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The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, abide with us from this moment of prayer and remain with us all the day long. With You beside us, may we live into the righteousness, into the integrity that we cannot obtain on our own.

Align our hearts with Your heart so that any thought that comes to our minds, every word that leaves our mouths, every sight we see or look we give, would reflect Your divine goodness and reveal Your steadfast love for each and every person we encounter.

As we close out the end of this long and taxing week, may what is left of our limited strength be reinforced with Your infinite strength, whatever shred of patience we have left be infused with Your unfailing patience with us, and whatever ounce of compassion we can muster be magnified by Your compassionate and steadfast love for us and for all people.

Abide in us and may we abide in You. For without You, the fruit of our labor is worth nothing, but in You may we bear the fruit of Your Holy Spirit.

In Your merciful name we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEXAS RANGERS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in their 63-year history, I am proud to say that after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks in game 5, the Texas Rangers are World Series champions.

I have the great honor to represent the Rangers in Texas' 25th Congressional District. I am tremendously proud of this team who not only won their first World Series but won a record-setting 11 straight postseason road games.

Needless to say, this is a historic moment for Texas and Arlington. It could not have been done without manager Bruce Bochy; series MVP Corey Seager; all of the players and staff who left everything on the field; and especially team owners Ray Davis and Neil Leibman; and general manager Chris Young. Most importantly, I thank all the fans, the best in the Nation, who showed up to every game decked out in their Ranger red, their Ranger white, and their Ranger blue to cheer and support the Texas Rangers.

I am proud to say the Rangers went and took it.

Again, I congratulate the staff and players. May they enjoy the well-deserved celebrations. I look forward to opening day in 2024.

Go Rangers and look fastball.  
In God we trust.

### IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of the bipartisan Hamas International Financing Prevention Act in the House of Representatives.

I helped introduce this bipartisan legislation with Representative BRIAN MAST and helped lead it to overwhelmingly pass the House 363-46.

This legislation imposes sanctions on foreign persons, agencies, and governments that assist terrorist organizations, including Iranian-backed Hamas,

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Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other affiliates.

On October 7, the world watched Hamas terrorists invade Israel and brutally kidnap, behead, torture, rape, burn, and murder innocent babies, children, women, and the elderly, including dozens of Americans. This unprovoked war has underscored why I will always stand with Israel and support our partner's right to defend herself from those who seek her destruction.

This bipartisan legislation will ensure we isolate and punish these radical terrorist groups by cutting off their financial resources at the moment our ally in the Middle East needs it most.

We must do everything we can to get every hostage home, including all Americans, help our ally Israel defend herself and crush the terrorists, and provide much-needed humanitarian aid to innocent Palestinian civilians being used by Hamas as human shields.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to immediately pass the bipartisan Hamas International Financing Prevention Act.

#### REMEMBERING TOM DURDEN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Tom Durden who passed away at the age of 66.

Durden was a famous district attorney for the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. In 1984, 2 years after earning a law degree from Mercer University, he joined the DA's office as an assistant prosecutor until he was elected DA in 1998.

He was a true public servant to the State of Georgia for almost 40 years and led the DA's office for 24 years before retiring in 2022.

During his career, Tom Durden worked on hundreds of criminal cases in the Atlantic Circuit, which includes six southeast Georgia counties outside Savannah.

He was best known for working on the Tomato Patch murder case and the 2020 Ahmaud Arbery murder.

Durden was a hard-working, determined, and endearing person with many great qualities. He also had artistic talents such as singing, playing guitar, and playing piano.

Durden will be remembered for being a good person and for his talents in and outside of the courtroom.

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIRUT BOMBING

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, on October 23, 1983, the United States of America suffered an unspeakable loss as 220 Marines, 18 Navy sailors, and 3 Army sol-

diers were killed in a horrific act of violence in the Marine barracks at the Beirut airport.

My heart is with every American grieving the loss of a loved one. Each of those 241 Americans represents the best of our country: brave, selfless, and dedicated.

We must recommit ourselves to working to defend democracy at home and around the world. That is how we rightfully honor the legacy of the 241 heroes we lost that day. That is what we owe all of the servicemembers, family members, and loved ones whose lives were changed forever those 40 years ago.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARTH NEWEL MUSIC CENTER

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Garth Newel Music Center, which is in the heart of Virginia's Allegheny Mountains.

Garth Newel, the estate of celebrated artists and accomplished musicians Christine and William Sergeant Kendall, has been a home to the fine and performing arts since 1924.

In 1973, with the help of Rowe String Quartet members Luca and Arlene Di Cecco, Ms. Kendall established the Garth Newel Music Center.

When Ms. Kendall passed in 1981, her vision lived on through the leadership of the Di Ceccos and visiting artists.

Today, the Music Center offers world-class performances, including the Garth Newel Piano Quartet, and educational programs.

It has received several recognitions for its contributions to the cultural life of the Allegheny Highlands, such as the Chamber Music America's Acclaim Award, and Garth Newel is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Congratulations, again, to the Garth Newel Music Center on its 50th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH AUSTIN-MACKENZIE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the service of one of the most effective staffers this Chamber has ever known, Elizabeth Austin-Mackenzie. As staff director of the Health Subcommittee, she shepherded many of the most significant achievements of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs over the last 6 years.

Quiet and unassuming, Elizabeth has one of the sharpest minds I have worked with. She has spent the majority of her professional life advocating

for this Nation's veterans with an unflappable determination to doing right by them.

She has always advised me with a clear-eyed perspective and guided her staff with an endless capacity for kindness and a good laugh.

In 2020, when many offices struggled to find ways to work effectively from home, Elizabeth ensured the Health Subcommittee didn't miss a beat.

It is safe to say that no congressional staffer did more for veterans in 2020 than Elizabeth Mackenzie. The landmark legislation, the SAVE LIVES Act, which vaccinated tens of thousands of veterans, their spouses, and their caregivers, was made possible by her determination.

We are saddened to lose this brilliant, seemingly tireless advocate to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but I know she will continue to do great things for veterans and this country.

#### CONGRATULATING JEREMY TARBET

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jeremy Tarbet, an automotive teacher in my district, who was awarded the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Tarbet has dedicated almost a decade of his life to teaching at his alma mater, Canyon del Oro High School in Arizona's Sixth District, just a few miles away from my home.

For the past 3 years, Mr. Tarbet has worked with SkillsUSA, a technical student organization, where he encourages his students to showcase their skills by participating in competitions.

Throughout the year, Mr. Tarbet offers three classic cars for restoration projects, giving his students the opportunity to see firsthand their education at work.

This award, given to only 25 teachers every year, is a testament to his dedication to his students.

I have no doubt that he will continue to shape the future of our students for years to come.

Congratulations, again, Jeremy, on receiving this well-deserved distinction.

#### I STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I cast a "no" vote for a highly partisan supplemental appropriations bill providing security aid to Israel.

Let me be clear: I stand with Israel. Israel isn't just any ally. It is a cornerstone of democracy in one of the most volatile regions in the world. Security

assistance should never be tethered to a hyperpartisan, domestic financial concession.

The offset in this bill, slashing IRS staff, actually adds to the deficit and would allow billionaires to get away with cheating on their taxes.

In matters of foreign policy, especially with crucial allies like Israel, we must rise above partisan politics.

When a bipartisan supplemental appropriations bill containing aid for Israel comes back from the Senate without poison pills, I will wholeheartedly support it. That is the clear path forward here and the best way to support our friend and ally, Israel.

#### CALIFORNIA WATER IS IMPORTANT FOR THE NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out that, once again, our water situation in California is extremely important to the whole country for our food supply.

Like these products you see here, many, many crops that are grown in California supply 90 to 99 percent of what Americans will consume; otherwise, they would be imported.

Why is that important? Because if our water supply in California isn't allowed to go to agriculture, instead more and more environmental water, more and more water just allowed to flow down the streams without being captured in water storage, we don't get these crops, we don't have an economy, and the land turns into something much less productive.

What we need is to continue to focus on saving water in California and allowing it to flow to agriculture, more water storage projects, and updating the 1960s-1970s manuals that guide how government saves water.

Yes, we had an amazing amount of water last year, but still two of our large reservoirs only reached 50 percent and 80 percent full, even with all that. Water management is extremely important when we manage it for people.

□ 0915

#### FOCUS ON BOTH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

(Mr. Robert GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. Robert GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about our country suffering from an epidemic that is devastating our communities and tearing apart families.

Last week, a lone gunman walked into a bowling alley and opened fire on children and parents who were there for a children's bowling league. He got into his car, drove to a nearby restaurant, and senselessly murdered eight more.

This is now a common occurrence in America, and it needs to stop.

Yesterday, I proudly introduced the AMMO Act with Senator ELIZABETH WARREN. Our country has more guns on the street than people. If we are going to truly solve gun violence, we must focus on not just weapons but also on ammunition. That means addressing how we license, sell, and regulate ammo.

In many parts of the country, it is easier to buy ammunition than it is to register to vote. In most of the country, you can walk into a convenience store or pharmacy and purchase as much ammunition as you want without ever showing any ID.

The AMMO Act requires licensing to sell ammo, enacts background checks, cracks down on straw purchasing, restricts bulk sales, and institutes recordkeeping and data sharing across the country.

Mr. Speaker, the AMMO Act will save lives. It is time to act.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CISCOMANT). Pursuant to House Resolution 838 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4821.

Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH) kindly take the chair.

□ 0916

#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, with Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, November 2, 2023, amendment No. 125, printed in part A of House Report 118-261, offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE), had been disposed of.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 126 OFFERED BY MR. ROY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 126 printed in part A of House Report 118-261.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for environmental justice activities.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman

from Texas (Mr. ROY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chairman, the amendment that I am offering here on the legislation we are considering would prohibit any of the funds in this appropriations bill from being used to carry out so-called environmental justice activities.

This so-called environmental justice is nothing more, in the end, than a synthesis of divisive racial ideology and policies that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle like to promote with radical environmentalism.

Basically, they are taking the radical environmental policies perpetuated in the EPA and Interior through this administration, doubling down on them, injecting divisive race policies, and now creating a larger problem for the American people.

The entire ideology is based on the notion that Federal environmental funding should be allocated based on immutable characteristics. Let's think about that for a minute. Not only do we need to destroy the American economy with radical environmental policies, but we need to inject divisive race policies in the middle of it. That is where we are.

People are running around, going to the gas station to get gasoline. They are trying to power their homes. They are wondering why we are having massive instability around the world. They wonder why China is on the rise. They wonder why Iran is able to enrich itself by selling oil to China. They wonder why they can't afford to live their own lives while inflation is destroying their well-being. Now, we are injecting race into the middle of it all.

Biden's so-called Justice40 Initiative directs 40 percent of Federal clean energy and energy efficiency spending based on ethnicity, migrant status, and income status. You literally just can't make up this absurdity.

Here are some of the examples.

"Developing a roadmap to dismantle environmental racism" in Brunswick, Georgia.

Ecology Action in Bloomington, Illinois, "seeks to identify and develop mitigation strategies for disproportionate climate impacts . . . and increase tree equity." What in the hell is tree equity?

Supporting summer high school environmental internships in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, "to build climate resilience and connect mainly young people of color to life skills and environmental sector career pathways." However, a recent study conducted by President Obama's former Energy Secretary found, on average, solar workers make \$12,000 a year less than oil and gas workers.

The fact of the matter is that we are destroying the American economy by chasing the climate agenda, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle fully acknowledge and admit is being

driven by the climate agenda and that the American people must suffer higher inflation and higher costs—an inability to afford their own homes and their own cars to go about their own jobs and their own way of life—in order to pursue an agenda that everybody acknowledges that, even if we do everything my colleagues on the other side of the aisle say we should do, wouldn't dent CO<sub>2</sub> production relative to what is happening in China, India, and countries around the world.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, in recent years, Democrats have made historic investments in environmental justice, and the EPA has already put those dollars to good use. I think it is unfortunate that my colleagues across the aisle continue to attack good government programs.

Environmental justice, just to explain this, ensures that all Americans receive the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards. It is particularly important in rural communities, like the one I represent and like the one I imagine my colleague represents. Many of these rural communities are in the very districts my colleagues across the aisle are representing.

Rural communities and low-income communities have long been targeted by corporations, regulatory agencies, and local planning and zoning boards when siting polluting facilities.

Let me give you a list of the kinds of things we are talking about here: landfills, waste transfer stations, incinerators, garbage dumps, diesel bus and truck garages, auto body shops, smokestack industries, industrial hog and chicken processors, oil refineries, chemical manufacturers, and radioactive waste storage areas.

Because of this, these communities typically have lower property values, higher health disparities, and shorter lifespans. We are not talking about something trivial here. We are talking about serious concerns about your health, the length of your life, and what your property is worth.

Why would my colleagues try to defund any effort to improve the lives of people in rural and low-income communities?

