

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ROGER W. MARSHALL

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Chair, I rise today because American farmers, grain handlers and exporters, as well as their customers around the world, depend on accurate, timely and cost-effective delivery of mandated impartial third-party Official inspection and weighing services administered by the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) and its designated and delegated agencies. It is essential that the U.S. Official grain inspection and weighing system be recognized widely around the world for its impartial, consistent, reliable and timely measurement and certification of quality attributes and weights. The availability of accurate FGIS inspection results is also important to enable buyers and sellers to determine grain value and to facilitate market price discovery. Further, Official export inspections provide transparency and market information to the entire value chain that contribute to an efficient marketplace, while supporting food security and sustainable supplies.

I share the concerns of many of my colleagues about language included in the committee report by the Majority for H.R. 3055 that puts Congress in the middle of an ongoing labor dispute, even going so far as to urge that USDA not require its grain inspectors to cross a picket line. This language is extremely troubling, and Congress should not be including it in any final committee report for the Agriculture Appropriations bill. Thankfully, the Minority was able to include its concerns about the situation which I would like to include in the RECORD:

"In addition to overall funding concerns, Republican Members of the Committee were disappointed by several policy provisions. Some of the provisions encourage violation of federal law or Congressional intent, at a minimum. For example, the Majority included language under the heading of the Office of the Secretary relating to Grain Export Inspection. The language "strongly discourages USDA from requiring its grain inspectors to cross a picket line". Such language is irresponsible when the Grain Inspections Act clearly obligates inspectors to conduct inspections unless the Secretary were to waive the requirement for safety reasons. Using USDA inspectors in a labor dispute and interfering with the export sales of U.S. product during an already turbulent international trade environment is completely unnecessary."

Our producers, grain handlers, and the agricultural value chain as a whole has worked tirelessly to grow market share around the world and Congress should refrain from instructing USDA not to perform important services that are statutorily obligated under the Grain Standards Act.

IN APPRECIATION OF MARK
BENSON'S WORK IN IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend to Idaho, Mark Benson, who is retiring after a 42 year career with PotlatchDeltic. The last 13 years he has been Vice President, Public Affairs. However, his title to me is a friend and trusted advisor.

I met Mark when I was in the Idaho Legislature. He quickly established himself as a valuable advisor on forestry and paper products which is a large economic driver in Idaho. Mark has the unique ability to explain an issue and the impacts from every perspective and gives always gives an honest assessment of the status.

Mark worked at nearly every level of PotlatchDeltic, starting as a field forester in 1974. He has left his mark on the industry and will be remembered for founding the National Alliance of Forest Owners who is a leading voice on all the issues facing forestry.

Mark has been a great friend to my staff and me. To Mark, PotlatchDeltic was not just a job, it was a lifestyle and he treated his colleagues like family. Mark is also an incredible husband and father as witnessed by his supportive wife Patti and three amazing daughters who now have families of their own. No doubt, this will be the focal point of his retirement alongside his many hobbies including golf, hunting, and travel.

If I have one gripe with Mark, it is that he never let me win on the golf course. As kind and generous as he is, he could never seem to find it in his heart to let a putt or two slide by. Perhaps I will be able to change that now that he has more time to hit the links.

I wish Mark and Patti and the rest of their family a terrific and well-deserved retirement. I look forward to keeping in touch with him as a friend and seeing him back in Idaho.

HONORING LINDA TAVASZI, PH.D.

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Linda Tavaszi, Ph.D., as she receives Marin Community Clinics' Lifetime Achievement Award for her decades of exemplary service promoting community health.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1940, Dr. Tavaszi lived in Florida and Alabama before returning to New York to earn a graduate degree in social work from Fordham University. Dr. Tavaszi earned a masters in health administration from the University of Southern California, and a Ph.D. in health care administration from Walden University in Florida. Dr. Tavaszi began her life-long career in health care, most of which was spent working in Marin County.

Dr. Tavaszi came to Marin County as chief operating officer at Marin General Hospital in 1982. Under her leadership, Marin General opened a new emergency department and de-

veloped Marin's first and only cardiac surgery program. As president of the Health Council of Marin and the local chapter of the American Heart Association, Dr. Tavaszi's commitment and dedication to the community extended beyond her role at Marin General.

