as well as businesses and organizations. One of the most famous organizations he catered to was the Green Bay Packer franchise. In fact, as quoted in the Shepherd Express Newspaper, “The authenticity of Bungalow's Southern-styled menu heavy on pork, chicken, beef and fish has even captured the attention of the Green Bay Packers. Members of the Green & Gold have had Bungalow employees truck their soulful grub to Green Bay for many years now. Whether ordered from Lambeau Field or the Bungalow's cozy brick building, options abound. You'll find relatively rare dishes such as oxtails and smoked ham hocks in addition to more common fare like fried chicken, steak and catfish. And though the Bungalow staff takes pride in making healthy meat and sides, including yams, turnip greens and okra, one can still order “gravy, gravy and more gravy.” Even if you don't spot a Packer on a day you visit this establishment, you can still enjoy the many autographed photos on the walls.

As a successful entrepreneur, he was inspired to expand his business to other locations across the city of Milwaukee and Kenosha. He was never a complainer but rather a doer. Mr. Jones' children share his passion and continue to carry on his legacy and business.

He married Bobbie Jones on July 29, 1967 and their union was blessed with 5 sons: Henry, Jr., Milton, Rodney, Demetrius and Laval. Henry was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves many family and friends to cherish his memory including his wife Bobbie Jones and Children: Mitch Malone, Richard Jones, Henry Jones Jr., Milton Jones. Demetrius (Nichole) Jones and Laval Jones; Siblings: Dorothy (John) Williams, Delores Tools, Elloyd (Parline) Jones, Yvonne Jones; Grandchildren: Latoya (Emmanuel) Amoah, Deaquann Forrest, Vegas Jones, Naytasha Jones, Xavier Jones, Corey Malone, Britany Malone, Marcus Malone and Cortez Malone; 6 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Henry had a significant impact on the community who not only enjoyed his cooking but his loving and joking spirit as well. He was a pillar of the community, the patriarch of his family. I have known Mr. Jones for over 30 years, well before I began my legislative career and he was my friend. He has made a positive impact on Milwaukee and it is truly an honor for me to pay homage to someone who has contributed so much to Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to pay tribute to a man whose legacy will continue to benefit the Fourth Congressional District.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the electricity sector in a changing climate.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine states' role in protecting air quality, focusing on principles of cooperative federalism.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine vaccines, focusing on preventable disease outbreaks.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342