I am sorry, but it is just another attempt to implement an extreme agenda to attack minority groups at all costs and to return to a time when environmental discrimination was the norm.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support our rural and low-income communities by rejecting this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chairman, the fact is, I have not heard one constituent—not one constituent among the 750,000 people who I represent—come up to me

and say: Do you know what I need, Congressman Roy? I need environmental justice funding.

Calls to my office are just begging for environmental justice funding. Has anybody had a constituent do that, call up and say: Will you please solve the world's problems with environmental justice funding? No.

Do you know what I have had? I have had phone calls to my office saying: I can't afford gas. I can't afford electricity.

I have had calls from workers from a refinery in my district saying that they are going to drive us out of business and that they don't know what they are going to do.

That is all a direct result of a radical agenda by Democrats in the White House, the administration, and my colleagues across the aisle in this Chamber and the other Chamber who are more interested in advancing a radical agenda than standing up for American citizens who simply want to live their lives.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment is a straightforward amendment. It would do what the American people want us to do, which is focus on our job here in this Chamber to deliver our constitutional duties and nothing more and not divide us by race while also destroying the American economy with radical environmentalism.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine has 3 minutes remaining.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, my colleague on the other side of the aisle said no one ever calls his office and talks about environmental justice. I understand. There are all kinds of words we use in Congress that people rarely talk to us about. They don't talk to us about many of the procedures that we have on the floor, all kinds of things that we do.

However, you do have people who call your office to say: Do you know what? I don't want that chemical manufacturer sited next to my house. I am worried about that hog farm that is coming down the road from me. I am worried about the garbage dump. I am worried about the health impacts that my family is experiencing because of where we live.

Maybe that didn't happen in your district. I will admit that everything doesn't happen in all of our districts, but there are certainly districts across the country where people are experiencing adverse health impacts. They are experiencing loss of property values because things have been sited in their neighborhood.

Maybe my colleague, like so many times here in Congress, just doesn't like the words. I understand. I have heard the term "environmental justice" so many times over the last couple of days, as if it is some kind of a discriminatory term, or as if it is some

kind of term that they just can't get out of their mouth without feeling angry.

We can call it anything we want. We can call it poor siting of messy places. We can call it anything my colleagues want. To make sure that all Americans get a fair deal and that people don't have adverse health impacts, I am willing to change that, just like we can't say "climate change" without people getting upset.

I am happy, every time we have to discuss this, just to say "extreme weather." Okay, it is extreme weather. It is too much melting. It is too much heat. Too much of things that aren't supposed to happen and going wrong—the hottest summer on record, melting of the polar ice cap, and people who live in communities like mine experiencing the greatest heat in the ocean of any oceans on Earth.

These are things that are impacting all of us. I will call it whatever my colleagues like, but we have to do something about it. We have to have equity here, and we have to make sure it is a fair deal for everybody.

I heard you didn't like the term "tree equity." I get it. It is one of those things that you just think: What are we talking about now?

In fact, urban areas have changed. I am so fortunate that I live in the most forested State in the Nation. I don't know what it is like where my colleague lives. If my colleague lives on top of a hill, maybe there are some trees up there. It makes a huge difference if you are in a part of the city that has trees, if your playgrounds are paved and black and hot in the summer, or if your playgrounds have some trees and shade and some cover so kids can go out and play. We are just talking about kids being able to play on the playground and having a decent life.

When we are talking about making sure we plant trees, which often my colleagues on the other side of the aisle say is a really good idea, we go ahead and believe we should plant more trees.

Let's not get caught up in the terminology. I think there is a lot we could work on together here and that we believe in together. This amendment to disregard all funding for environmental justice—tell me what you want to call it—that is just not appropriate and is not how we should be funding our environmental laws and not how we should be dealing with climate change.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Roy).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by

the gentleman from Texas will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 127 OFFERED BY MR. ROY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 127 printed in part A of House Report 118-261.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to implement any of the following executive orders:

(1) Executive Order 13990, relating to Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis.

(2) Executive Order 14008, relating to Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.

(3) Section 6 of Executive Order 14013, relating to Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration.

(4) Executive Order 14030, relating to Climate-Related Financial Risk.

(5) Executive Order 14057, relating to Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability.

(6) Executive Order 14082, relating to Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

(7) Executive Order 14096, relating to Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chair, before I talk about this amendment, the gentleman referred to the importance of having trees. No one disagrees with that. Yes, I live in the Texas Hill Country, where live oaks are something we try to figure out how to protect, especially, for example, when you have an ice storm like earlier this year. You are out there figuring out a way to go save your trees by cutting limbs and figuring out how to preserve the beauty that God gave us. Nobody disagrees with that.

□ 0930

Nonetheless, the idea that a core responsibility of the Federal Government is tree equity is absurd. The State of Texas is the eighth largest economy in the world. We are perfectly capable of figuring out how to deal with trees.

We don't have any money. We are \$34 trillion in debt, \$2 trillion a year in deficit spending, and we are talking about tree equity?

What the hell are we doing? That is the question here.

I love trees. I love live oak trees. I do everything I can to preserve and protect the environment in which I live because—this is a crazy idea—I live there. I actually like to fish, and I like to live in clean air and clean water. I like to have an environment that is

great to be in for my kids and my family.

We had a Clean Water Act and a Clean Air Act in Texas before the Environmental Protection Agency was even created here in this town.

The fact of the matter is we can do what we need to do to protect our communities without this place spending money we don't have to interfere with this. Yes, there are interstate issues we must deal with, and we can deal with those things. Nevertheless, the fact is we can do these things.

This amendment that I am offering prohibits any of the funding in the Interior-Environment appropriations bill from being used to carry out President Biden's executive orders on climate change.

These executive orders direct the EPA to wage its regulatory war on the United States energy production and the internal combustion engine. The fact of the matter is there are ambitious efforts to convert our entire fleet of vehicles to have two-thirds of new vehicles be electric vehicles by 2032.

Now, that might sound good in a little focus group in some Ivy League cabal in Boston, but the idea of what this is going to actually do to hard-working Americans is something we ought to actually flush out for the American public when the average EV is \$16,000 more than a vehicle with an internal combustion engine.

Maybe we should talk about the racial justice issues of cobalt miners around the world who are being exploited in the Congo so that we can empower China by buying all of their batteries rather than producing American oil and gas.

If people think that all of this stuff is an accident of what we are seeing unfold in the Middle East and what we are seeing unfold in Ukraine while our prices are going up and while our national security strength is going down because we are pursuing this radical agenda, these things are all connected.

So, yes, we should not be funding these radical executive orders that are destroying the American way of life and making it virtually impossible for people to figure out how to live their lives while we pursue unicorn energy theories that we are going to be able to somehow magically produce power without the use of reliable power.

Texas has tons of wind and solar. That is great, but we also have a grid that is decreasingly reliable directly as a consequence of Federal regulatory impact on our ability to manage our grid. That is wrong, we shouldn't do it, and we shouldn't be funding a continuation of it.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, we are only 14 days away from a government shutdown, and instead of focusing on keep-

ing the government open, we are working on a bill that is going nowhere.

The draconian cuts that are proposed in this bill violate the agreement reached by former Speaker McCarthy and President Biden and that were memorialized in statute in Public Law 118-5, the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

We would not be teetering on the brink of a government shutdown if my Republican colleagues had held up their end of the bargain.

Now we are here today to protect the welfare of the American public, and we cannot close our eyes to the impacts of climate change, such as the drought, flooding, severe storms, and wildfire events we are experiencing.

As of October 10, the United States has experienced 24 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each. This is a new record.

This amendment seeks to prohibit funding that will result in more resilient communities, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and protect our world for future generations.

Not investing in strategies that minimize and prevent the acceleration of climate change and instead spending billions in disaster relief shows my Republican colleagues are not thinking about what is best for the American taxpayer. Our economy, our health, our livelihoods, our food security, and our quality of life all depend on healthy ecosystems.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment and to focus instead on addressing climate change and on making our Nation stronger, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Chair, the fact of the matter is that, yes, this bill returns the funding to the ever-efficient model of effectiveness of the 2018 Federal Government.

Yes, it does back up the funding levels. Frankly, we ought to be doing it for more of our agencies, and we are trying to take those steps forward. I will say that unapologetically because the American people are sick and tired of the Federal Government spending money we don't have to fund agencies that are directly at war with their way of life. That is the truth.

That is why gasoline is \$1 more than it was when Biden took office, despite the fact that the President has completely dumped our Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to try to preserve political benefits for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. That is just the simple truth, and everybody knows it.

Yet, we run around here ignoring the reality of what that means for the American people who are trying to get by every single day while the Federal Government is directly at odds with their ability to prosper, earn a living, pay their bills, pay for their energy, pay for their schools, buy cars, and do what they need to do.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, my colleague on the other side of the aisle has proposed this bill that would really slash and burn so many of the important programs that our President has implemented to tackle climate change.

Why did he have to do that?

I have been in Congress for about 15 years, and I am very fortunate to have served that amount of time. But since I came here, I have been dealing with colleagues on the other side of the aisle who have denied that climate change existed, who have done everything they could to support the oil and gas industry, and who have pushed back on any kind of legislation or funding or anything we could possibly do to deal with climate change, and 15 years later we are in a very serious situation.

Now, my colleague is proud of saying that it is a simple truth. It is a simple truth this, it is a simple truth that.

Mr. Chair, let me tell you a simple truth. Our planet is warming. We had the hottest summer on record, oceans are heating. The polar ice cap is melting. We are in a very serious state, and most scientists will say that things are happening much faster than we ever anticipated. Here we are having a ridiculous debate about something that is not actually going to go anywhere and a bill that is not going to happen with a party on the other side of the aisle that wants to cut everything we have already done in the last 2 years to support funding for climate change.

This is our responsibility to our children and our grandchildren. Mr. Chair, you can say that we are just going to handle it in my small town and my small State. I am just going to explain to you that the planet is warming as an entire entity. Yes, we have to deal with foreign countries, but we also have to make sure that our country is on the right track, that we are investing in renewable energy, that we are not putting our heads in the sand and just ignoring what is going on out there, that all of these things are critically important. We have to stop digging in our heels on every single bill and denying that climate change is real and making all kinds of crazy arguments about well, it is India's fault or China's fault or America can't do it.

We can do all these things. We can manufacture the batteries in this country. We can manufacture the solar panels in this country. That is much of what we have done in the last bill, the infrastructure bill, the IRA, investing in our country, and investing in American manufacturing so that this can be homegrown American energy.

Every time the gentleman talks about gas prices, he refuses to acknowledge that we are trying to end our dependence on gas and oil, we are trying to make sure we are an energy-independent nation, and, yes, that takes a transition. Nonetheless, at this moment in time, we have to make those investments in the future.

I have never seen a party so unwilling to invest in our economic future

and to acknowledge what is actually happening in our daily lives and in our families' daily lives.

If the gentleman really listened to his constituents or took their calls or listened to what people are saying about their worries about the future, one of their greatest worries is what are we going to do about the warming planet?

What are we going to do about the number of days when kids can't go outside and play because it is too hot?

What are we going to do about making sure we are looking at our future together?

That is not what the gentleman is doing here. He is just denying that climate change exists. He is denying that we have real work ahead of us and we ought to be doing it together.

Once again, I oppose this horrible amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas will be postponed.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 128 OFFERED BY MR. SCHWEIKERT

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 128 printed in part A of House Report 118-261.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Each amount made available by this Act (other than an amount required to be made available by a provision of law) is hereby reduced by 16 percent.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 128, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Chair, this is actually an amendment that is brutal. It is not a happy place to go, but I am trying to be intellectually honest here.

Every time we vote on as Members of Congress is now borrowed. Remember, Mr. Chairman, the last fiscal year we borrowed 8.4 percent of GDP. Every dime of military is borrowed; every dime of nondefense is discretionary, which is functionally what we are going over right now, and, what, \$300 billion, \$400 billion of Medicare. For my brothers and sisters on the left, their solution is often: Well, raise revenues.

Mr. Chairman, we are engaged in this insanity right now where we are bor-

rowing money to send it to entities that have their own taxing authority.

I have been the treasurer of the fourth biggest county in America. I managed the bank, I managed the tax collections, and I managed the finances, or parts of the finances. I understand local government and the burdens there, but we had taxing authority.

Is it rational in a society, particularly with the higher interest rates, for us to borrow and then send the money to entities with their own taxing authority?

Mr. Chair, I understand both on Republicans and Democrats, we despise this because there are lots of things we like. There are things I like that I voted for for years now, but I just look at the math, and I keep wondering: Is it both moral or rational for us to borrow money and send it to entities that have their own taxing authority?

If these programs are so important, which many of them are, there is a solution. Those entities can actually produce the receipts and revenues themselves.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Idaho is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment, which cuts programs in this bill by an additional 16 percent, and for not all of these programs do local governments or entities have a taxing authority to pay for them.

