

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 24, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL McCaul,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5389, the Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5389—*Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016*

H.R. 5389 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), within six months of the bill's enactment, to develop a strategy to work with emerging technology firms to improve DHS programs. Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that devising the strategy would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5389 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5389 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

REMEMBERING BARBARA CHARLINE JORDAN, FIRST WOMAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate an historic event.

Forty years ago this month, on July 12, 1976, the legendary Barbara Charline Jordan, who held the seat I now hold made history when she became the first woman and the first African American to deliver the Keynote Address at the Democratic National Convention, that nominated Jimmy Carter in New York City.

Barbara Jordan indeed was a friend to many, a mentor, and an icon.

Barbara Jordan was one of the first two African-Americans from the South to be elected to this body since reconstruction; the other was Andrew Young of Georgia.

Barbara Jordan was a renaissance woman, eloquent, fearless, and peerless in her pursuit of justice and equality.

Barbara Jordan was the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate.

Ms. Jordan graduated from Texas Southern University, where she majored in government and history.

While at Texas Southern University, Barbara Jordan was an active student and an esteemed member of the prestigious debate team for 4 years, as well as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

After graduating magna cum laude from Texas Southern University in 1956, she went on to receive her law degree from Boston University in 1959.

She exhorted all of us to strive for excellence, stand fast for justice and fairness, and yield to no one in the matter of defending the Constitution and upholding the most sacred principles of a democratic government.

Barbara Jordan retired from Congress in 1978 after serving 3 terms and was appointed a distinguished professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

Barbara Jordan was a lawyer, legislator, scholar, author, and presidential adviser.

Barbara made history again in 1976, when she became the first African American woman to deliver keynote speeches at a Democratic National Convention.

She was immensely gifted, and used every bit of her talent and skill to address, improve, and dignify the conditions of human life.

In the tradition of Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, and Thurgood Marshall, Barbara Jordan challenged the Federal Government and the American people to uphold the principles set forth in the United States Constitution and the fabric of our social mores.

Barbara Jordan made a difference and because of her contributions, America is a better place.

GARRISON KEILLOR'S FINAL "PRAIRIE HOME" BROADCAST

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the news from St. Paul, Minnesota, my hometown.

Garrison Keillor, one of our great storytellers in Minnesota and the nation, will be hosting "A Prairie Home Companion" for the final time this Saturday.

As one of the most iconic shows on public radio, "Prairie Home" was created by Mr. Keillor more than 40 years ago. Its characters and tales sprung from his imagination, and from his wry observation of the comedies and tragedies of everyday life in the Midwest.

This will be his last official appearance on stage hosting musical guests, sharing the stories of Guy Noir and the Lives of the Cowboys, and bringing us "the news from Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average".

Mr. Keillor created a space where families could gather around and "hear that old piano from down the Avenue", not to mention some of America's most talented folk and gospel musicians.

His serial skits are as much beloved for their witty wordplay as the campy characters.

The gentle satire in his weekly monologues allowed us to laugh at ourselves and see America's flaws and wisdom echoed back to us in the stories of that small town on the edge of the prairie.

To many in St. Paul, however, Mr. Keillor isn't just the soothing voice that poured out from our radios every Saturday night. He's a treasured member of our community and my neighbor.

IN HONOR OF THE HANDLEY BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' tennis team from Handley High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Handley boys' tennis team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Handley boys' tennis team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

Handley boys' tennis team won this year's 4A state championship to cap off an amazing 22-0 undefeated season. This state tennis title is Handley's first in over ten years and these boys could not deserve it more. The only team to even get a point on this team after the regular season was a three-time defending state champion and that was just a single point.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Handley boys' tennis team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATION OF EID-AL-FITR MARKING THE END OF THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr, formally marking the end of the Holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a month where over 1.6 billion Muslims across the globe come together and fast for a spiritual cleanse.

The fast begins daily at the rising of the sun and is completed as the sun sets—nearly 17 hours of no food or water for a month.

Our fellow Muslim community is brought remembrance of the less fortunate, who are forced to fast out of compulsion and unfortunate circumstances.

