

the Fourth Congressional District of Arkansas are finding satisfaction and self-reliance through employment.

I thank Bridges of Hope for its work in my hometown, and I hope to see its efforts not only grow, but also be replicated, because there is a better way to fight poverty and it is still the best anti-poverty program of all time—a job.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OVERTIME RULE UPDATE

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, last week, a Texas judge granted an emergency injunction against the Department of Labor's overtime rule.

This disastrous overtime rule is yet another attempt by this administration to legislate outside of reason and job description to impose their "we know what is best for you" agenda.

This rule, set to go into effect December 1, would double the overtime salary threshold almost overnight. For Americans, this overtime rule would mean fewer job prospects, less flexibility, and less opportunity.

I have stood before this body many times telling the stories of small businesses that have come to me and warned me of the struggles their employees and families would face because of this overtime rule.

Schools and universities back home in my district were negatively impacted by this rule and the possibility of having to inform employees of a partial paycheck right before the holidays. Despite outcry and outrage from folks back home, the administration pushed forward with its unpopular overtime rule.

Thankfully, the courts got it right. I thank the courts for standing up for the rule of law and the American people.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY KEEPS STUDENTS SAFE

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

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Ohio State University, their emergency management team, and all our police officers and first responders who took swift action on Monday to keep our students safe and stop an attacker wielding a knife. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims who were injured, and I wish them a quick and full recovery.

As a fellow Buckeye, it is difficult to even fathom that senseless violence like this can happen even on one of our own campuses. I walked those sidewalks as a student, and just a few days ago I was with my wife on campus.

With the unpredictable threats and the potential emergencies we face today, we must be prepared, and we must always be vigilant.

I am sincerely grateful to The Ohio State University that they were ready. An OSU police officer, who is also a graduate of the university, is a hero for stopping a potential terror attack that ISIS has claimed responsibility for. The university effectively utilized emergency response protocol to keep thousands of students on campus out of harm's way.

Mr. Speaker, America's universities and colleges are places where students should safely engage with their classmates, where they are challenged, and where they find opportunities to succeed in our great Nation. That is certainly the case at The Ohio State University.

As we continue to pray for our students' safety and security, we must stand with the Buckeye community. We are Buckeye strong.

HONORING WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE K9 OFFICER COLLIN ROSE

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

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a fallen Wayne State University Police K9 Officer Collin Rose, who died in the line of duty on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

Officer Rose was a man of the community, who visited schools and trained police dogs. He was a Ferris State University Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Academy graduate. And tragically, Officer Rose became the fifth officer to be shot in the United States in a matter of days.

It is completely unacceptable. This trend of violence and murder against the very people who serve and protect us, there are no words. It must stop.

These brave men and women in uniform are more than their occupation. They are husbands, they are wives, they are brothers, and sisters. They are our children. In Officer Rose's case, he was somebody's fiance, preparing to get married in less than a year from now.

As much as we think that their job is to protect us, it is our job to ensure their safety as well. Our communities must work with the police to open dialogue and voice concerns peacefully. Every single American must respect our police and men and women in uniform.

Please join me today in praying for Officer Rose's family, friends, and the entire Wayne State Police Force during this time of tragedy. His life and legacy will never be forgotten.

SUPPORT INNOVATION, RESEARCH, AND LIFESAVING CURES TO DISEASES

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of innovation, research, and lifesaving cures to diseases that affect every family in every neighborhood of America.

We are set to begin a new era in Washington in January, but we still have the opportunity to accomplish meaningful change before the end of this year. We have the opportunity to save lives by passing the 21st Century Cures Act and getting it signed into law.

For example, right now, each year, 700,000 people die with Alzheimer's disease annually. By 2050, estimates are that our country will spend over \$1 trillion alone just to treat patients with Alzheimer's. Yet, we spend just a few hundred million dollars a year on Alzheimer's research.

This weekend, 60 Minutes highlighted an NIH-backed Alzheimer's study and the amazing work our researchers are doing to find a cure for this dreadful disease.

21st Century Cures increases our commitment to studies like these by adding almost \$5 billion in new investment for research over the next 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, if we support 21st Century Cures, we not only save lives, but our investment will pay for itself a thousand times over.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 30, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 30, 2016, at 9:18 a.m.:

That the Senate request return of official papers to make a technical correction to the engrossment H. Con. Res 122.

That the Senate passed S. 2944.

That the Senate passed S. 3438.