The underlying bill provides \$25.4 billion in new nondefense discretionary spending which is \$13.4 billion, 35 percent below the fiscal year 2023 level. The bill also rescinds \$9.4 billion in funding provided to the EPA, The Presidio Trust and the Council on Environmental Quality through Inflation Reduction Act.

In drafting this bill, we worked really hard to rein in Federal spending. One thing that all Republicans agree on is that we have to reduce spending. The debate occurs on how much and how fast.

In drafting this bill, as I said, we worked very hard to rein in Federal spending while prioritizing critical needs within our reduced allocation.

Unfortunately, this is kind of a sledgehammer approach when we just want to reduce the bill across the board by 16 percent.

We would be reducing wildfire fighting. We have done everything we can to protect wildfire fighting, which is devastating, particularly in the West where I live.

We have also done everything we can to protect the Indian Health Service. That is something that is vital here. We don't actually do a very good job of supporting the Indian Health Service overall.

Mr. Chairman, if you look at the amount of money per patient that the

VA spends and the amount that average Americans spend, and then how much we spend per person on the Indian Health Service, it is about one-half of what we spend on other healthcare needs. So we are trying everything we can over the years in a bipartisan way to bring up the Indian Health Service and improve their health, but they don't have a separate taxing authority to be able to do that. That is the Federal Government.

This sledgehammer approach which would just reduce every budget in this bill by 16 percent that is not mandatory spending, I think is inappropriate, and I don't think it is the proper way to go.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Chair, I think the chairman actually was generous. I think it is a lot more than a sledgehammer. This is like a small nuclear weapon. Partially that was the point.

Obviously, I care tremendously about IHS and have worked really hard on that. I am just trying to work through this. I want to put this in a moral paradigm. I have my 15-month-old sitting behind me, but this is no longer about the next generation. It is about your own retirement.

We have a math problem. It is a brutal math problem. One more time: We borrow every dime of discretionary; we borrow every dime of military; and now we are actually borrowing hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars of what is mandatory. Some of this breaks my heart, but I don't seem to be able to communicate to my brothers and sisters how ugly the math is.

One more time: As of yesterday, we were borrowing \$78,000 every second. \$78,000 every second. For our friends on the left, they care about this. We care about this. It is just so hard to turn off the faucet.

The very last thing, and then I am going to sit down and shut up and go away. The debt is primarily driven by demographics. It is something we don't tell honestly, but we got old. If you actually look at from today through the next 30 years, 100 percent of the projected debt, 75 percent of it is Medicare, 25 percent if we backfill Social Security in 9 years when the trust fund is empty.

Do you see any of this debate—and I know this is small compared to the scale we are borrowing, but I have to find some way to get people to start understanding the scale of this math because the math always wins. Sometimes it takes a while, but the math will always win.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I sympathize with what the gentleman is saying. I agree with him. It is a huge problem, and it is a math problem. He mentioned something that is really important.

We used to spend about 70 percent of the budget on discretionary spending—that is the money we appropriate through these appropriations bills—and about 30 percent was spent on mandatory spending. That has been reversed, where it is about 70 percent mandatory spending today and only 30 percent in discretionary spending.

Consequently, we have to address mandatory spending. That is difficult to do because anytime you say we have to reform Social Security if we are going to save it, all of a sudden, the commercials are going: Oh, they are going to take away your Social Security.

It is a political football that Republicans and Democrats have to get together and address. That is why the Speaker has said we are going to create a debt commission to look at how we can reduce this debt that we are facing.

I agree with the gentleman. It is horrible what is going on. As I said earlier, the debate is not really whether to cut spending, it is how much and how fast. I guess the gentleman said it best when he called it a small nuclear weapon in this, but I agree with what he is saying in general. It is how we go about it that is the challenge.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT).

The amendment was rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 129 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 129 printed in part A of House Report 118–261.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used implement or enforce the final rule of the Council on Environmental Quality titled “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions” and published April 20, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 23453).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer my amendment that prohibits any funds from being used to carry out the Biden administration's NEPA Phase 1 rule.

It is clear we have bipartisan consensus—our permitting system is broken. Our permitting system is holding up projects in every district, whether it is Republican or Democrat, and NEPA deserves a lot of this blame.

When NEPA was first passed in 1969, it was a five-page bill. Over the last 50

years, it has grown out of control thanks to executive actions and activist courts. Today, NEPA is an albatross, blocking everything from highway infrastructure projects that connect communities and enable commerce to energy projects that are necessary for securing our energy independence.

In 2020, the Trump administration enacted the first real NEPA reforms in a generation. It helped bring NEPA back to its original intent. Importantly, the Trump administration's reforms removed the requirement to consider “cumulative impacts,” that go far beyond a proposed project. This prevented opponents of important projects from abusing the NEPA process and pointing to outrageous, distant, so-called cumulative impacts a project could hypothetically pose.

The reforms also forced Federal agencies to build consistency in permitting reviews and ensured all Federal agencies follow the same standards and procedures. These reforms began to point us back in the right direction. The Biden administration's NEPA Phase 1 rule reversed the Trump-era reforms. It reinstated the cumulative impact requirements. It gave free rein back to Federal agencies to put up roadblocks for projects they didn't want.

The Phase 1 rule is just another part of the Biden administration's anywhere but America, any worker but American agenda.

Mr. Chair, the Biden administration's NEPA Phase 1 rule is a step in the wrong direction. It is important that we adopt my amendment and return some sanity to our broken permitting system.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Chair, I believe my colleagues across the aisle fundamentally misunderstand or intentionally misrepresent the interests of energy consumers in the United States and the interests of energy producers.

NEPA is critically important to protect all Americans, but let's run through some statistics. There are currently 2,000 gigawatts of electric generation waiting to be interconnected to the queue in this country. That is more generation than we have by almost a factor of 2. Of those 2,000 gigawatts, there is 1 gigawatt of coal, 85 gigawatts of gas, and every other power plant that is trying to be interconnected to the grid is a zero carbon source of energy. They are not represented by NEPA.

Let's talk about the fossil fuel sector. Today, we use about 20 million barrels of oil a day. A decade ago, you know how much oil we used in this country? About 20 million barrels a day.



Today, we use 40 percent less coal than we did 10 years ago. Do you know why? Because those industries cannot compete. People, given the choice, prefer cleaner, cheaper energy.

The fastest growing vehicle segment is electric vehicles. The fastest growing source in the power sector is renewable energy. Energy is getting cheaper. What is the energy industry doing in response? They are becoming exporters. The reason why the gas industry is growing, the reason why the oil industry is growing is because they are building terminals to export overseas. What is hard about that is that the American people don't want you to drill in their backyard. They don't want you to drill a pipeline through their neighborhood just so that you can run it to a terminal and sell it overseas at a profit.

If you are of the opinion that the American people don't have any say in how their communities look, how their natural parks look, how their natural lands look, and if you are of the opinion that the profits of energy producers vastly outweigh the interests of energy consumers, vote for this amendment. However, if you put energy consumers first, this is an absolute "no."

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I think my colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't understand this.

This administration just last month removed NEPA for the Floyd Bennett Field to host migrants. The Biden administration completely took NEPA off the table for their agenda because of the open border. By the way, the IRA, the IIJA, and the CHIPS Act are not going to happen without permitting reforms and NEPA changes. Come hell or high water, it is not going to happen without the changes. I think both sides of the aisle understand that and agree with that.

We have the highest standard of living in the world because of our process. This administration continues to put up roadblocks for energy transmission, distribution, generation, mining projects, nuclear projects, road construction projects, dams, and forest management. Everything that the American people want to do in a reasonable fashion is held up in part because of NEPA. This is a very good amendment, and I urge adoption.

Mr. Chair, in closing, we can agree that our permitting process is broken. In the debt ceiling, we got a couple of permitting concerns addressed that were generational, hadn't been done in 40 years. We want to be able to make sure that the American worker, the American manufacturer, American technology, our natural resources in our country can be used responsibly.

Why are we putting agreements together with the Congo to mine our minerals that we have, for instance, in

northern Minnesota, the biggest copper-nickel find in the world. Why are we doing that?

Why is this administration stopping the American worker, stopping the creativity that we have, stopping not only our energy independence but our national security by going to our adversaries and asking them for our critical minerals or asking them for their energy? We can do better.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 130 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 130 printed in part A of House Report 118-261.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule of the Council on Environmental Quality titled "National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions Phase 2" and published July 31, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 49924).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer my amendment that prohibits any funds from being used to finalize or otherwise carry out the Biden administration's proposed NEPA Phase 2 rule.

Rather than working to fix our broken permitting system and working to address the incredible challenges and barriers NEPA poses, the Biden administration's proposed rule makes our already broken system even worse. This proposed rule expands the broken NEPA framework, adds additional requirements, and creates new tools for opponents to shut down good projects.

The NEPA Phase 2 rule would require Federal agencies not only to consider climate change but also add a new requirement to consider environmental justice during the NEPA review process, including environmental tree justice and tree equity. These new requirements are just another way that opponents of highway infrastructure projects, water infrastructure projects, critical mineral mining projects, renewable energy projects, transmission projects, oil and gas development projects get to a "no." This administration does not want to do it here in the United States of America.

Additionally, the NEPA Phase 2 rule violates the reforms Congress has put forth to address our permitting woes. These reforms were part of the bipar-

tisan Fiscal Responsibility Act that we passed earlier this year.

Trust me, the permitting provisions in the debt ceiling agreement did not solve all of our permitting problems, but they were an important step in the right direction. For example, it included strict page limits and review deadlines for an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Does the NEPA Phase 2 rule implement these reforms? Absolutely not.

This administration is not following the laws that Congress put forward. In fact, when CEQ chair Brenda Mallory, the Biden administration official tasked with fixing NEPA and our broken permitting system, testified before the Natural Resources Committee in June, she claimed the administration didn't need to change a thing.

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She told Congress this administration would just follow and do business as usual.

She falsely claimed that this administration was already doing everything the debt ceiling agreement instructed it to do, and that is absolutely not true.

The NEPA Phase 2 rule is a blatant show of disregard for congressional intent and the law that this body passed and President Biden signed into law.

The NEPA Phase 2 rule is completely misguided. It is a step in the wrong direction, and it is important we vote today to prevent the administration from moving to finalize the rule.

Mr. Chair, I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, what this amendment does is that it allows American energy, American prosperity, American technology, and American workers to provide energy and critical minerals, transmission projects, highway and bridge projects, dams and rivers.

This allows us to do it here. This allows our communities to have a voice in what happens, not Federal three-letter agency bureaucrats telling the American people what they need and what is best in their communities because our local elected officials know better than Washington, D.C., and the bureaucrats.

These three-letter agencies are out of control. They are unelected. They are not accountable to anybody, and this administration is not following the laws that this body passed.

For years and years, administrations haven't followed what Congress and the Senate have put forward. It is about time we do that, and it can start today.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.



The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER). The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 131 OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 131 printed in part A of House Report 118–261.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end, before the short title, insert the following:

OCEAN JUSTICE STRATEGY

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to develop, finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the Ocean Justice Strategy referenced in the Notice titled “Ocean Justice Strategy” (88 Fed. Reg. 37518; published June 8, 2023).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 838, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I commend my colleague from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) for the great work that he and his committee did in giving us this appropriation bill. I also commend the minority and everyone who spent so much time on the floor working through these amendments. Everybody will be glad to know that this is the last one. It is a great one, and I hope everybody will support my amendment.

Mr. Chair, I obviously support my amendment, which prohibits funds from being used to implement the Biden administration’s ocean justice strategy, which undermines the intent of the Ocean Policy Committee by forcing so-called environmental justice principles into the Federal Government’s role in ocean economic activities.

In 2018, then-President Trump signed Executive Order No. 13840, which established the Ocean Policy Committee. The Ocean Policy Committee, co-chaired by CEQ and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, was created to focus on growing the ocean economy, prioritizing scientific research, coordinating resources and data sharing, and engaging with stakeholders.

The committee was codified into law through the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

The Ocean Policy Committee should be working on important issues, such as leveraging resources and expertise to maximize the effectiveness of Federal investments in ocean research. Unfortunately, this administration has chosen to advance a misguided agenda that is not focused on the founding tenets of the Ocean Policy Committee to grow the ocean economy. Instead, it is

pushing concepts like the ocean justice strategy, which forces environmental justice principles into the Federal Government’s ocean activities.

Ocean justice or environmental justice should not be used to hijack legitimate work that benefits the American people. It cannot and should not become a driving force and detrimental tool to impede our Federal resources management.

For those reasons, I support and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, as far as I can tell, this is just another attack on environmental justice. The Council on Environmental Quality is coordinating the development of an ocean justice strategy that will propose equitable and just practices to advance safety, health, and prosperity for communities that are residing near the ocean, the coast, and the Great Lakes. This amendment seeks to block that strategy.

