

*Universalizing U.S. termination triggers*

Section 103(a)(6) of the Hyde Act states that it is the policy of the United States to:

Seek to prevent the transfer to a country of nuclear equipment, materials, or technology from other participating governments in the NSG or from any other source if nuclear transfers to that country are suspended or terminated pursuant to this title, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), or any other United States law.

However, the United States did not seek to amend NSG guidelines to ensure that all international nuclear supply to India would be terminated if U.S. law required U.S. nuclear trade to be terminated. Such a rule would not only have significantly strengthened international nonproliferation policy, but it would have protected American firms from the possibility of being the only firms in the world barred from trade with India.

Madam Speaker, this bill, and the nuclear cooperation agreement with India which it approves, will do great damage to the international nuclear nonproliferation regime. Can we afford to undermine the nonproliferation rules at the very moment when Iran is speeding toward a viable nuclear capability, when North Korea is redoubling its intransigence and throwing out IAEA observers, and when Venezuela is requesting nuclear cooperation from Russia? No, we cannot. I urge my colleagues to think carefully about the implications of this bill for international stability and U.S. security, and vote against H.R. 7081.

H.R. 6460, THE GREAT LAKES LEGACY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6460, the Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act. Today, we will vote to reauthorize the Great Lakes Legacy Act program for the next 2 years at its current level of \$50 million per year rather than the \$150 million per year for the next 5 years the House approved last week. I am supporting this Senate-amended version not because I believe the Great Lakes deserve substantially less money than we afforded them in the House, but because this very important cleanup program must be reauthorized before it expires next week.

The Great Lakes Legacy Act has been an incredibly successful program. In fact, the first success story from the Legacy Act is in Trenton, Michigan. Black Lagoon, as it had been named in the 1980s because of the oil and grease that had accumulated between the 1940s and the 1970s, was renamed Ellias Cove just 1 year ago after the area was remediated. Without the Great Lakes Legacy Act, the \$9.3 million cleanup would not have been possible.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 6460 to reauthorize this program that will continue to clean up our national treasure. However, I look forward to a time, hopefully after the next election, when a single senator, who is not even from the Great Lakes region, cannot stand in the way of greater progress for our Great Lakes.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNINGTOWN LIONS CLUB

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Downingtown Lions Club on its 80th Anniversary and to honor the service organization for its commitment to serving the community.

Founded in 1928, the Downingtown Lions Club is part of the largest service organization in the world, with approximately 1.3 million members in 202 nations.

National Lions Club founder and Chicago businessman Melvin Jones said in 1917 that the organization was created to allow their service clubs to give something back to their communities. And the Downingtown Lions Club has certainly carried out that mission admirably.

Thanks to the dedication and work of its members and volunteers, the Club built the Kerr Park Pavilion and installed a drinking fountain along the Struble Trail. Hundreds of people in the community have benefited from the Club's distribution of free eyeglasses and funding raised for sight and hearing programs, including the Leader Dog Program.

The Club will celebrate its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, October 4th during a dinner at the Thorndale Inn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Downingtown Lions Club for reaching this special milestone and in commending the efforts of Club members, both past and present, for their tireless dedication and service to the Downingtown area community.

CONGRATULATING THE REV. GREGORY F. LUCEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF SPRING HILL COLLEGE

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the long and distinguished career of the Rev. Gregory F. Lucey on the occasion of his retirement as president of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

For the past 10 years, Father Lucey has been an integral part of the Mobile community. As Mobile's Press-Register wrote in a tribute, "His remarkable accomplishments will set the standard for leadership at [Spring Hill College] for years to come."

Father Lucey was a student at Campion Jesuit High School, a boarding school in Wisconsin, when he chose to follow in his brother's footsteps and become a Jesuit priest. Ordained in 1964, Father Lucey has said he knew then that God had a plan for his life. He went on to earn a master's degree in education as well as undergraduate and graduate degrees in philosophy from St. Louis University. He earned a master's degree in liturgy

from the University of Notre Dame, and later, he earned a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Following his educational pursuits, Father Lucey served as a teacher at his former high school before being named the school's principal a short time later. Just one year later, he was named president of Campion Jesuit High School.

