

husband Harry, both longtime supporters of the arts, host an annual arts benefit that has supported victims of Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans National Kidney Foundation, and the Louisiana Children's Hospital. In addition to opening up their home for charitable functions, the Liebermans have also hosted educational forums on issues such as climate change, health care reform, sustainable/green living, as well as speaker sessions with Muslim community leader, Dr. Reza Asian, to foster community understanding of Muslim Americans.

Ellin has been a tireless advocate and a humble role model. Her exuberance and passion inspire us. And I ask all Members to join me in thanking Dr. Ellin Lieberman for her many years of selfless, dedicated service to the community.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to Sections 2202 through 2214 of the bill, which cuts funding for needed investments in transportation and infrastructure. These are reckless cuts to important programs and place our country's economic recovery in jeopardy.

Specifically, the cuts to transportation and infrastructure funding will not only cut jobs, but will curtail investment in our country's long-term economic growth.

Mr. Chair, the best way to reduce the deficit is to put Americans back to work. The Republican CR is a job-killing bill that would do nothing more than wreak havoc on the American economy and will put us at an overall competitive disadvantage.

The Republican CR cuts almost \$18 billion from transportation and infrastructure investments alone. Investing in our crumbling infrastructure keeps our economy moving forward and puts Americans back to work by creating desperately needed jobs in the hard-hit construction industry.

Adopting the GOP Continuing Resolution would result in the loss of nearly 300,000 private-sector jobs a figure that is in stark contrast to the GOP's commitment to keep job creation their number one priority.

These reckless cuts to investments in roads, bridges, transit and rail will have tremendous consequences to our economic recovery and will render us uncompetitive in the global market.

The cuts to transportation and infrastructure projects include: a cut of \$1.4 billion in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund program; a \$6.3 billion cut in high-speed/intercity rail; a cut of \$613 million in the Tiger II program; and a cut of \$75 million in the Tigger II program.

These draconian cuts to the transportation and infrastructure budget will have a tremendous impact on the health and stability of our economy. Democrats and Republicans both agree that the Federal Government needs to tighten its belt when it comes to spending.

However, cutting funding to transportation and infrastructure programs will curtail the investments that are desperately needed to sustain our long-term economic recovery.

These divisive cuts to critical transportation and infrastructure projects will compromise programs that are invaluable to increasing efficiency of commerce, reducing fuel consumption, and creating jobs.

The Republican proposal to cut key funding from the transportation and infrastructure budget will undermine the stability that is required of long-term transportation projects that require a steady source of funding and will eliminate key investments in roads and bridges that foster private sector job growth.

The job-killing Republican Continuing Resolution will rescind \$2.5 billion for high-speed rail projects that have already been awarded. These are critical investments for our future.

Creating efficient and affordable high speed rail line in popular transportation corridors, such as the Los Angeles to San Francisco will create thousands of jobs, protect our environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. In California alone, the GOP CR rescinds over \$1 billion in funding for high-speed/intercity rail. This is absolutely unacceptable.

In addition, the GOP Continuing Resolution would cancel 76 projects in 40 states and would cut \$234 million that would be used to improve our nation's air traffic control system. The Republican proposal also threatens adequate funding to wastewater treatment facilities and sewer lines putting 40,000 American jobs in jeopardy.

In California alone, the Republican CR would cut over 40,000 transportation related jobs. Hundreds, if not thousands, of those jobs are sure to be lost in my district.

This Continuing Resolution would also cut almost \$100 million in funding to keep our water clean and would reduce funding to the state of California for transportation projects by over \$1.2 billion.

This bill does not create jobs, stifles long-term economic growth, and puts our country at a competitive disadvantage. This is not what the American people want.

I urge my colleagues to stand with me in opposition to this bill.

HONORING DAVID GREENBAUM

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my constituent David Greenbaum as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Like many Jews who escaped Europe on the eve of the Holocaust, Mr. Greenbaum can attribute his survival to a combination of keen perception, perseverance, luck, and the compassion of strangers.

His extraordinary journey began in Starachowice, Poland in 1939 as Hitler invaded Poland. At the time, Mr. Greenbaum was 28 years old and living with his mother

and three younger siblings. His father had passed away two years earlier. With German planes overhead bombing nearby towns, the Greenbaum family left their home and took refuge in the nearby countryside on a farm of a family friend. As German soldiers approached, Mr. Greenbaum left his family and headed north-east with a deserter from the Polish Army.

The two were shortly joined by others seeking to avoid German capture. The group walked without rest on unfamiliar roads to unknown destinations. Mr. Greenbaum walked for 1,100 miles, arriving in Vilnius, Lithuania. Granted shelter for the night by a local tailor, Mr. Greenbaum had a chance meeting with his brother Zack, who had joined the Polish Army. The two then parted, with David Greenbaum planning to continue on to Kaunas (then the capital of Lithuania) in order to ultimately join their sister, Diana, in Washington, D.C.

David Greenbaum may not have survived the Nazi invasion were it not for the assistance of the Jewish social service organization. While in Kaunas, Mr. Greenbaum was informed by the organization that all Jewish refugees were to be jailed. With its help, he obtained a visa to the U.S. Visa in hand, he begged in the streets for money in order to accumulate the \$225 he needed to travel by train to Moscow and then Vladivostok, Russia, a port on the Pacific Ocean. By feigning injury, Mr. Greenbaum evaded the scrutiny of undercover agents patrolling the train. Once he reached his destination, Mr. Greenbaum purchased a ticket to Japan with money again provided by a Jewish social service organization. On December 13, 1940, Mr. Greenbaum boarded The Cleveland, a ship sent to Japan by President Roosevelt, for a trans-Pacific journey to San Francisco.

One year after his journey began, Mr. Greenbaum arrived in Washington, D.C., where he quickly sought to integrate himself into his new surroundings. After completing English lessons, Mr. Greenbaum began work at Berman's, a clothier located in the Pentagon. Mr. Greenbaum learned the trade and became known as an outstanding tailor. In fact, Mr. Greenbaum was chosen to be the personal tailor of Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Mr. Greenbaum will be celebrating his 100th birthday on February 18, 2011. With Pearl, his wife of 63 years, he shares the joy of two children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate David Greenbaum's 100th birthday and wish him a year of health and happiness.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chair, as Ranking Member of the Homeland Security