Coastlines are home to approximately 40 percent of the United States population. Unfortunately, coastal communities do not share equitably in the benefits provided by the ocean or equitably bear the burden of the negative impacts of human activities associated with the ocean, such as climate change, coastal flooding, and other threats.

Environmental justice ensures that all Americans receive the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards. This amendment is just another way to attack minority groups at all costs and return the United States to a time when environmental discrimination was the norm.

Mr. Chair, I oppose the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Chair, the Ocean Policy Committee should focus on addressing the issues that it was actually created to address—most importantly, streamlining Federal coordination.

This administration’s push of this ocean justice strategy is just another example of unchecked bureaucrats forcing their agenda on Americans and increasing red tape.

My amendment stops them from moving forward. Our ocean economy is as diverse as the ocean itself, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to managing it. The problem we have with Federal programs is they take a different course from how Congress intended for them to go. This isn’t cutting funds from the Ocean Policy Committee. It is just forcing the Ocean Policy Committee to do the job that they were established to do without adding unnecessary burdens to their work.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the amendment,

and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, once again, I am kind of caught in this challenge of not understanding exactly what it is that my colleagues don’t like about the term “environmental justice,” or in this case, “ocean justice.”

It seems like “justice” is a word that we are very comfortable with in a patriotic way that everyone understands. Justice is important in this country.

As a Member who represents as much coastline as anybody in here that is extremely impacted by the challenges that are going on in the ocean, such as sea level rise and extreme storms, I have to deal with these questions. I think it is totally appropriate to have a justice strategy in making sure that we have equitability in how we take care of people.

If you live in a community where it is underresourced and are impacted by these ocean storms that come at us with total surprise—for example, a winter storm or nor’easter, as we call them, or a hurricane in the southern part of the country, and there aren’t resources to rebuild. Perhaps sea level rise is making it so that your community needs to be moved.

I was talking last night about the 31 Native communities in Alaska that have to be moved because of sea level rise. If you don’t have a justice lens, somebody might turn around and just say: I am sorry. This community isn’t valuable enough. You don’t have the resources, and your people can’t move their own homes. You can’t deal with rebuilding the coastal protections, so the money is going somewhere else, to a wealthier community, to someplace where we think people matter more.

Those decisions are critical decisions about how we spend our Federal funds, about how we make sure the work we do is equitable. Climate change is having a huge impact on life on the ocean.

I do not want to criticize my colleague. I am sure he has put this forward in good faith, but the last I saw, Arkansas doesn’t have an ocean, and my colleague is trying to make policy for those of us who represent ocean communities in the East, West, and South throughout this country, the 40 percent of the United States population that lives on the ocean. These are critical strategies for us.

We don’t need to make the same mistakes that we made in the past with not having a lens of environmental justice. Why in the world would we want to turn back and have discrimination and make bad policy? Why in the world when we are facing some of the most severe crises we have ever seen? We have hurricanes that come on us with no warning, extreme storms in the winter, extreme storms at times of the year we never expected them.

I can go on for much more time than I have to talk about what just happened in my own State and the challenges people are worried about, about sea level rise, about the ocean impact

of storms. This would take away the opportunity to look forward on that and make sure that our funding is equitable, that all communities are taken care of, that all parts of the country, particularly those rural areas that probably my colleague represents and I represent that are often underresourced are thought about, as well.

Again, this is a misguided amendment. People are going after a language that either they just don't want to say or somehow don't believe in or want to bring us back to a time when we had discrimination in our Federal policy and how we spent our Federal funds. It is a misguided amendment. It is a bad idea.

Mr. Chair, I oppose it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part A of House Report 118-261 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 120 by Mr. OGLES of Tennessee.

Amendment No. 126 by Mr. ROY of Texas.

Amendment No. 127 by Mr. ROY of Texas.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 120 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 120, printed in part A of House Report 118-261 offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

#### RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 214, noes 204, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 593]

#### AYES—214

Aderholt	Bice	Carey
Alford	Biggs	Carl
Allen	Bilirakis	Carter (GA)
Amodei	Bishop (NC)	Carter (TX)
Armstrong	Boebert	Chavez-DeRemer
Arrington	Bost	Ciscomani
Babin	Brecheen	Cline
Bacon	Buchanan	Cloud
Baird	Buck	Clyde
Balderson	Bucshon	Cole
Banks	Burchett	Collins
Barr	Burgess	Comer
Bean (FL)	Burlison	Crane
Bentz	Calvert	Crawford
Bergman	Cammack	Crenshaw

D'Esposito	James	Pence	McGarvey	Pettersen	Stansbury
Davidson	Johnson (OH)	Perry	McGovern	Pingree	Stanton
De La Cruz	Johnson (SD)	Pfluger	Meeks	Pocan	Stevens
DesJarlais	Jordan	Posey	Menendez	Porter	Strickland
Diaz-Balart	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler	Meng	Pressley	Swallow
Donalds	Kean (NJ)	Rodgers (WA)	Mfume	Quigley	Sykes
Duarte	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (AL)	Moore (WI)	Ramirez	Takano
Duncan	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (KY)	Morelle	Raskin	Thanedar
Dunn (FL)	Kiggans (VA)	Rose	Moskowitz	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	Kiley	Rosendale	Moulton	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Elizy	Kim (CA)	Rouzer	Mrvan	Ruppersberger	Titus
Emmer	Kustoff	Roy	Mullin	Ryan	Tlaib
Estes	LaLota	Rutherford	Nadler	Sablan	Tokuda
Ezell	LaMalfa	Salazar	Neal	Salinas	Tonko
Fallon	Lamborn	Santos	Neguse	Sánchez	Torres (CA)
Feenstra	Langworthy	Scalise	Nickel	Sarbanes	Torres (NY)
Ferguson	Latta	Schweikert	Norcross	Schiff	Trahan
Finstad	LaTurner	Scott, Austin	Norton	Schneider	Trone
Fischbach	Lawler	Self	Ocasio-Cortez	Scholten	Vargas
Fitzgerald	Lee (FL)	Sessions	Omar	Schrier	Vasquez
Fleischmann	Letlow	Simpson	Pallone	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Flood	Loudermilk	Smith (MO)	Panetta	Scott, David	Velázquez
Fox	Lucas	Smith (NE)	Pappas	Sherman	Wasserman
Franklin, Scott	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NJ)	Pascarella	Sherrill	Schultz
Fry	Luna	Smucker	Payne	Slotkin	Waters
Fulcher	Luttrell	Spartz	Pelosi	Smith (WA)	Watson Coleman
Gaetz	Mace	Staubert	Peltola	Sorensen	Wild
Gallagher	Malliotakis	Steel	Perez	Soto	Williams (GA)
Garcia, Mike	Mann	Stefanik	Peters	Spanberger	Wilson (FL)
Gimenez	Massie	Steil			
Gonzales, Tony	Mast	Steube			
González-Colón	McCarthy	Strong			
Good (VA)	McCaul	Tenney			
Gooden (TX)	McClain	Thompson (PA)			
Gosar	McClintock	Tiffany			
Granger	McCormick	Timmons			
Graves (LA)	McHenry	Turner			
Graves (MO)	Meuser	Valadao			
Green (TN)	Miller (IL)	Van Drew			
Greene (GA)	Miller (WV)	Van Dwyne			
Griffith	Miller-Meeks	Van Orden			
Grothman	Mills	Wagner			
Guest	Molinaro	Walberg			
Guthrie	Moolenaar	Waltz			
Hagaman	Mooney	Weber (TX)			
Harris	Moore (AL)	Webster (FL)			
Harshbarger	Moore (UT)	Moran			
Hern	Moylan	Wenstrup			
Higgins (LA)	Murphy	Westerman			
Hill	Nehls	Williams (NY)			
Hinson	Norman	Williams (TX)			
Houchin	Nunn (IA)	Wilson (SC)			
Hudson	Oberholte	Wittman			
Huizenga	Ogles	Womack			
Hunt	Owens	Yakym			
Issa	Palmer	Zinke			
Jackson (TX)					

#### NOES—204

Adams	Courtney	Harder (CA)
Aguilar	Craig	Hayes
Alfred	Crockett	Higgins (NY)
Auchincloss	Crow	Himes
Balint	Cuellar	Horsford
Barragán	Curtis	Houlahan
Beatty	Daids (KS)	Hoyer
Bera	Davis (IL)	Huffman
Beyer	Davis (NC)	Ivey
Bishop (GA)	Dean (PA)	Jackson (IL)
Blumenauer	DeGette	Jackson (NC)
Blunt Rochester	DeLauro	Jacobs
Bonamici	DelBene	Jayapal
Bowman	Deluzio	Jeffries
Boyle (PA)	DeSaulnier	Johnson (GA)
Brown	Dingell	Kaptur
Brownley	Doggett	Keating
Budzinski	Escobar	Kelly (IL)
Bush	Eshoo	Khanna
Caraveo	Espallat	Kildee
Carbajal	Evans	Kilmer
Cárdenas	Fitzpatrick	Kim (NJ)
Carson	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi
Carter (LA)	Foster	Landsman
Cartwright	Foushee	Larsen (WA)
Casas	Frankel, Lois	Larson (CT)
Case	Frost	Lee (CA)
Casten	Galleo	Lee (NV)
Castor (FL)	Garamendi	Lee (PA)
Cherfilus-	Garcia (IL)	Leger Fernandez
McCormick	Garcia (TX)	Levin
Chu	Garcia, Robert	Lieu
Clark (MA)	Golden (ME)	Lofgren
Clarke (NY)	Goldman (NY)	Lynch
Cleaver	Gomez	Magaziner
Clyburn	Gonzalez,	Manning
Cohen	Vicente	Matsui
Connolly	Gottheimer	McBath
Correa	Green, Al (TX)	McClellan
Costa	Grijalva	McCollum

McGarvey	Pettersen	Stansbury
McGovern	Pingree	Stanton
Meeks	Pocan	Stevens
Menendez	Porter	Strickland
Meng	Pressley	Swallow
Mfume	Quigley	Sykes
Moore (WI)	Ramirez	Takano
Morelle	Raskin	Thanedar
Moskowitz	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Moulton	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Mrvan	Ruppersberger	Titus
Mullin	Ryan	Tlaib
Nadler	Sablan	Tokuda
Neal	Salinas	Tonko
Neguse	Sánchez	Torres (CA)
Nickel	Sarbanes	Torres (NY)
Norcross	Schiff	Trahan
Norton	Schneider	Trone
Ocasio-Cortez	Scholten	Vargas
Omar	Schrier	Vasquez
Pallone	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Panetta	Scott, David	Velázquez
Pappas	Sherman	Wasserman
Pascarella	Sherrill	Schultz
Payne	Slotkin	Waters
Pelosi	Smith (WA)	Watson Coleman
Peltola	Sorensen	Wild
Perez	Soto	Williams (GA)
Peters	Spanberger	Wilson (FL)

#### NOT VOTING—20

Castro (TX)	LaHood	Radewagen
Garbarino	Lesko	Scanlon
Hoyle (OR)	Miller (OH)	Schakowsky
Jackson Lee	Napolitano	Sewell
Joyce (OH)	Newhouse	Underwood
Kamlager-Dove	Phillips	Wexton
Kuster	Plaskett	

#### □ 1039

Mrs. PELTOLA and Ms. BROWN changed their vote from “aye” to “no.” Mr. SCHWEIKERT changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 126 OFFERED BY MR. ROY

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. LALOTA). The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 126, printed in part A of House Report 118-261 offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Roy), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

#### RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 204, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 594]

#### AYES—212

Aderholt	Bishop (NC)	Clyde
Alford	Boebert	Cole
Allen	Bost	Collins
Amodei	Brecheen	Comer
Armstrong	Buchanan	Crane
Arrington	Buck	Crawford
Babin	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Bacon	Burchett	Curtis
Baird	Burgess	D'Esposito
Balderson	Burlison	Davidson
Banks	Calvert	De La Cruz
Barr	Cammack	DesJarlais
Bean (FL)	Carey	Diaz-Balart
Bentz	Carl	Donalds
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Duarte
Bice	Carter (TX)	Duncan
Biggs	Ciscomani	Dunn (FL)
Bilirakis	Cloud	Edwards

So the amendment was agreed to.  
The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.  
Stated against:  
Ms. PORTER. Mr. Chair, I was unable to  
reach a voting station from my official meeting  
in the Capitol during the two-minute window.  
Had I been present, I would have voted "no"  
on rollcall No. 594.