From there, Father Lucey went on to Seattle University where he served as vice president for development. In 1988, Father Lucey returned to a spiritual role, serving as rector of the Jesuit community at Marquette University. He then went on to become president and chairman of the board of the National Jesuit Conference in Washington, D.C.

In 1997, Father Lucey was named president of Spring Hill College, and over the past 11 years, he has earned an admirable record of accomplishment. Enrollment has increased by over 15 percent during his tenure, and he has helped grow the college's endowment by almost \$20 million. The campus has also experienced tremendous growth—the construction of six new buildings and the renovation of eight others. Spring Hill College also consistently receives high marks in U.S. News & World Report's college rankings.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated spiritual and community leader as well as friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know his friends and colleagues join me in extending thanks for his service over the years. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE BUD CRAMER AND THE HONORABLE TERRY EVERETT ON THEIR RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my fellow colleagues from the great state of Alabama, Congressman BUD CRAMER and Congressman TERRY EVERETT, who are set to retire at the end of the 110th Congress. Both of these Members have a passion for and deep respect for serving the American people that led them to serve the constituents of the 5th and the 2nd Congressional Districts, respectively.

BUD CRAMER has served the people of the 5th District of Alabama in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1991, where he faithfully served on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. TERRY EVERETT came to the House of Representatives 16 years ago and ever since he has spent his time helping the people of the 2nd Congressional District and serving on the Agriculture Committee, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and as Ranking Member on the House Armed Services Committee.

As military veterans, they have both answered the call to serve their country time and again, and I know that as they start this new

chapter in their lives, they will continue to find new ways to serve their community.

Although it seems that we as a Congress can't find ourselves in agreement on many things, one thing that is beyond dispute is that both Congressmen CRAMER and EVERETT have embodied the ideal of civil servants who tirelessly have served the interests of the American People.

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TRIBUTE TO CARLOS MARIN

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, Carlos Marin, the United States Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, IBWC. On September 15th, he departed with his IBWC Mexican counterpart, Mr. Arturo Herrera, on a chartered flight to survey the flooding of the Rio Grande River along the border area of Presidio, Texas, and Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. While working to assess the damage and coordinate joint-response efforts with the local officials and the Mexican Government, their chartered flight crashed, taking the lives of all those aboard, in a remote area of the Sierra Madre mountain range.

Mr. Marin joined the IBWC as a staff engineer in 1979, and he rose through management and executive positions through 2006, when President Bush appointed him as U.S. Commissioner to the IBWC. Our Nation has lost a true public servant who worked for a quarter of a century with the International Boundary and Water Commission on issues such as water debt, and most recently the rehabilitation of the levees in Hidalgo County. He was one of the few that understood the water issues facing the border region, and was a friend to everyone in South Texas.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to the others who were on the plane with him. His tragic passing leaves a void in our hearts and minds. I am personally saddened to lose a wonderful friend; and it will not be the same working with the IBWC without Carlos as its commissioner. His exemplary dedication and service to the South Texas community have been crucial to future development, especially with the much-needed levee repairs that helped save residents in my district from flooding during the hurricanes this past summer. We in our South Texas community will be forever grateful to Carlos for his contributions, and I thank his family for their support of Carlos' work with IBWC.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to honor the memory of Mr. Carlos Marin.

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USS "MISSOURI"

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, today I was honored to deliver the keynote address at

the keel laying ceremony for the new USS *Missouri* (SSN-780), a *Virginia* class attack submarine. The ceremony was held at the General Dynamics Electric Boat facility in Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

In Navy tradition, the keel laying ceremony is the first major milestone in the construction of a ship. I ask unanimous consent that a copy of my remarks be included in the record. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN IKE SKELTON (D-MO), USS "MISSOURI" (SSN-780) KEEL LAYING CEREMONY, GENERAL DYNAMICS ELECTRIC BOAT FACILITY—QUONSET POINT, R.I., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

I am absolutely honored and thrilled to witness the latest chapter in the State of Missouri's historic association with the U.S. Navy.

I want to thank Navy Secretary Donald Winter for his decision to name the newest *Virginia* class submarine USS *Missouri*. All Missourians can take pride that a namesake to the "Mighty Mo" will soon be joining the Navy's fleet, this time in the silent service.