During this beautiful month of spiritual improvement, our neighboring Muslims across the nation come together to build stronger relationships with each one of us and worship as a community.

As the festivities of Eid are celebrated, I hope each one of us will continue to remember those less fortunate and continue on the path of strengthening communities and building bridges.

I extend my warmest wishes to my Muslim constituents in Texas and here in Washington, and thank each and every one of them for their continued efforts to serve our community.

This dedication is a testament to the beautiful faith of Islam.

Eid Mubarak, or Happy Eid; I wish to you peace and prosperity in the years to come.

H.R. 5388, THE "SUPPORT FOR RAPID INNOVATION ACT OF 2016"

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 5388.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 30, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5388, the Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5388—*Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016*

Current law permits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to waive the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (procedures that guide federal procurement actions) for certain research and development projects. That authority (known as "other transaction authority") enables the department to increase its use of small contractors for research and development activities and is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016. H.R. 5388 would extend it for four years.

Based on information from DHS about the department's research and development plans, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5388 would not significantly affect DHS spending for those activities. In recent years DHS has spent around \$0.7 billion annually on research and development activities. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5388 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5388 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

IN HONOR OF THE CHANTILLY BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' baseball team from Chantilly High School in my District who recently won the 2016 6A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Chantilly boys' baseball team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Chantilly boys' baseball team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

This team unfortunately had come up short the previous two years, and came into this year's final determined to be victorious. Seven innings into the state championship final, they found themselves down two scores to their zero. Thinking back to the previous two years of disappointment, they dug deep and rallied to score three quick runs to win the state title by just one run in an exhilarating fashion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Chantilly boys' baseball team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. EILEEN MARIE COLLINS, TRAILBLAZING FIRST WOMAN NASA SPACE SHUTTLE FLIGHT COMMANDER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, and on behalf of its constituents within the City of Houston, which is home to the Johnson Space Center, I rise to pay tribute to Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins, the first woman to command a Space Shuttle mission in the long and storied history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins was born in Elmira, New York on November 19, 1956.

As a child, Eileen Collins dreamed about space and of becoming an astronaut.

The Collins family wanted the young Eileen to attend college but did not have the money to send her.

So after graduating from high school, Eileen Collins attended Corning Community College

where her hard work and superior academic performance enabled her to win a scholarship to Syracuse University, from which she graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and economics.

Not stopping there, Eileen Collins went on to earn a Master of Science degree in operations research from Stanford University and a Master of Arts degree in space systems management from Webster University.

In 1979, Eileen Collins graduated from Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base and was commissioned as an officer, where her excellent performance earned her several promotions, up to and including her current rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1990, while attending the Air Force Test Pilot School, Eileen Collins was selected for the astronaut program and realized her childhood dream of becoming an astronaut when she completed her training and earned her appointment as a NASA astronaut.

Just four short years later, Eileen Collins made history when she became the first woman to pilot a Space Shuttle mission (STS-9) on February 2, 1995.

Lt. Col. Collins made history once again on July 23, 1999, when she became the first woman to command a Space Shuttle mission.

Lt. Colonel Collins is also a wife and mother, but on top of all these titles and distinctions she is an inspiration for many women throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary achievements of Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins are a tribute to her hard work and perseverance, but they also reflect favorably upon the nation that made it possible for her to take advantage of opportunities that enabled her to realize her dreams.

In the end, this is what really makes America great.

From Sally Ride to Mae Jemison, women pioneers in the space program have made great strides in opening doors and opportunities for women and because of them no dream is impossible for American women, whether it is commanding a NASA space shuttle or becoming President of the United States.

H.R. 5456

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

VOICE FOR ADOPTION,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2016.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN:

DEAR CHAIRMAN HATCH AND RANKING MEMBER WYDEN:

DEAR CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT:

Today I offer Voice for Adoption's full support of the proposed Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456). It takes historic and long overdue steps to direct federal child welfare dollars to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families. I urge you to move toward a timely mark up in both the House and the Senate so these vulnerable