NOES—207

Adams	Courtney	Higgins (NY)
Aguilar	Craig	Himes
Allred	Crockett	Horsford
Auchincloss	Crow	Houlihan
Balint	Cuellar	Hoyer
Barragán	Dauids (KS)	Hoyle (OR)
Beatty	Davis (IL)	Huffman
Bera	Davis (NC)	Ivey
Beyer	Dean (PA)	Jackson (IL)
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Jackson (NC)
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Jacobs
Blunt Rochester	DelBene	Jayapal
Bonamici	Deluzio	Jeffries
Bowman	DeSaulnier	Johnson (GA)
Boyle (PA)	Dingell	Kaptur
Brown	Doggett	Keating
Brownley	Escobar	Kelly (IL)
Budzinski	Eshoo	Khanna
Bush	Espallat	Kildee
Caraveo	Evans	Kiley
Carbajal	Fitzpatrick	Kilmer
Cárdenas	Fletcher	Kim (NJ)
Carson	Foster	Krishnamoorthi
Carter (LA)	Foushee	Landsman
Cartwright	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (WA)
Casar	Frost	Larson (CT)
Case	Gallego	Lee (CA)
Casten	Garamendi	Lee (NV)
Castor (FL)	Garcia (IL)	Lee (PA)
Chavez-DeRemer	Garcia (TX)	Leger Fernandez
Cherfilus-	Garcia, Robert	Levin
McCormick	Golden (ME)	Lieu
Chu	Goldman (NY)	Lofgren
Clark (MA)	Gomez	Lynch
Clarke (NY)	Gonzalez,	Mace
Cleaver	Vicente	Magaziner
Clyburn	Gottheimer	Manning
Cohen	Green, Al (TX)	Matsui
Connolly	Grijalva	McBath
Correa	Harder (CA)	McCaull
Costa	Hayes	McClellan

## NOES—207

McCollum	Perez	Spanberger
McGarvey	Peters	Stansbury
McGovern	Pingree	Stanton
Meeks	Pocan	Stevens
Menendez	Porter	Strickland
Meng	Pressley	Swalwell
Mfume	Quigley	Sykes
Moore (WI)	Ramirez	Takano
Morelle	Raskin	Thanedar
Moskowitz	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Moulton	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)
Mrvan	Ruppersberger	Titus
Mullin	Ryan	Tlaib
Nadler	Sablan	Tokuda
Neal	Salinas	Tonko
Neguse	Sánchez	Torres (CA)
Nickel	Sarbanes	Trahan
Norcross	Schiff	Trone
Norton	Schneider	Vargas
Nunn (IA)	Scholten	Vasquez
Ocasio-Cortez	Schrier	Veasey
Omar	Scott (VA)	Velázquez
Pallone	Scott, David	Wasserman
Panetta	Sherman	Schultz
Pappas	Sherrill	Waters
Pascrell	Slotkin	Watson Coleman
Payne	Smith (WA)	Wild
Pelosi	Sorensen	Williams (GA)
Peltola	Soto	Wilson (FL)

## NOT VOTING—24

Arrington	LaHood	Radewagen
Castro (TX)	Lesko	Rutherford
Garbarino	Miller (OH)	Scanlon
Gosar	Napolitano	Schakowsky
Jackson Lee	Newhouse	Sewell
Joyce (OH)	Pettersen	Torres (NY)
Kamllager-Dove	Phillips	Underwood
Kuster	Plaskett	Wexton

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1047

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. PETERSON. Mr. Chair, had I been  
present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall  
No. 595.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. STEUBE).  
There being no further amendment,  
under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose;  
and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr.  
LALOTA) having assumed the chair, Mr.  
STEUBE, Acting Chair of the Committee  
of the Whole House on the state of the  
Union, reported that that Committee,  
having had under consideration the bill  
(H.R. 4821) making appropriations for  
the Department of the Interior, envi-  
ronment, and related agencies for the  
fiscal year ending September 30, 2024,  
and for other purposes, and, pursuant  
to House Resolution 838, he reported  
the bill back to the House with sundry  
amendments adopted in the Committee  
of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under  
the rule, the previous question is or-  
dered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any  
amendment reported from the Com-  
mittee of the Whole? If not, the Chair  
will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The  
question is on the engrossment and  
third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed  
and read a third time, and was read the  
third time.

## MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr.  
Speaker, I have a motion to recommit  
at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The  
Clerk will report the motion to recom-  
mit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Leger Fernandez of New Mexico moves  
to recommit the bill H.R. 4821 to the Com-  
mittee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursu-  
ant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the pre-  
vious question is ordered on the motion  
to recommit.

The question is on the motion to re-  
commit.

The question was taken; and the  
Speaker pro tempore announced that  
the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr.  
Speaker, on that I demand the yeas  
and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursu-  
ant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 5-  
minute vote on the motion to recom-  
mit will be followed by a 5-minute vote  
on passage of the bill; and the motion  
to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3774.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
vice, and there were—yeas 201, nays  
215, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 596]

YEAS—201

Adams	DeSaulnier	Lee (NV)
Aguilar	Dingell	Lee (PA)
Allred	Doggett	Leger Fernandez
Auchincloss	Escobar	Levin
Balint	Eshoo	Lieu
Barragán	Españillat	Lofgren
Beatty	Evans	Lynch
Bera	Fletcher	Magaziner
Beyer	Foster	Manning
Bishop (GA)	Foushee	Matsui
Blumenauer	Frankel, Lois	McBath
Blunt Rochester	Frost	McClellan
Bonamici	Gallago	McCollum
Bowman	Garamendi	McGarvey
Boyle (PA)	Garcia (IL)	McGovern
Brown	Garcia (TX)	Meeks
Brownley	Garcia, Robert	Menendez
Budzinski	Golden (ME)	Meng
Bush	Goldman (NY)	Mfume
Caraveo	Gomez	Moore (WI)
Carbajal	Gonzalez,	Morelle
Cárdenas	Vicente	Moskowitz
Carson	Gottheimer	Moulton
Carter (LA)	Green, Al (TX)	Mrvan
Cartwright	Grijalva	Mullin
Casar	Harder (CA)	Nadler
Case	Hayes	Neal
Casten	Higgins (NY)	Neguse
Castor (FL)	Himes	Nickel
Cherfilus-	Horsford	Norcross
McCormick	Houlahan	Ocasio-Cortez
Chu	Hoyer	Omar
Clark (MA)	Hoyle (OR)	Pallone
Clarke (NY)	Huffman	Panetta
Cleaver	Ivey	Pappas
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Pascrell
Cohen	Jackson (NC)	Payne
Connolly	Jacobs	Pelosi
Correa	Jayapal	Peltola
Costa	Jeffries	Perez
Courtney	Johnson (GA)	Peters
Craig	Kaptur	Pettersen
Crockett	Keating	Pingree
Crow	Kelly (IL)	Pocan
Cuellar	Khanna	Porter
Davids (KS)	Kildee	Pressley
Davis (IL)	Kilmer	Quigley
Davis (NC)	Kim (NJ)	Ramirez
Dean (PA)	Krishnamoorthi	Raskin
DeGette	Landsman	Ross
DeLauro	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
DeBene	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Deluzio	Lee (CA)	Ryan

Salinas
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Schiff
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sherman
Sherrill
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto

Spanberger	Torres (CA)
Stansbury	Torres (NY)
Stanton	Trahan
Stevens	Trone
Strickland	Vargas
Swalwell	Vasquez
Sykes	Veasey
Takano	Velázquez
Thanedar	Wasserman
Thompson (CA)	Schultz
Thompson (MS)	Waters
Titus	Watson Coleman
Tlaib	Wild
Tokuda	Williams (GA)
Tonko	Wilson (FL)

## NAYS—215

Aderholt	Fulcher	Miller-Meeks
Alford	Gaetz	Mills
Allen	Gallagher	Molinaro
Amodei	Garcia, Mike	Moolenaar
Armstrong	Gimenez	Mooney
Arrington	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (AL)
Babin	Good (VA)	Moore (UT)
Bacon	Gooden (TX)	Moran
Baird	Gosar	Murphy
Balderson	Granger	Nehls
Banks	Graves (LA)	Norman
Barr	Graves (MO)	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Green (TN)	Obernolte
Bentz	Greene (GA)	Ogles
Bergman	Griffith	Owens
Bice	Grothman	Palmer
Biggs	Guest	Pence
Bilirakis	Guthrie	Perry
Bishop (NC)	Hageman	Pfuger
Boebert	Harris	Posey
Bost	Harshbarger	Reschenthaler
Brecheen	Hern	Rodgers (WA)
Buchanan	Higgins (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Buck	Hill	Rogers (KY)
Bucshon	Hinson	Rose
Burchett	Houchin	Rosendale
Burgess	Hudson	Rouzer
Burlison	Huizenga	Roy
Calvert	Hunt	Rutherford
Cammack	Issa	Salazar
Carey	Jackson (TX)	Santos
Carl	James	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Johnson (LA)	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Johnson (OH)	Scott, Austin
Chavez-DeRemer	Johnson (SD)	Self
Ciscomani	Jordan	Sessions
Cline	Joyce (PA)	Simpson
Cloud	Kean (NJ)	Smith (MO)
Clyde	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Cole	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Collins	Kiggans (VA)	Smucker
Comer	Kiley	Spartz
Crane	Kim (CA)	Stauber
Crawford	Kustoff	Steel
Crenshaw	LaLota	Stefanik
Curtis	LaMalfa	Steil
D'Esposito	Lamborn	Steube
Davidson	Langworthy	Strong
De La Cruz	Latta	Tenney
DesJarlais	LaTurner	Thompson (PA)
Diaz-Balart	Lawler	Tiffany
Donalds	Lee (FL)	Timmons
Duarte	Letlow	Turner
Duncan	Loudermilk	Valadao
Dunn (FL)	Lucas	Van Drew
Edwards	Luetkemeyer	Van Duyn
Ellzey	Luna	Van Orden
Emmer	Luttrell	Wagner
Estes	Mace	Walberg
Ezell	Malliotakis	Waltz
Fallon	Mann	Weber (TX)
Feenstra	Massie	Webster (FL)
Ferguson	Mast	Wenstrup
Finstad	McCarthy	Westerman
Fischbach	McCauley	Williams (NY)
Fitzgerald	McClain	Williams (TX)
Fitzpatrick	McClintock	Wilson (SC)
Fleischmann	McCormick	Wittman
Flood	McHenry	Womack
Fox	Meuser	Yakym
Franklin, Scott	Miller (IL)	Zinke
Fry	Miller (WV)	

## NOT VOTING—17

Castro (TX)	LaHood	Scanlon
Garbarino	Lesko	Schakowsky
Jackson Lee	Miller (OH)	Sewell
Joyce (OH)	Napolitano	Underwood
Kamllager-Dove	Newhouse	Wexton
Kuster	Phillips	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1056

Ms. WATERS and Mr. VEASEY changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 213, nays 203, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 597]

YEAS—213

Aderholt	Franklin, Scott	McClintock
Alford	Fry	McCormick
Allen	Fulcher	McHenry
Amodei	Gaetz	Meuser
Armstrong	Gallagher	Miller (IL)
Arrington	Garcia, Mike	Miller (WV)
Babin	Gimenez	Miller-Meeks
Bacon	Gonzales, Tony	Mills
Baird	Gonzalez,	Moolenaar
Balderson	Vicente	Mooney
Banks	Good (VA)	Moore (AL)
Barr	Gooden (TX)	Moore (UT)
Bean (FL)	Gosar	Moran
Bentz	Granger	Murphy
Bergman	Graves (LA)	Nehls
Bice	Graves (MO)	Norman
Biggs	Green (TN)	Nunn (IA)
Bilirakis	Greene (GA)	Obernolte
Bishop (NC)	Griffith	Ogles
Boebert	Grothman	Owens
Bost	Guest	Palmer
Brecheen	Guthrie	Pence
Buchanan	Hageman	Perry
Buck	Harris	Pfleger
Bucshon	Harshbarger	Posey
Burchett	Hern	Reschenthaler
Burgess	Higgins (LA)	Rodgers (WA)
Burlison	Hill	Rogers (AL)
Calvert	Hinson	Rogers (KY)
Cammack	Houchin	Rose
Carey	Hudson	Rosendale
Carl	Huizenga	Rouzer
Carter (GA)	Hunt	Roy
Carter (TX)	Issa	Rutherford
Chavez-DeRemer	Jackson (TX)	Salazar
Ciscomani	James	Santos
Cline	Johnson (LA)	Scalise
Cloud	Johnson (OH)	Schweikert
Clyde	Johnson (SD)	Scott, Austin
Cole	Jordan	Self
Collins	Joyce (PA)	Sessions
Comer	Kean (NJ)	Simpson
Crane	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Crawford	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Curtis	Kiley	Smucker
D'Esposito	Kim (CA)	Spartz
Davidson	Kustoff	Staubert
De La Cruz	LaLota	Steel
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Steil
Donalds	Langworthy	Steube
Duarte	Latta	Strong
Duncan	LaTurner	Tenney
Dunn (FL)	Lee (FL)	Thompson (PA)
Edwards	Letlow	Tiffany
Ellzey	Loudermilk	Timmons
Emmer	Lucas	Turner
Estes	Luetkemeyer	Valadao
Ezell	Luna	Van Drew
Fallon	Luttrell	Van Dwyne
Feenstra	Mace	Van Orden
Ferguson	Malliotakis	Wagner
Finstad	Mann	Walberg
Fischbach	Massie	Waltz
Fitzgerald	Mast	Weber (TX)
Fleischmann	McCarthy	Webster (FL)
Flood	McCaul	Wenstrup
Foxx	McClain	Westerman

