

about 70 percent of companies in the most profitable industries.

This failure follows the Iranian nuclear deal, providing over \$100 billion to a regime that proclaims “death to America” and “death to Israel.”

By failing to stop ISIL-Daesh, the President’s legacy has led to Syrians fleeing, children drowning at sea, and chemical weapons attacks killing Iraqi children in their homes. The President can still change course to promote a strong America with peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### STEVEN STEINER IS A CREDIT TO THE GRANITE STATE

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

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a New Hampshire hero.

Conway’s Steven Steiner, an emergency medical technician, has devoted his life to helping others. Off duty in Manchester one day, he noticed a commotion. A car had stopped in traffic. Steven saw that the man behind the wheel had lost consciousness. He pulled the man from his car and successfully administered CPR, not once, but twice, after the man lost consciousness a second time. He had overdosed, unfortunately, on heroin.

Steven, who lost his own son to an OxyContin overdose, saved that man’s life. ABC News happened to be there to document New Hampshire’s fight against opiates and heroin, capturing the life-or-death moment.

Steven is a credit to the Granite State. He started Dads and Moms Against Drug Dealers to stop the spread of opiates and heroin in our great State of New Hampshire.

Most heroin enters our country across the southern border, where I will visit this April to investigate. As Steven knows from experience, we must stop deadly drugs like heroin from entering our country, just as we must help those who are struggling with this addiction.

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#### PRESERVE CASTNER RANGE

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

Mr. O’ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask for the support and help of my colleagues to preserve a very special place in my community known as Castner Range.

Castner Range is 7,000 acres in the Chihuahuan Desert wilderness, where you have unique flora and fauna and human history dating back to 10,000 years before our time. These 7,000 acres

are a jewel to our binational region of 3 million people and a treasure to the United States.

For that reason, I ask Congress to join my community in its grassroots efforts to preserve Castner Range as a national monument so that this generation and those that follow can enjoy this national treasure in perpetuity.

#### IRAN AND NORTH KOREA COCONSPIRATORS IN MISCHIEF

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a satellite flying in space over the Super Bowl, a long-range missile test, 15 other missile launches, the test of a so-called hydrogen bomb, and threats to destroy Manhattan. This is North Korean saber rattling in 2016 alone.

It is safe to assume the Iranians were on site as witnesses to these latest violations of international law.

Why? Because the Iranian scientists have been present nearly every time the North Koreans have issued or launched missiles for decades.

The rogue nations of Iran and North Korea have been working together since the 1980s on missile development. During the 1990s, they started developing long-range ballistic missiles. By the 2000s, the Iranians were giving North Korea sensitive data from their own tests to improve North Korean missile systems.

Mr. Speaker, North Korea already has the ability to attack South Korea, and Iran has the ability to attack Israel. These long-range missiles are intended for the United States.

The American people should understand the threat we face. We should be prepared. Our Nation must sanction these belligerent powers and develop a robust missile defense system to protect our homeland.

And that is just the way it is.

#### FAILURES OF WMATA

(Mrs. COMSTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address an issue of grave concern to my constituents.

Last week’s unprecedented closure of the entire Metrorail system demonstrated Metro’s ongoing safety failures. This week, the Federal Transit Administration launched its safety blitz of Metro, focusing on the training and oversight of inspectors and the maintenance workers, as well as the management of track defect data.

Paul Wiedefeld, the new general manager of Metro, issued a letter to the public several weeks ago identifying many of the problems, including management problems. First and foremost, he said: “The safety culture at Metro is not integrated with operations, nor well-rooted at all levels.”

For example, although this has already been noted, he noted that there were more red lights blown through in 2015 by its operators than in either 2013 or 2014. Clearly, we are going the wrong direction, and we need to improve Metro.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important measure to protect the Metro system of the Nation’s capital.

#### STOP SEXUAL ABUSE OF AFGHAN CHILDREN

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

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last fall, it was reported that sexual abuse of children by members of the Afghan military has been rampant for years, and that, in some instances, U.S. servicemembers have been punished for attempting to stop such abuse.

As our mission in Afghanistan reaches 15 years, our troops should not feel that our strategy is undermined by Afghan forces committing human rights violations against innocent children.

Along with 94 of my colleagues in both the House and the Senate, I requested a full inquiry into the U.S. Government’s experience with allegations of sexual abuse of children by members of the Afghan security and police forces. This investigation has been launched by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, who will evaluate the Department of Defense’s and State Department’s policies and procedures for ensuring U.S. funds do not support human rights violators.

Sexually harming innocent children should not be condoned in any part of the world, and the children of Afghanistan deserve the same protection as any of God’s children.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CHAFFETZ (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and for the balance of the week on account of a family obligation that requires him to be in his home State of Utah.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and March 22 on account of official business.

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and March 22 on account of official travel with President Barack Obama to Cuba.

Mr. JEFFRIES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and March 22 on account of traveling to Cuba with the President.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker’s

table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2143. An act to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 2512. An act to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1831. An act to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4666. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Mark I. Fox, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4667. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2015 annual report on mining activities as required by the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006, Public Law 109-236; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4668. A letter from the Secretaries of the Departments, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report to Congress from the Departments entitled "Notifications of Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2014", pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 8401(k); Pub. L 107-188, Sec. 212(k); (116 Stat. 656); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4669. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Revision 2 of RG 1.127 — Criteria and Design Features for Inspection Water Control Structures Associated with Nuclear Power Plants received March 16, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4670. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-124, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c)(2)(C); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(c) (as added by Public Law 94-329, Sec. 211(a)); (82 Stat. 1326); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4671. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a semi-annual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses during the period from July 1 through December 31, 2015, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6); Public Law 102-484, Sec. 1705(e)(6) (as amended by Public Law 104-114, Sec. 102(g)); (110 Stat. 794); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4672. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4673. A letter from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's 2014 Annual Report to the President and Congress, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2076(j); Public Law 92-573, Sec. 27(j) (as amended by Public Law 110-314, Sec. 209(a)); (122 Stat. 3046); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4674. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting the Endowment's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2015, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a); (104 Stat. 2849); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4675. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist (Executive Resources), Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration, transmitting notification of action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4676. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "RPTAC Has Improved the Appeal Assessment Process"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4677. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3375-EM in the State of Michigan has exceeded the \$5 million limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); Public Law 93-288, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4678. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Bureau's 2015 Transportation Statistics Annual Report, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 6312; Public Law 112-141, Sec. 52011(a); (126 Stat. 894); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4679. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2014 Methane Hydrate Program Report to Congress, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 2003(c)(1)(C); Public Law 109-58, Sec. 968(a); (119 Stat. 897); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

4680. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Re-

strictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ethnological Materials From the Republic of Colombia (RIN: 1515-AE08) received March 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4681. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Loess Hills District Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2015-0009; T.D. TTB-135; Ref. Notice No.: 153] (RIN: 1513-AC20) received March 10, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4682. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Flights to and from Cuba [USCBP-2016-0015] (RIN: 1651-AB10) received March 17, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

4683. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the draft of proposed legislation entitled the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Foreign Affairs, House Administration, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, and Rules.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 4336. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery; with an amendment (Rept. 114-459, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BRADY of Texas: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4472. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to adopt a centralized electronic system to help expedite the placement of children in foster care or guardianship, or for adoption, across State lines, and to provide grants to aid States in developing such a system, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-460). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 653. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2745) to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016 (Rept. 114-461). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Armed Services discharged from further consideration.