A submarine, or any Navy ship, is really just steel and equipment. Very highly engineered and crafted steel and equipment, but in the end just metal. It is the crew which gives a ship life, it is the crew who craft the legacy of the vessel. One *Virginia* class submarine is indistinguishable from the next—save the crew. The attitude of the crew, the dedication of the crew, the bravery of the crew, that will distinguish this ship. The first crew of this vessel will set the tone for all the crews to follow, and the first crew will take their lead from their sponsor.

So I especially want to congratulate and publicly thank Mrs. Gates on accepting the role of sponsor of the new USS *Missouri*. This is not the first connection the Gates Family has had to our great state. I recall that Secretary Gates' first duty station as an Air Force second lieutenant was Whiteman Air Force Base near Knob Noster, Missouri.

Being a sponsor is not a one or two ceremony job—this is your ship, these are your sailors. A sponsor may stay as involved as she wishes with her ship, and I hope that you do. My late wife Susie had the honor to serve as sponsor of the USS *Jefferson City*, a *Los Angeles* class submarine. I know how much she treasured keeping up with the activities of "her" submarine and she enjoyed every opportunity she had to visit and keep in touch with the crew and their families. I know that you will enjoy the same close relationship with the sailors who will bring this submarine to life. And may I remind everyone, most of the sailors that finally haul down the commissioning pennant of this vessel three decades from now won't be born for another 5 to 10 years. Mrs. Gates, good luck to you and thank you for your service to the nation.

The name *Missouri* has a distinguished naval history.

The first USS *Missouri* was a steam/sail vessel commissioned in 1842, only 21 years after *Missouri* was admitted to statehood. This frigate had an unfortunate fire which burned her to the waterline in the Port of Gibraltar.

The second *Missouri*—which a retired Navy Captain on my staff advises me not to count—was a Confederate side-wheel steamer used to ferry supplies on the Mississippi during the Civil War. This ship was turned over to the U.S. Navy at the end of the Civil War, but then scrapped because she was built from green timber and leaked excessively.

The third USS *Missouri*, a battleship commissioned in 1903, was part of the famous

"Great White Fleet" that sailed around the world in the first decade of the 20th century. The cruise of that fleet marked the beginning of the United States as a world power. It proved the point that American naval might could penetrate any waters and reach any foreign soil. That ship was still in active service during World War I, with my father serving on that ship as a coal-shoveling fireman in 1918.

The last USS *Missouri*, and the most famous, was commissioned in 1944 and earned the nickname "Mighty Mo" for essentially continuous combat action from arrival in the Pacific theater to hosting the Japanese surrender ceremony in Tokyo Bay that ended World War II. The "Mighty Mo" also saw action during the Korean conflict. Decommissioned in 1955, she returned to the active rolls following a major upgrade in 1986. The "Mighty Mo" fired some of the first strikes during the first Persian Gulf War and the liberation of Kuwait. This fine ship gave our country many years of service until her final decommissioning in 1992. In fact, I participated in the recommissioning and the second decommissioning ceremonies for this, the most celebrated USS *Missouri*. The historic vessel is now open to the public as a floating museum in Pearl Harbor, near the final resting place of the USS *Arizona*.

So, as the keel is laid for the latest USS *Missouri*, shipbuilders and sailors alike should remember the legacy represented by the ships that previously held this proud name. This modern submarine will add to our nation's seafaring capabilities and project U.S. power wherever necessary to protect U.S. interests.

I commend the remarkable craftsmanship of the workers of both the Electric Boat Company and Newport News Shipbuilding. It is truly extraordinary how you start with steel plate, pipe, and rolls of cable and deliver the most complicated warships on the face of the earth in just a few short years. Your service to the country sometimes goes unheralded, so I wish to publicly thank you for your dedication and sacrifice as you make these ships for our warfighters.

I know that when this new submarine is christened and commissioned, many Missourians will attend the ceremonies to pay tribute to the fifth American warship named after the Show-Me State. I am confident that the sailors who will serve on the submarine USS *Missouri* will make us proud as they write a new chapter in naval history.

God bless.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I was absent for several votes on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, for personal reasons. Had I been present to vote on passage of H.R. 5244, the Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights, I would have voted "yes." Likewise, had I been present to vote on passage of H.R. 6897, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act, I would have voted "yes."