Williams (NY)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (SC)

Wittman  
Womack  
Yakym

Zinke

NAYS—203

Adams	Garcia (TX)	Omar
Aguilar	Garcia, Robert	Pallone
Alfred	Golden (ME)	Panetta
Auchincloss	Goldman (NY)	Pappas
Balint	Gomez	Pascrell
Barragan	Gottheimer	Payne
Beatty	Green, Al (TX)	Pelosi
Bera	Grijalva	Peltola
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Perez
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Peters
Blumenauer	Higgins (NY)	Pettersen
Blunt Rochester	Himes	Pingree
Bonamici	Horsford	Pocan
Bowman	Houlahan	Porter
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Pressley
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Quigley
Brownley	Huffman	Ramirez
Budzinski	Ivey	Raskin
Bush	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Caraveo	Jackson (NC)	Ruiz
Carbajal	Jacobs	Ruppersberger
Cardenas	Jayapal	Ryan
Carson	Jeffries	Salinas
Carter (LA)	Johnson (GA)	Sanchez
Cartwright	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Casar	Keating	Schiff
Case	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Casten	Khanna	Scholten
Castor (FL)	Kildee	Schrier
Cherfilus-	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
McCormick	Kim (NJ)	Scott, David
Chu	Krishnamoorthi	Sherman
Clark (MA)	Landsman	Sherrill
Clarke (NY)	Larsen (WA)	Slotkin
Cleaver	Larson (CT)	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Lawler	Sorensen
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Soto
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Spanberger
Correa	Lee (PA)	Stansbury
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Stanton
Courtney	Levin	Stevens
Craig	Lieu	Strickland
Crockett	Lofgren	Swallow
Crow	Lynch	Sykes
Cuellar	Magaziner	Takano
Davids (KS)	Manning	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	McBath	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	McClellan	Titus
DeGette	McCollum	Tlaib
DeLauro	McGarvey	Tokuda
DelBene	McGovern	Tonko
Deluzio	Meeks	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Menendez	Torres (NY)
Dingell	Meng	Trahan
Doggett	Mfume	Trone
Escobar	Molinaro	Vargas
Eshoo	Moore (WI)	Vasquez
Espallat	Morelle	Veasey
Evans	Moskowitz	Velazquez
Fitzpatrick	Moulton	Wasserman
Fletcher	Mrvan	Schultz
Foster	Mullin	Waters
Foushee	Nadler	Watson Coleman
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Wild
Frost	Neguse	Williams (GA)
Gallego	Nickel	Wilson (FL)
Garamendi	Norcross	
Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	

NOT VOTING—17

Castro (TX)	LaHood	Scanlon
Garbarino	Lesko	Schakowsky
Jackson Lee	Miller (OH)	Sewell
Joyce (OH)	Napolitano	Underwood
Kamlaager-Dove	Newhouse	Wexton
Kuster	Phillips	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1103

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## STOP HARBORING IRANIAN PETROLEUM ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3774) to impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation of the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 342, nays 69, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 598]

YEAS—342

Adams	Crawford	Greene (GA)
Aderholt	Crenshaw	Griffith
Aguilar	Crockett	Grothman
Alford	Crow	Guest
Allen	Cuellar	Guthrie
Allred	Curtis	Hageman
Amodei	D'Esposito	Harder (CA)
Arrington	Davids (KS)	Harris
Auchincloss	Davidson	Harshbarger
Babin	Davis (IL)	Hayes
Bacon	Davis (NC)	Hern
Baird	De La Cruz	Higgins (LA)
Balderson	DeLauro	Higgins (NY)
Banks	DelBene	Hill
Barr	Deluzio	Himes
Bean (FL)	DesJarlais	Hinson
Beatty	Diaz-Balart	Horsford
Bentz	Dingell	Houchin
Bera	Donalds	Hoyer
Bergman	Duarte	Hoyle (OR)
Bice	Duncan	Hudson
Biggs	Dunn (FL)	Huizenga
Bilirakis	Edwards	Hunt
Bishop (GA)	Ellzey	Issa
Bishop (NC)	Emmer	Ivey
Boebert	Eshoo	Jackson (NC)
Bost	Espallat	Jackson (TX)
Boyle (PA)	Estes	James
Brecheen	Ezell	Jeffries
Brown	Fallon	Johnson (LA)
Brownley	Feenstra	Johnson (OH)
Buchanan	Ferguson	Johnson (SD)
Buck	Finstad	Jordan
Bucshon	Fischbach	Joyce (PA)
Budzinski	Fitzgerald	Kaptur
Burchett	Fitzpatrick	Kean (NJ)
Burgess	Fleischmann	Keating
Burlison	Fletcher	Kelly (MS)
Calvert	Flood	Kelly (PA)
Cammack	Foushee	Kiggans (VA)
Caraveo	Foxx	Kildee
Carbajal	Frankel, Lois	Kiley
Carey	Franklin, Scott	Kilmer
Carl	Fry	Kim (CA)
Carter (GA)	Fulcher	Kim (NJ)
Carter (LA)	Gaetz	Krishnamoorthi
Carter (TX)	Gallagher	Kustoff
Cartwright	Gallego	LaLota
Case	Garamendi	LaMalfa
Castor (FL)	Garcia (TX)	Lamborn
Chavez-DeRemer	Garcia, Mike	Landsman
Cherfilus-	Garcia, Robert	Langworthy
McCormick	Gimenez	Larsen (WA)
Ciscomani	Golden (ME)	Larson (CT)
Clark (MA)	Goldman (NY)	Latta
Cline	Gomez	LaTurner
Cloud	Gonzales, Tony	Lawler
Clyde	Gonzalez,	Lee (FL)
Cohen	Vicente	Lee (NV)
Cole	Gooden (TX)	Letlow
Collins	Gosar	Levin
Comer	Gottheimer	Lieu
Connolly	Granger	Lofgren
Costa	Graves (LA)	Loudermilk
Courtney	Graves (MO)	Lucas
Craig	Green (TN)	Luetkemeyer
Crane	Green, Al (TX)	Luna

Luttrell	Pascrell	Spanberger
Lynch	Pelosi	Spartz
Mace	Peltola	Stanton
Magaziner	Pence	Stauber
Malliotakis	Perez	Stefanik
Mann	Perry	Steil
Manning	Peters	Steube
Mast	Pettersen	Stevens
Matsui	Pfluger	Strickland
McCarthy	Porter	Strong
McCaul	Posey	Swalwell
McClain	Quigley	Sykes
McClintock	Reschenthaler	Tenney
McCormick	Rogers (AL)	Thanedar
McGarvey	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (CA)
McHenry	Rose	Thompson (PA)
Menendez	Rosendale	Tiffany
Meng	Ross	Timmons
Miller (IL)	Rouzer	Titus
Miller (WV)	Roy	Torres (CA)
Miller-Meeks	Ruiz	Torres (NY)
Mills	Ruppersberger	Trone
Molinaro	Rutherford	Turner
Moolenaar	Ryan	Valadao
Mooney	Salazar	Van Drew
Moore (AL)	Salinas	Van Dyne
Moore (UT)	Sánchez	Van Orden
Moran	Santos	Vargas
Morelle	Sarbanes	Vasquez
Moskowitz	Scalise	Veasey
Moulton	Schiff	Wagner
Mrvan	Schneider	Walberg
Mullin	Schrier	Waltz
Murphy	Schweikert	Wasserman
Neal	Scott, Austin	Schultz
Neguse	Scott, David	Weber (TX)
Nehls	Self	Webster (FL)
Nickel	Sessions	Wenstrup
Norcross	Sherman	Westerman
Norman	Sherrill	Wild
Nunn (IA)	Simpson	Williams (NY)
Obernolte	Slotkin	Williams (TX)
Ogles	Smith (MO)	Wilson (FL)
Owens	Smith (NE)	Wilson (SC)
Pallone	Smith (NJ)	Wittman
Palmer	Smucker	Womack
Panetta	Sorensen	Yakym
Pappas	Soto	Zinke

## NAYS—69

Balint	Foster	Nadler
Barragán	Frost	Ocasio-Cortez
Beyer	García (IL)	Omar
Blumenauer	Grijalva	Payne
Blunt Rochester	Houlahan	Pingree
Bonamici	Huffman	Pocan
Bowman	Jackson (IL)	Pressley
Bush	Jacobs	Ramirez
Cárdenas	Jayapal	Raskin
Carson	Johnson (GA)	Scholten
Casas	Kelly (IL)	Scott (VA)
Casten	Khanna	Smith (WA)
Chu	Lee (CA)	Stansbury
Clarke (NY)	Lee (PA)	Takano
Cleaver	Leger Fernandez	Thompson (MS)
Clyburn	Massie	Tlaib
Correa	McBath	Tokuda
Dean (PA)	McClellan	Tonko
DeGette	McCollum	Trahan
DeSaulnier	McGovern	Velázquez
Doggett	Meeks	Waters
Escobar	Mfume	Watson Coleman
Evans	Moore (WI)	Williams (GA)

## NOT VOTING—22

Armstrong	LaHood	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Lesko	Schakowsky
Garbarino	Meuser	Sewell
Good (VA)	Miller (OH)	Steel
Jackson Lee	Napolitano	Underwood
Joyce (OH)	Newhouse	Wexton
Kamllager-Dove	Phillips	
Kuster	Rodgers (WA)	

□ 1110

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, during roll-call Vote number 598 on H.R. 3774, I mistak-

only recorded my vote as “nay” when I should have voted “yea.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss votes today to travel back to Illinois. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 593, “yea” on rollcall No. 594, “yea” on rollcall No. 595, “nay” on rollcall No. 596, “yea” on rollcall No. 597, and “yea” on rollcall No. 598.

# AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 4821, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4821, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

# ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023, TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, November 6, 2023, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN LYELL II

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my dear friend John Lyell II, who passed away on October 21 at the age of 76.

The word lobbyist is an ugly word to some people, but as I have often said: You are either at the table or you are on the dadgum menu.

John was one of the best of these. He always represented his clients tenaciously, and he was always kind to me and never misled me on any issue.

John knew my dad at the University of Tennessee. My dad was the dean of student conduct, and John was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. When Daddy entered his fraternity house one night after a late night of parties, there was an empty bottle of Jack Daniel's on the banister, and John was at the top of the stairs. He yelled down at my dad, and said, Hey,

mister, I don't know who you are, but we don't allow alcohol at this frat house.

Of course, Daddy was getting ready to shut the whole place down, and he laughed. He looked at John, and he said, You are either the dumbest or the smartest—and I will leave the adjective out because we are on the House floor.

John was just that kind of guy.

He was honorably discharged from the 134th Air Refueling Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard at the rank of staff sergeant in 1973. I am proud to call him a friend.

John Lyell II is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his children, Chris and John III; his sister, Jane Ann; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, he won't be forgotten by the folks who had the privilege of knowing him, and I will truly miss him and his friendship.

# CELEBRATING AND HONORING CHIEF CUDÁ

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the loss of public servant, first responder, and beloved member of my western Pennsylvania community, Anthony “Tony” Cuda.

Chief of Foxwall Emergency Medical Services since 2020, Chief Cuda was a titan in the EMS scene.

He joined the Swissvale Fire Department at 16, became a paramedic by 18, and worked as a first responder for Seneca area EMS in Wilkinsburg, Monroeville, Penn Hills, and other parts of western Pennsylvania.

Through the dark days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Cuda led his crew with generosity, honesty, and courageous conviction. Chief Cuda saved lives, comforted frightened community members, and taught the next generation of first responders.

He was a witty straight shooter who off the job enjoyed playing Dungeons and Dragons and spending time with family whether at home, at Kennywood, the Renaissance Festival, or Comic Con.

To the Cuda family, especially his wife, Michele, and his five children, Zachary, Morgan, Shannon, Caitlyn, and Kirsten, know this: Our corner of western Pennsylvania is better off thanks to Chief Cuda and mourns his passing, as does this body and this country.

# RECOGNIZING MY FM WCRE 93.9

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate My FM WCRE 93.9 in Chesterfield County which celebrated its 70th anniversary this year.

WCRE has brought news, entertainment, and sports to the people of Chesterfield County and Cheraw for over 70 years.