In 1994, Dr. Tavaszi was asked to oversee an American-owned hospital in Barcelona, Spain, where she and her family spent two years helping steer that project to success. Once back in California, Dr. Tavaszi oversaw the mergers of two hospitals in the East Bay, and she returned to Marin County as chief executive officer of Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital. After great success there, she returned to Marin General in 2004. In 2011, Dr. Tavaszi became CEO of Marin Community Clinics. During her tenure at Marin Community Clinics, Dr. Tavaszi expanded patient capacity and comprehensive services for seniors and the homeless population. From 2017 to 2018 Dr. Tavaszi served as the chief executive officer of Ritter Center where she provided valuable assistance during a transition in leadership.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Tavaszi's career of leadership and vision has helped hospitals and clinics in our region provide affordable, high-quality health care to our most underserved populations. Therefore, please join me in recognizing Dr. Linda Tavaszi on her well-deserved honor and in wishing her the best of luck in her continuing pursuit of quality health care for people in need.

COMMEMORATION OF THE TREE
OF PEACE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the planting of the Tree of Peace on the grounds of the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. This ceremony is dignified by the presence of Mr. Ross P. Marine, the Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic to the Midwest United States and board member of the Czech and Slovak Club of Greater Kansas City. During his eighteen-year tenure as Honorary Consul, Mr. Marine has worked to strengthen the economic, social, and cultural ties between Slovakia and Mid-America, and this spirit of international cooperation is reflected by the Tree of Peace project. Since the dedication of the National WWI Museum and Memorial on Armistice Day in 1926, Kansas City, Missouri has been home to the country's foremost institution committed to preserving the history of the First World War. In the shadows of the Liberty Memorial—the most fitting location our country offers for this project—the Tree of Peace will convey a message of goodwill and contribute to the reflective nature of this consecrated site.

Between July 28, 1914 and November 11, 1918, the First World War claimed the lives of nine million combatants and nearly eight million civilians. Another twenty-one million military personnel were wounded during the course of the war. In the United States alone, over 116,000 servicemen were killed, 204,000 were wounded, and 3,350 went missing. Among the American casualties, 441 were from Kansas City. To this day, World War I remains among the most costly and destructive wars in history.

When the National WWI Museum and Memorial opened to the public in 1926, President Calvin Coolidge explained that the memorial had “not been raised to commemorate war and victory, but rather the results of war and victory, which are embodied in peace and liberty.” The Tree of Peace project, initiated by Slovak landscape architect Dr. Marek Sabala, serves a similar purpose.

The Tree of Peace project is an international initiative that began in the Slovak Republic last year to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War’s conclusion. Within four years, Dr. Sabala hopes to plant a Tree of Peace on every continent, a mission designed to champion a message of peace and the need to avoid armed conflicts. Each Tree of Peace also stands as a living tribute to all those who fought and perished in World War I, including those who lost their lives on unknown battlefields and who remain known only God. So far, eight Trees of Peace have been planted in four participating countries: Austria, Slovakia, Russia, and Poland. With the planting of a Tree of Peace at the National WWI Museum and Memorial on June 21st, the United States will join this international community in hopes of achieving a world free from global conflict. At a National Historic Landmark that has attracted over two million visitors since 2006, the Tree of Peace will establish its roots at one of the most treasured sites in Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District and the nation.

The motto of the Tree of Peace project, to “make love the lifeblood of this world,” articulates an ideal that is antithetical to the depravity of warfare. Visitors to the National WWI Museum and Memorial walk across a glass bridge above a field of 9,000 red poppies—each of which represents 1,000 combat deaths suffered during the War. Conversely, the Tree of Peace symbolizes belief in a future where war no longer inflicts senseless death on so many. World War I was described by many contemporaries as “the war to end all wars.” While the international community has repeatedly proven this description false—with graves all across the world bearing testament to the devastating consequences of armed conflict—the Tree of Peace expresses faith that we may, once and for all, see war come to an end.

The Liberty Memorial Tower is flanked by two Assyrian Sphinx sculptures, known as Memory and Future. While Memory shields its eyes from the horrors of war, and Future shields its eyes from the uncertainty of times to come, the Tree of Peace affirms hope in a future that need not cause one to cover one’s eyes in fear.

