

environmental protection of the Great Lakes, I would like to submit for the RECORD how I would have voted on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act and other matters.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Nay on rollcall 829.

Nay on rollcall 830.

Yea on rollcall 831.

Yea on rollcall 832.

Yea on rollcall 833.

Yea on rollcall 834.

Yea on rollcall 835.

Yea on rollcall 836.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) having assumed the chair, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2838) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 2838.

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

There was no objection.

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DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2061

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 86

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2061) to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries in connection with their employment, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011’.

“SEC. 2. PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG ON BEHALF OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO DIE OF INJURIES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

“(a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—Upon receipt of a request under subsection (b), the

head of an executive agency may give a flag of the United States for an individual who—

“(1) was an employee of the agency; and

“(2) dies of injuries incurred in connection with such individual’s employment with the Federal government, suffered as a result of a criminal act, an act of terrorism, a natural disaster, or other circumstance as determined by the President.

“(b) REQUEST FOR FLAG.—The head of an executive agency may furnish a flag for a deceased employee described in subsection (a) upon the request of—

“(1) the employee’s widow or widower, child, sibling, or parent; or

“(2) if no request is received from an individual described in paragraph (1), an individual other than the next of kin as determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

“(c) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The head of an executive agency may disclose information necessary to show that a deceased individual is an employee described in subsection (a) to the extent that such information is not classified and to the extent that such disclosure does not endanger the national security of the United States.

“(d) EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF FLAG BENEFIT.—The head of an executive agency shall provide appropriate notice to employees of the agency of the flag benefit provided for under this section.

“(e) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, may prescribe regulations to implement this section. Any such regulations shall provide for the head of an executive agency to consider the conditions and circumstances surrounding the death of an employee and nature of the service of the employee.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) EMPLOYEE.—The term ‘employee’ has the meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5, United States Code, and includes an officer or employee of the United States Postal Service or of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

“(2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term ‘executive agency’ has the meaning given that term in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, and includes the United States Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission.”.

(2) Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries incurred in connection with their employment.”.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS TRAVEL CARDS ACT OF 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (S. 1487) to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1487

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011”.

SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS TRAVEL CARDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the 7-year period ending on September 30, 2018, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is authorized to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards (referred to in this section as “ABT Cards”) to any eligible person, including business leaders and United States Government officials who are actively engaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation business. An individual may not receive an ABT Card under this section unless the individual has been approved and is in good standing in an international trusted traveler program of the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may integrate application procedures for, and issuance, suspension, and revocation of, ABT Cards with other appropriate international trusted traveler programs of the Department of Homeland Security.

(c) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security may consult with appropriate private sector entities.

(d) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section, including regulations regarding conditions of or limitations on eligibility for an ABT Card.

(e) FEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may—

(A) prescribe and collect a fee for the issuance of ABT Cards; and

(B) adjust such fee to the extent the Secretary determines to be necessary to comply with paragraph (2).

(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the total amount of the fees collected under paragraph (1) during any fiscal year is sufficient to offset the direct and indirect costs associated with carrying out this section during such fiscal year, including the costs associated with establishing the program.

(3) ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States an “APEC Business Travel Card Account” into which the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be deposited as offsetting receipts.

(4) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited into the APEC Business Travel Card Account—

(A) shall be credited to the appropriate account of the Department of Homeland Security for expenses incurred in carrying out this section; and

(B) shall remain available until expended.

(f) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may terminate activities under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines such action to be in the interest of the United States.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO REVISE AND EXTEND REMARKS

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) be permitted to revise and extend his remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAYWORTH). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1002 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L. 107-306) as amended by section 701(a)(3) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (P.L. 111-259), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following Member of the House to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community:

Mr. CONAWAY, Texas

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MILTON
KRINER II

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on October 9, 2011, a good friend and long-time scouter, John Milton Kriner II, passed away at the age of 53. A life marked with accomplishment and overcoming barriers, John was born in 1958 with Down syndrome. Despite life's challenges, John and his parents, John and Betta, always focused on the possible, not the limitations.