From broadcasting information through Hurricane Hugo in 1989 to allowing the Cheraw Police Department to use their radio signal following the devastating tornado at the Cheraw Primary School in 2004, WCRE has played a key role in making sure that the people of the PeeDee in Chesterfield County are always informed during times of crisis.

Their success goes beyond serving in South Carolina's Seventh District. They have been named South Carolina's Radio Station of the Year in 2003 and 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I thank WCRE for their commitment to our community. I wish them many more years of great success.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriation Act and how Republicans continue to put politics over people.

Financial support for Israel after a terrorist attack should be an easy bipartisan bill to pass. Instead, Republicans are hijacking it to prevent the richest 1 percent of Americans from paying their fair share of taxes and preventing lifesaving aid for families caught in the crossfire. So Republicans would rather protect their billionaire tax cheating supporters than protect children.

No one should be surprised about it. If the richest 1 percent paid their fair share, America could gain \$3 trillion in the next 10 years according to economists. Even a portion of that funding would allow us to support Israel, help Palestinian families, and aid Ukraine, and it would even reduce the national debt significantly.

Nevertheless, Republicans want to rob the poor to pay the rich, and I hope American voters are paying attention.

#### HONORING AJ ORTIZ

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic and selfless actions of Buffalo Police Detective AJ Ortiz.

On the evening of August 29, Detective Ortiz was off duty and traveling in my district near the town of Concord when he noticed taillights partially submerged in a pond. Without hesitation, he rescued the three elderly individuals who were trapped inside that sinking vehicle, saving their lives.

In that moment, Detective Ortiz went above and beyond the call of

duty, but I want to emphasize that his heroism goes beyond just this single act.

As the second in command of the Buffalo Police Underwater Recovery Team, he has demonstrated his dedication to public safety and extraordinary commitment to our community. His training and experience undoubtedly played a vital and pivotal role in the positive outcome that would and could have quickly become a tragic situation.

I thank Detective AJ Ortiz for his heroic actions that night and his continued dedication to serving western New York every single day.

#### COMMENDING THE TEXAS RANGERS ON THEIR BIG WIN

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Texas Rangers on their historic first World Series championship. They brought the trophy home to Arlington, Texas, and the Rangers managed to overcome a 6-year playoff drought and two prior World Series losses to bring the trophy home.

They have a great front office, a great manager, and a great owner that put together the winning combination that allowed them to be able to hoist the Commissioner's Trophy this week and also set records of the most RBI's and doubles in a single post-season game.

They had to overcome a lot. They had injuries, they lost their last regular season game, and they had a commentator in the booth that seemed to be rooting against them. Nonetheless, they stayed focused, and it helped the Rangers cement the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area as one of the few regions in the United States where all four major sports franchises have won a championship.

From their humble beginnings through heartbreak and defeat to the World Series champions, the Rangers have brought joy to everyone in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area.

Congratulations again to the Texas Rangers, 2023 World Series champions.

#### HONORING COACH BOB KNIGHT

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the General of IU basketball, the legendary Coach Bob Knight.

Growing up in southern Indiana, there were three things that shaped my childhood: family, faith, and IU basketball.

Any game day, TVs across our towns would play the game, and on the screen was Coach Bob Knight. During those games, my mom really only had two

emotions: frustration, yelling, Come on, boys; or elation, celebrating game play.

I was a student during Coach Knight's last year at IU, and I always said that you haven't really seen an IU game unless you were able to witness one that he had coached or had been kicked out of.

Coach Knight's legacy was complex to say the least, but that didn't stop Hoosiers from loving him and through him the game of basketball. Boy, did he create champions on and off the court. He brought home three national championship banners to the walls of Assembly Hall and 902 wins, more than any other coach in IU history.

Under Coach Knight, IU basketball wasn't just a sport about wins and championships, it was a way of life.

In his honor, today we remember what it means to be an IU Hoosier.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM SLOM, FORMER HAWAII STATE SENATOR

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of my favorite Republicans and former colleague, the late Hawaii State Senator Sam Slom.

There is much to be said about the boy from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who found his way to Hawaii in the sixties and made our islands his home.

For 20 years Sam represented East Honolulu's ninth senatorial district, and for almost one-half of that time, he was the sole Republican member of the Hawaii Senate.

He read every bill and every resolution, and he defied time and space to try to attend every committee meeting and vote, earning the self-imposed nickname "the Lone Ranger."

I had the honor and privilege of serving alongside Sam. Yes, we disagreed on many things, but more often than not, we saw eye to eye, especially when it came to lowering costs for working families and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Sam was a statesman to the very end, and given the partisan times we find ourselves in, I truly miss my friend.

Mahalo, Sam, for your service and your friendship. As the Lone Ranger, you challenged our minds and won our hearts.

□ 1130

#### CONGRATULATING TRAVIS CRATE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Travis Crate for being named the 2023



Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize For Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Crate is one of 25 public high school skilled trade teachers across the country to receive this award. He has been a welding instructor at Venango Technology Center for more than 25 years.

This prize was created to recognize high school skilled trade teachers for their work to inspire the next generation.

Mr. Crate's welding program is dynamic and collaborative, incorporating industry-based skills to prepare students for life beyond high school. As students progress through Crate's program, they have the opportunity to mentor first-year students, providing one-on-one instruction that reinforces their learning and helps beginner students grasp welding more easily.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus, I applaud the work of Mr. Crate and other CTE teachers who continue to help students find their passions.

Congratulations, Mr. Crate, on this remarkable recognition.

#### CELEBRATING GRAND OPENING OF COVENANT COMMUNITY CARE

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District is celebrating. We are celebrating the grand opening of Covenant Community Care, an essential health clinic on Joy Road in Detroit.

For 8 years, Covenant Community Care operated a small healthcare clinic, limiting very much their ability to provide and serve the most vulnerable. However, my team and I worked incredibly hard and successfully obtained community project funding of \$500,000 to expand to a 10,000 square foot health center, tripling healthcare services for our community.

The facility will serve 10,000 patients and offer primary care like medical, dental, and behavioral health services. I saw it myself. It is incredible. This increases healthcare access to people living in that part of Detroit that is right now designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a "health professional shortage area" and a medically underserved area.

Again, I am incredibly proud and congratulate the CEO there, Joslyn Pettway, and the Covenant Community Care staff for their ongoing partnership to serve and care for our communities and residents.

#### COMMENDING VIRGINIA BEACH LIFEGUARDS

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the

Virginia Beach lifeguards on a successful summer season and to thank them for keeping our beaches in Hampton Roads safe.

Lifeguards are an essential part of any community, but back home in Virginia's Second District, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service has protected our oceanfront since 1930. Their mission of promoting beach safety protects not only the citizens of Virginia Beach but the millions of visitors we have each year.

Lifeguarding is one of the top choices for people searching for summer jobs, including my two sons. While it is a rewarding job, it is also a challenging one that demands personal responsibility.

Beaches and oceans are dynamic natural environments. Crowd conditions, currents, waves, sharks, and other weather conditions can rapidly change, putting swimmers in grave danger.

The average number of people saved each summer is between 400 to 600, but during this year's summer season, which extended from May 13 to September 17, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service performed more than 800 rescues on the beaches they patrol.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank our lifeguards for the level of skill they bring to this job and what they do for Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads. Congratulations to the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service on a successful summer season.

#### CONGRATULATING THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPION TEXAS RANGERS

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, they say that everything is bigger in Texas, and that includes our pride for our very first World Series win. Yes, I also rise to celebrate the World Series champions, the Texas Rangers.

On Wednesday, the Rangers clinched their first World Series win against the Arizona Diamondbacks. I don't mean to rub it in the face of my colleagues from the Grand Canyon State, but we warned you we could—and we would—come and take it.

This week our Rangers went and took it.

I was lucky enough to represent north Texas as the first Black Democratic woman to play in the Congressional Baseball Game this year. While I may not have the arm of Josh Sborz or the speed of two-time MVP Corey Seager, you best believe our Rangers have inspired me to score some runs next year.

While this may be our first World Series win, mark my words, it will not be our last.

#### SOUTHERN BORDER GOT-AWAYS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have had an active 2 weeks in which we have been passing appropriations bills, and the Speaker should be commended on that. Unfortunately, all the activity with regard to the new Speaker and appropriations bills has caused the press to have an excuse not to pay attention to what is going on at the border.

In recently released figures with regard to September, one more time we see record numbers of people coming across our southern border. Compared to a year ago, the number of what we call got-aways, which I think is the most dangerous of the immigrant groups, has shot up from 58 percent to 69 percent, almost a 20 percent increase over last year's already high figure. Last year they shot up to 49 percent.

I think, as well, not only do we have a huge problem with people coming across the border that shouldn't be coming across, but we should also be paying attention to the viewpoint of the people coming across.

John Adams warned that our Constitution was fit for a moral, religious people and totally unfit for any other kind. As the United States has to take sides around the world in conflicts, we should be paying particular attention to how our new wave of immigrants think.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF EARL BLUMENAUER

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, colleague, and fellow Oregonian, Congressman EARL BLUMENAUER. Throughout his 50 years of public service, EARL has always been a consistent and vocal advocate for Oregon values.

He helped pioneer the fight against climate change long before others were doing the same, and his commitment to building healthy communities and a healthy planet through public transit and cycling was unmatched. In fact, he wore it proudly every day in the form of that iconic bicycle pin on his lapel.

I know I speak for the entire Oregon delegation when we say that EARL will be sorely missed in Congress. He leaves behind a legacy of service and dedication to making life better for working families not only in our State but across our great country.

I wish him and his family all the best in his new chapter.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday next, November 6, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

## EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third quarter of 2023, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

## REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Kat Cammack .....	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		3,217.05		1,655.20		190.00		5,062.25
Hon. Shontel Brown .....	8/24	8/30	Tanzania .....		2,250.99		6,235.29		1,922.35		10,408.63
Committee total .....					5,468.04		7,890.49		2,112.35		15,470.88

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. GLENN THOMPSON, Oct. 27, 2023.

## REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

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Hon. David Joyce .....	6/26	6/27	Netherlands .....		725.08		6,241.65		849.15		7,815.88
	6/27	6/29	Estonia .....		292.34				813.10		1,105.44
Hon. Robert Aderholt .....	6/26	6/27	Greenland .....		276.00				1,091.98		1,367.98
	6/29	6/30	Canada .....		788.18				1,091.98		3,202.47
Hon. Andy Harris .....	6/26	6/27	Greenland .....		276.00		1,322.31		1,091.98		1,367.98
	6/29	7/4	Canada .....		3,784.90				1,091.98		4,876.88
Hon. John Carter .....	6/26	6/28	Belgium .....		931.72		6,842.35		1,034.67		8,808.74
	6/28	7/1	Netherlands .....		1,105.05				1,464.87		2,569.92
Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz .....	6/26	6/29	Belgium .....		402.00		11,514.45		1,034.67		12,951.12
	6/29	7/1	Netherlands .....		813.37				1,464.87		2,278.24
Hon. Henry Cuellar .....	6/26	6/28	Belgium .....		931.72		13,241.55		1,034.67		15,207.94
	6/28	7/1	Netherlands .....		1,105.05				1,464.87		2,569.92
Betsy Bina .....	6/26	6/28	Belgium .....		931.72		4,439.35		1,034.67		6,405.74
	6/28	7/1	Netherlands .....		1,105.05				1,464.87		2,569.92
Jennifer Neuscheler .....	6/26	6/28	Belgium .....		931.72		1,996.95		1,034.67		3,963.34
	6/28	7/1	Netherlands .....		1,105.05				1,464.87		2,569.92
Tyler Coe .....	6/26	6/28	Belgium .....		931.72		1,987.12		1,034.67		3,953.51
	6/28	7/1	Netherlands .....		1,105.05				1,464.87		2,569.92
Hon. Robert Aderholt .....	7/2	7/4	Portugal .....		2,736.00				971.77		3,707.77
	7/4	7/4	Tunisia .....								
	7/4	7/6	Greece .....		557.00				2,100.77		2,657.77
	7/6	7/6	Romania .....						36.32		36.32
	7/6	7/8	Italy .....		1,783.74				2,557.13		4,340.87
	7/8	7/9	Germany .....		322.00				1,596.25		1,918.25
Hon. Ken Calvert .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. Tom Cole .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. Steve Womack .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. David Joyce .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. Chris Stewart .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		477.42						477.42
Hon. Betty McCollum .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		477.42						477.42
Hon. Henry Cuellar .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. Mike Quigley .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Nicholas Vance .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Nathan Diller .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Kyle McFarland .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Max Morgan .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Jennifer Chartrand .....	7/29	7/30	Gibraltar (UK) .....		600.42				222.42		822.84
	7/30	8/1	Germany .....		892.12		570.21		32.10		1,494.43
Hon. David Joyce .....	8/23	8/24	England .....		493.60				282.60		776.20
	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		1,592.11				2,196.60		3,788.71
Hon. Harold Rogers .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Hon. Tom Cole .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Hon. Chuck Fleischmann .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Hon. Tony Gonzales .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Hon. Henry Cuellar .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Hon. Ed Case .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		965.00						965.00
Christopher Esparza .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Alley Adcock .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Stephanie Gadbois .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/29	Italy .....		4,086.39				3,382.79		7,469.18
Faye Cobb .....	8/20	8/23	France .....		1,391.00				2,717.36		4,108.36
	8/23	8/27	Italy .....		2,460.09				3,382.79		5,842.88
Christopher Esparza .....	7/29	8/2	England .....		1,865.03		2,238.75				4,103.78
	8/2	8/5	France .....		1,102.00						1,102.00
	8/5	8/9	The Netherlands .....		1,297.94						1,297.94
Robert Bonner .....	7/29	8/2	England .....		1,865.03		2,478.40				4,343.43
	8/2	8/5	France .....		1,102.00						1,102.00
	8/5	8/9	The Netherlands .....		1,297.94						1,297.94
Hon. Robert Aderholt .....	8/5	8/6	Japan .....		296.00				85.88		381.88
	8/6	8/7	Vietnam .....		354.00				337.00		691.00
	8/7	8/8	Singapore .....		616.00				254.11		870.11
	8/8	8/12	Australia .....		1,259.00				1,125.38		2,384.38
David Bortnick .....	8/9	8/11	Tajikistan .....		482.54		10,365.29		501.04		11,348.87