The Tree of Peace project encourages each of us to recommit ourselves to the noble pursuit of perpetual peace—in which bullets, bombs, and bayonets are all set aside; hostility is replaced with civility; and antagonism gives way to amity. The Tree of Peace calls on nations to silence the beating of their war drums, cast away their rattling sabers, and pay no heed to war hawks. Only then will the “just and lasting peace” that is described on the north wall of the memorial become a reality.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the planting of the Tree of Peace at the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. Let us recognize this occasion by reflecting on the values of friendship, harmony, and goodwill.

CONGRATULATING ST. DOMINIC’S GIRLS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS III STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Dominic Crusaders Girls Soccer team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State Soccer Championship.

This team and Coach Greg Koeller, should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community. This is the first state championship win for the girls’ soccer team since 2013, with many more to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the St. Dominic Crusaders Girls Soccer team for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW JERSEY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION’S EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND FRANK ROBINSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with the New Jersey Business & Industry Association as they celebrate 60 years of Employer Legislative Committees and pay tribute to Frank Robinson for his 40 years of service to New Jersey. These incredible milestones and the New Jersey Business & Industry Association’s efforts to support New Jersey businesses are truly deserving of this body’s recognition.

With a 40-year career spanning the public, private and political sectors, Frank Robinson is a well-known and well-respected face in Trenton. He has served in leadership roles at the New Jersey Democratic State Committee and the New Jersey General Assembly, as well as the 2001 New Jersey Congressional Redistricting Commission. Currently serving as a Vice President of Government Affairs for the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBI) since 2002, Frank has been an effective voice for New Jersey’s business community. He is the longstanding Executive Director of the State Employer Legislative Committees (ELCs) as well as Director of the NJBI’s Grassroots Network. He also serves as a member on the Monmouth-Ocean Development Group Board of Directors and as a Trustee of the Jersey Shore Partnership. Throughout his tenure with the NJBI and beyond, Frank has distinguished himself as an advocate for the growth and viability of New Jersey.

Established by the NJBI in 1959, today’s eighteen ELCs provide local representation and accessibility to businesses in each county across the state. Hosting regular meetings, ELCs offer opportunities for business people to meet with local, state and Federal officials, hear directly from NJBI’s knowledgeable gov-

ernment affairs representatives and network with colleagues. ELCs provide an outlet for local businesses to discuss issues and learn about regulations and policies affecting their industry and employees.

For over 100 years, the NJBI has represented the common interests of New Jersey’s manufacturing and business industry. It continues to be a leading voice in New Jersey’s state capital on industry affairs and an effective advocate on behalf of its members. Its information, programs and services are invaluable resources to companies and its understanding of laws and regulations help NJBI members navigate the changing industry landscape. NJBI’s efforts to promote and expand New Jersey’s business community are supported by its proficient and competent staff and the successful information sharing of its ELCs.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking 60 years of Employer Legislative Committees and honoring Frank Robinson’s 40 years of dedicated leadership to New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF RANDOLPH GOODMAN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and service of Randolph Goodman. He recently retired after 26 years of work at Gary Job Corps.

Randolph Goodman was born and raised in Austin, Texas. In 1968, while attending The University of Texas at Arlington, he was inspired to join the Navy and serve his country after the assassination of Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King.

After serving in the Navy for 20 years and completing his double major in history and political science, Mr. Goodman began working at Gary Job Corps as the Public Information Officer and Business Community Liaison.

The organization is dedicated to giving young adults access to free academic and technical career training. It puts young people on the path to the American dream through hard work and education. Not only does it set them up for economic success—it gives them the pride and purpose that comes from earning a diploma or technical certification and beginning a meaningful career. The San Marcos location, that Mr. Goodman served at, is the largest Job Corps Center in the State of Texas.

Throughout his 26 years at Gary Job Corps, he has traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for funding and ensure students have access to the resources they need to thrive. Mr. Goodman has credited his success and tenacity during his time at Gary Job Corps to the students he has represented.

In his free time, Mr. Goodman has also served in many nonprofit organizations and committees in San Marcos, Texas. However, his believes his greatest success is marrying his childhood sweetheart. Mr. Goodman and his wife, Eva, will be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary this December.