and district director for Congressman John D. Dingell, then as a chief of staff in the Michigan State Senate, and in serving as the Executive Director of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA). In 1990, he was first elected to the Dearborn City Council, serving for seventeen years as Council President. In 2006, he was sworn in as the Mayor of Dearborn after the passing of Mayor Michael Guido and was officially elected to the role in a special election in 2007.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. O'Reilly has been a champion for economic growth and development within the city, as well as for improving Dearborn's neighborhoods for all. Under his leadership, downtown was revitalized, and the city has continued to be recognized as a center of culture, industry, and innovation. Mr. O'Reilly was highly involved in many state and community organizations, as the chair of the Downriver Community Conference in 2014, President of the Michigan Municipal League in 2015, and was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation by Governor Rick Snyder in 2016. Ever the advocate for his city, he served on the board of directors for the Dearborn Education Foundation, the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, and the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority. He resides in his beloved Dearborn with his wife Christina, and together they have three children Devon, Sean, and Dylan.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Former Mayor John O'Reilly. We are grateful for his years spent serving the citizens of Dearborn. Personally, I am thankful for Jack's years of friendship, counsel, and advice to my late husband John and I, he is someone who can always be counted on. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on January 12–13, 2022, due to testing positive for COVID. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall No. 4; YEA on rollcall No. 5; NAY on rollcall No. 6; NAY on rollcall No. 7; NAY on rollcall No. 8; and NAY on rollcall No. 9.

H.R. 2930, THE STOP ACT

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise as an original sponsor of H.R. 2930, The STOP Act, to celebrate the House's passage of this important legislation and to express my disappointment over the fears that led to 57 of my colleagues voting against the bill and will lay out the facts to dispel those fears. The fact is the bill incorporates the concerns of the various stakeholders impacted by the legislation. This melding of concerns was eloquently stated on the House floor by Chairwoman LEGER FERNANDEZ, The STOP Act's sponsor who told the House that: ''This version reflects negotiations with Tribal leaders, Federal agency experts, and the Authentic Tribal Art Dealers Association,'' all of whom are impacted by the legislation. Chairwoman LEGER FERNANDEZ comments on the melding of stakeholder concerns were reinforced by Ranking Member WESTERMAN on the House floor when he stated: ''I want to thank the sponsor of the legislation for working with stakeholders impacted by this bill, including the Acoma, the Pueblo, the Antique Tribal Art Dealers Association, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, and others.'' Clearly, there was bipartisan recognition that the concerns expressed by the bill's various stakeholders were legitimate and had to be incorporated into the final product. I am providing here, for the record, the ways in which The STOP Act meets the concerns of all the stakeholders mentioned by Chairwoman LEGER FERNANDEZ and Ranking Member WESTERMAN, which should dispel the fears of those opposed to bill. For starters, the bill does not ban all exports of Native American items as some fear. The bill only prohibits the export of items in violation of NAGPRA and ARPA, no other items for export are prohibited. In fact, the bill clearly states: ''an item made solely for commercial purposes is presumed to not qualify as an Item Requiring Export Certification;'' while an additional provision specifies that Certification requirements be ''sufficiently specific precise to ensure that an export certification is required only for Items Requiring Export Certification.'' Clearly, the bill provides for a targeted ban on the export of illegal items, not the broad ban opponents fear. The facts dispel the fear that certification provenance requirements would lead to a de-facto export ban given the limited provenance of many items. The fact is the bill explicitly states: ''include all available information regarding the provenance,'' so the bill clearly only requires ''available information'' and does not require the historical provenance of the item. Finally, opponents fear that The STOP Act placed the burden of proof on the citizen, not the government. In fact, the bill had no need to address this issue. It is a foundational principal of our democratic system of laws and governance that the burden of proof is on the government, not the citizen. In conclusion, I would like to, once again, congratulate the House for passing The Stop Act and urge all to consider these facts.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to stand in solidarity with the many Americans, including my constituents from Texas' Third Congressional District, who are here at our Nation's Capital to march for the right to life.

As a father of three wonderful daughters, I know how precious each life is and I strongly believe it should be protected at every stage.

Every year, I am awed by the outpouring of love and passion so many Texans show by traveling to Washington and voicing their support for sanctity of life. Even more travel to our state Capitol in Austin or advance the cause in our local communities.

Your engagement is humbling and gives me faith that we can become the pro-life generation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the pro-life and faith leaders here at our Nation's Capital and join us in the fight to protect innocent human life.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Sudan's imperiled transition, focusing on United States policy in the wake of the October 25th coup.

SD–106/VTC

3 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. territories.

SD–366

FEBRUARY 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed joint briefing on U.S. policy on Afghanistan.

CVC–200

FEBRUARY 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maria Duaime Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Electricity), and Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy, and Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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