That the Senate passed S. 461.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4419.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5785.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

REQUESTING RETURN OF H. CON. RES. 122, PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT OF TRIBES TO STOP THE EXPORT OF CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PATRIMONY RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged message from the Senate:

In the Senate of the United States, November 29, 2016.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the Concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 122) entitled "Concurrent resolution supporting efforts to stop the theft, illegal possession or sale, transfer, and export of tribal cultural items of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the United States and internationally.", together with all accompanying papers, and that upon the compliance of the request, the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate may make a technical correction in the engrossment of the aforesaid bill.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request of the Senate is agreed to, and H. Con. Res. 122 and the Senate amendment thereto will be returned to the Senate.

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2943, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Mr. THORNBERRY submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (S. 2943) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 114-840)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2943), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—*This Act is organized into five divisions as follows:*

(1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.

(2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.

(3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.

(4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(5) Division E—Uniform Code of Military Justice Reform.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—*The table of contents for this Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. Multiyear procurement authority for AH-64E Apache helicopters.

Sec. 112. Multiyear procurement authority for UH-60M and HH-60M Black Hawk helicopters.

Sec. 113. Distributed Common Ground System—Army increment 1.

Sec. 114. Assessment of certain capabilities of the Department of the Army.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

Sec. 121. Determination of vessel delivery dates.

Sec. 122. Incremental funding for detail design and construction of LHA replacement ship designated LHA 8.

Sec. 123. Littoral Combat Ship.

Sec. 124. Limitation on use of sole-source shipbuilding contracts for certain vessels.

Sec. 125. Limitation on availability of funds for the Advanced Arresting Gear Program.

Sec. 126. Limitation on availability of funds for procurement of U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN-80).

Sec. 127. Sense of Congress on aircraft carrier procurement schedules.

Sec. 128. Report on P-8 Poseidon aircraft.

Sec. 129. Design and construction of replacement dock landing ship designated LX(R) or amphibious transport dock designated LPD-29.

Subtitle D—Air Force Programs

Sec. 131. EC-130H Compass Call recapitalization program.

Sec. 132. Repeal of requirement to preserve certain retired C-5 aircraft.

Sec. 133. Repeal of requirement to preserve F-117 aircraft in recallable condition.

Sec. 134. Prohibition on availability of funds for retirement of A-10 aircraft.

Sec. 135. Limitation on availability of funds for destruction of A-10 aircraft in storage status.

Sec. 136. Prohibition on availability of funds for retirement of Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft.

Sec. 137. Elimination of annual report on aircraft inventory.

Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint, and Multiservice Matters

Sec. 141. Standardization of 5.56mm rifle ammunition.

Sec. 142. Fire suppressant and fuel containment standards for certain vehicles.

Sec. 143. Limitation on availability of funds for destruction of certain cluster munitions.

Sec. 144. Report on Department of Defense munitions strategy for the combatant commands.

Sec. 145. Modifications to reporting on use of combat mission requirements funds.

Sec. 146. Report on alternative management structures for the F-35 joint strike fighter program.

Sec. 147. Comptroller General review of F-35 Lightning II aircraft sustainment support.

Sec. 148. Briefing on acquisition strategy for Ground Mobility Vehicle.

Sec. 149. Study and report on optimal mix of aircraft capabilities for the Armed Forces.

TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 201. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations

Sec. 211. Laboratory quality enhancement program.

Sec. 212. Modification of mechanisms to provide funds for defense laboratories for research and development of technologies for military missions.

Sec. 213. Making permanent authority for defense research and development rapid innovation program.

Sec. 214. Authorization for National Defense University and Defense Acquisition University to enter into cooperative research and development agreements.

Sec. 215. Manufacturing Engineering Education Grant Program.

Sec. 216. Notification requirement for certain rapid prototyping, experimentation, and demonstration activities.

Sec. 217. Increased micro-purchase threshold for research programs and entities.

Sec. 218. Improved biosafety for handling of select agents and toxins.

Sec. 219. Designation of Department of Defense senior official with principal responsibility for directed energy weapons.

Sec. 220. Restructuring of the distributed common ground system of the Army.

Sec. 221. Limitation on availability of funds for the countering weapons of mass destruction system Constellation.

Sec. 222. Limitation on availability of funds for Defense Innovation Unit Experimental.

Sec. 223. Limitation on availability of funds for Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) recapitalization program.

Sec. 224. Acquisition program baseline and annual reports on follow-on modernization program for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Subtitle C—Reports and Other Matters

Sec. 231. Strategy for assured access to trusted microelectronics.

Sec. 232. Pilot program on evaluation of commercial information technology.

Sec. 233. Pilot program for the enhancement of the research, development, test, and evaluation centers of the Department of Defense.

Sec. 234. Pilot program on modernization and fielding of electromagnetic spectrum warfare systems and electronic warfare capabilities.

Sec. 235. Pilot program on disclosure of certain sensitive information to federally funded research and development centers.