He graduated from State College Area High School, went on to receive certification from Centre County Vocational and Hiram G. Andrews Technical Schools, and was later employed by the

State Area College School District. A member of Troop 339, Boy Scouts of America, John received the Eagle Scout with Gold Palm, Silver Beaver Award, Unit Commissioner, Honorary Camp Director, and Wood Badge Beaver Awards. He attended four BSA national jamborees, serving as a staff member, was a Vigil Honor member of the Monaken Lodge, Order of the Arrow, and an honorary member of Penn State University's Alpha Phi Omega. John was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher, greeter, and was a member of Disciples Sunday school class. He was also a State Special Olympic silver, bronze, and gold medal winner in swimming. John Kriner was a true inspiration to all who knew him. Well done, Scouter.

VFW 1—VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION 0

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, during the hot days of last summer, the Veterans of Foreign Wars went to battle with the Veterans Administration. The VFW claimed the VA was censoring free speech and preventing the free exercise of religion at the National Cemetery in Houston. The VFW says the chapel at the cemetery was closed. The Bible, the cross, the Star of David were removed, and the chapel became a storage shed. VFW members also said the director of the cemetery censored prayers and prohibited the religious ceremony during burial of veterans.

The VFW sued the VA, and the VA naturally denied the whole thing. Recently, a Federal judge approved and agreed to an order requiring the chapel to be reopened, the Bible, the cross, the Star of David to be returned, and said that the VA must not interfere with free speech or the free exercise of religion at burials.

Madam Speaker, it is ironic that Americans have gone to war, fought for the principles of the Constitution; then when they come home, they face government hostility and the denial of First Amendment rights to the citizens when these veterans are buried in VA cemeteries. Now the veterans have won a battle against a government that wanted to deny them the American freedoms they fought for in lands far, far away.

And that's just the way it is.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

(Mr. FORTENBERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, the Department of Health and Human Services recently proposed a rule that would require all health plans to cover in full and, consequently, every American to subsidize procedures

and drugs that are unrelated to medical necessity, traditionally considered electives, and can be very ethically divisive for many Americans. Why when 75 cents on every public health care dollar is spent on the management of chronic conditions, such as cancer, heart disease, and stroke, is the Health and Human Services Department prioritizing free sterilization, for instance?

This is distinctly unrelated to our Nation's health care priority challenges. I can only conclude that this is ideologically driven and most perniciously affects faith-based institutions who are the backstop of compassionate care for the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Many Republicans and Democrats have expressed very serious concerns about this. No American should be forced to choose between their faith and their job.

REGIONAL HAZE MANAGEMENT

(Mr. BERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERG. Madam Speaker, with each new overreaching one-size-fits-all mandate, the Obama administration continues to burden the States with unnecessary costs and regulations that are hindering job creation. That's why today I introduced the Regional Haze Federalism Act. This will rein in the Obama administration and prevent a Federal takeover of State haze management.

States like North Dakota continue to act responsibly to create well-researched plans and to implement EPA-mandated policies; yet it's clear that these efforts to play by the rules aren't enough for the Obama administration. The administration's overreach would cost North Dakota over \$700 million. Those costs will directly increase rates to our consumers across the State.

If we are truly committed to creating jobs and lowering energy costs, we need to empower the States and rein in President Obama's overreaching EPA.

HONORING CORPORAL JOSHUA
"J.B." KERNS

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I rise today, as we approach Veterans Day, to honor Corporal Joshua "J.B." Kerns. Corporal Kerns, from Ararat, Virginia, in Patrick County, served in the United States Marine Corps in the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Platoon. And one day in Afghanistan he, unfortunately, was hit with an IED explosion. This brave young man lost both legs and one arm.

One of the volunteers who worked with him as he recovered, Bert Caswell, working with Wounded Warriors, wrote a poem on his behalf, which I will put