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Susan Adams	8/11	8/15	Uzbekistan		738.25				2,634.95		3,373.20
	8/15	8/16	Kazakhstan		653.28				293.36		946.64
	8/9	8/13	Israel		2,566.00		9,692.67		194.21		12,452.88
	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
Craig Higgins	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
	8/9	8/13	Israel		2,566.00		9,692.67		194.21		12,452.88
	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
Erin Kolodjeski	8/9	8/13	Israel		1,872.00		7,257.27		194.21		9,323.48
	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
	8/9	8/13	Israel		2,566.00		9,692.67		194.21		12,452.88
Meghan Gallagher	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
	8/9	8/13	Israel		2,566.00		9,692.67		194.21		12,452.88
	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
Clelia Alvarado	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
	8/9	8/13	Israel		2,566.00		9,692.67		194.21		12,452.88
	8/13	8/15	Qatar		676.66				113.19		789.85
	8/15	8/17	United Arab Emirates		1,108.16				115.26		1,223.42
John Forbes	8/6	8/10	Japan		1,317.05		10,760.64		750.23		12,827.92
	8/6	8/10	Japan		1,317.05		10,760.64		750.23		12,827.92
	8/28	9/1	Namibia		777.00		11,159.47		694.95		12,631.42
	8/28	9/1	Namibia		777.00		10,889.97		694.95		12,361.92
Nicholas Vance	8/8	8/11	Jordan		906.65		10,045.61		96.86		11,049.12
	8/11	8/13	Lebanon		106.00				1,522.60		1,628.60
	8/13	8/14	Qatar		386.30				54.29		440.59
	8/14	8/15	Bahrain		750.77				357.50		1,108.27
Hayden Milberg	8/8	8/11	Jordan		906.65		8,350.53		96.86		9,354.04
	8/11	8/13	Lebanon		106.00				1,522.60		1,628.60
	8/13	8/14	Qatar		386.30				54.29		440.59
	8/14	8/15	Bahrain		750.77				357.50		1,108.27
Anna Lanier Fischer	8/16	8/18	England		1,183.75		2,399.65		1,103.00		4,686.40
	8/18	8/20	Italy		1,136.69				871.66		2,008.35
	8/20	8/22	Belgium		653.44						653.44
	8/22	8/24	The Netherlands		662.04						662.04
Emily Trapani	8/15	8/18	England		1,363.75		3,388.42		1,103.00		5,855.17
	8/18	8/20	Italy		1,136.69				871.66		2,008.35
	8/20	8/22	Belgium		653.44						653.44
	8/16	8/18	England		1,183.75		1,943.10		1,103.00		4,229.85
Brooklyn Tucker	8/18	8/20	Italy		1,136.69				871.66		2,008.35
	8/20	8/22	Belgium		653.44						653.44
	8/22	8/24	The Netherlands		662.04						662.04
	8/28	8/30	Estonia		466.25		7,030.85		415.78		7,912.88
Betsy Bina	8/30	9/1	Latvia		464.21				489.61		953.82
	9/1	9/3	Lithuania		464.00				612.00		1,076.00
	8/20	8/22	Mexico		700.00		1,112.55				1,812.55
	8/22	8/24	Guatemala		448.39				903.46		1,351.85
Hon. Ed Case	8/24	8/27	El Salvador		657.00				2,330.40		2,987.40
	8/12	8/15	Bangladesh		945.55		6,406.33		7,515.31		14,867.19
	8/15	8/17	India		637.90				206.97		844.87
	8/20	8/22	Germany		773.85		6,021.55		1,354.40		8,149.80
David Adkins	8/22	8/24	Poland		480.27				549.18		1,029.45
	9/6	9/8	England		1,007.40		1,660.45		1,285.50		3,953.35
	9/6	9/8	England		1,007.40		825.30		2,081.92		3,914.62
	8/21	8/22	Germany		478.00		9,345.75		1,273.29		11,097.04
Hon. Scott Franklin	8/22	8/23	Belgium		327.34				778.37		1,105.71
	8/23	8/24	Finland		392.78				153.49		546.27
	8/24	8/27	Ireland		3,217.05				3,963.58		7,180.63
	9/2	9/5	Japan		898.78				524.44		1,423.22
Hon. Jake LaTurner	9/5	9/6	Singapore		521.00				235.24		756.24
	9/6	9/8	Thailand		443.72				142.09		585.81
	9/2	9/5	Japan		898.78				524.44		1,423.22
	9/5	9/6	Singapore		521.00				235.24		756.24
Hon. David Valadao	9/6	9/8	Thailand		443.72				142.09		585.81
	8/24	8/26	Italy		1,029.61		6,449.35		1,055.32		8,534.28
	8/26	8/29	Turkey		820.92				1,396.95		2,217.87
	8/1	8/8	Australia		2,870.00		5,785.25				8,655.25
Committee total					164,851.45		229,303.84		136,860.85		531,016.14

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. KAY GRANGER, Oct. 26, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Lloyd Doggett	7/1	7/8	Canada		2,208.54		2,279.59				4,488.13
Hon. Brendan Boyle	8/21	8/22	Germany		478.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				478.00
	8/22	8/23	Belgium		327.34						327.34
	8/23	8/24	Finland		392.79						392.79
	8/25	8/27	Ireland		3,217.05						3,217.05
Hon. Michelle Fischbach	9/2	9/5	Japan		898.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				898.78
	9/5	9/6	Singapore		521.00						521.00
	9/6	9/8	Thailand		443.72						443.72
	9/2	9/5	Japan		898.78		( <sup>3</sup> )				898.78
Hon. Rudy Yakym	9/5	9/6	Singapore		521.00						521.00
	9/6	9/8	Thailand		443.72						443.72
Committee total					10,350.72		2,279.59				12,630.31

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. JOEY C. ARRINGTON, Oct. 30, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Jeff Duncan .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.64		12,618.20				13,987.84
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Hon. Tim Walberg .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.64		9,907.10				11,276.74
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Hon. Debra Lesko .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.64		13,611.30				14,980.94
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Hon. Randy Weber .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.63		16,346.25				17,715.88
	6/29	7/1	South Korea .....		668.00						668.00
Hon. Scott Peters .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.63		17,542.85				18,912.48
	6/29	7/1	South Korea .....		668.00						668.00
Michael Taggart .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.63		8,382.75				9,752.38
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Peter Spencer .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.63		8,292.65				9,662.28
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Waverly Gordan .....	6/24	6/29	Japan .....		1,369.63		8,044.65				9,414.28
	6/29	7/2	South Korea .....		1,002.00						1,002.00
Hon. Gary Palmer .....	6/26	6/27	Philippines .....		300.18		( <sup>3</sup> )				300.18
	6/27	6/29	Taiwan .....		562.24		( <sup>3</sup> )				562.24
	6/29	7/1	Japan .....		801.67		( <sup>3</sup> )				801.67
Nathan Hodson .....	8/1	8/8	Australia .....		2,386.00		6,746.95				9,132.95
Hon. Kathy Castor .....	8/10	8/13	New Zealand .....		1,143.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,143.00
	8/13	8/16	Australia .....		1,467.00		( <sup>3</sup> )				1,467.00
Committee total .....					24,965.16		101,492.70				126,457.86

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS, Oct. 23, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Brendan Shields .....	6/24	6/27	UK .....		519.00		1,457.55		174.57		2,151.12
Chris Del Beccaro .....	6/24	6/27	UK .....		519.00		1,546.04		174.57		2,239.61
Michael Levine .....	6/24	6/27	UK .....		519.00		1,492.55		174.57		2,186.12
Laura Fullerton .....	6/24	6/27	UK .....		519.00		1,226.05		174.57		1,919.62
Jessica Steffens .....	6/24	6/27	UK .....		519.00		1,546.05		174.57		2,239.62
Brendan Shields .....	6/27	6/29	France .....		590.00				591.40		1,181.40
Chris Del Beccaro .....	6/27	6/29	France .....		644.00				591.40		1,235.40
Michael Levine .....	6/27	7/1	France .....		590.00				591.40		1,181.40
Laura Fullerton .....	6/27	7/1	France .....		644.00				591.40		1,235.40
Jessica Steffens .....	6/27	7/1	France .....		644.00				591.40		1,235.40
Brendan Shields .....	6/29	7/1	Belgium .....								
Michael Levine .....	6/29	7/1	Belgium .....								
Leah Novdin .....	6/26	6/28	Czech Republic .....		330.00		4,338.25				4,668.25
	6/28	7/1	Austria .....		423.00						423.00
Mike Levine .....	8/6	8/9	UAE .....		447.00		10,630.83		80.42		11,158.25
Jimmy Walsh .....	8/6	8/9	UAE .....		447.00		10,630.83		80.42		11,158.25
Christopher White .....	8/6	8/9	UAE .....		447.00		10,630.83		80.41		11,158.24
Johnna Fontenot .....	8/6	8/9	UAE .....		447.00		10,630.83		80.41		11,158.24
Aaron Jordan .....	8/6	8/9	UAE .....		447.00		10,630.83		80.41		11,158.24
Mike Levine .....	8/9	8/12	Egypt .....		294.00				165.03		459.03
Jimmy Walsh .....	8/9	8/12	Egypt .....		294.00				165.03		459.03
Christopher White .....	8/9	8/12	Egypt .....		294.00				165.03		459.03
Johnna Fontenot .....	8/9	8/12	Egypt .....		294.00				165.03		459.03
Aaron Jordan .....	8/9	8/12	Egypt .....		294.00				165.02		459.02
Mary Vigil .....	8/7	8/9	Botswana .....		136.00		11,255.25				11,391.25
Brandon Ramsay .....	8/7	8/9	Botswana .....		136.00		11,290.25				11,426.25
Michael Frohlich .....	8/7	8/9	Botswana .....		136.00		11,255.25				11,391.25
Sarah Markley .....	8/7	8/9	Botswana .....		136.00		11,255.25				11,391.25
Mary Vigil .....	8/9	8/13	Mozambique .....		400.00				1,086.50		1,486.50
Brandon Ramsay .....	8/9	8/13	Mozambique .....		400.00				1,086.50		1,486.50
Michael Frohlich .....	8/9	8/13	Mozambique .....		400.00				1,086.50		1,486.50
Sarah Markley .....	8/9	8/13	Mozambique .....		400.00				1,086.50		1,486.50
Mary Vigil .....	8/13	8/15	Zambia .....		270.00						270.00
Brandon Ramsay .....	8/13	8/15	Zambia .....		270.00						270.00
Michael Frohlich .....	8/13	8/15	Zambia .....		270.00						270.00
Sarah Markley .....	8/13	8/15	Zambia .....		270.00						270.00
Hon. Joe Wilson .....	8/22	8/24	Israel .....		537.00		12,745.48		163.54		13,446.02
Hon. Dean Phillips .....	8/22	8/24	Israel .....		537.00		11,637.70		163.54		12,338.24
Gabriella Zach .....	8/22	8/24	Israel .....		537.00		7,136.18		163.53		7,836.71
Sophie Minviss .....	8/22	8/24	Israel .....		537.00		7,872.18		163.53		8,572.71
Alexis Castaneda .....	8/22	8/24	Israel .....		537.00		7,872.18		163.53		8,572.71
Hon. Joe Wilson .....	8/24	8/26	Turkiye .....		362.00				690.16		1,052.16
Hon. Dean Phillips .....	8/24	8/26	Turkiye .....		362.00				690.16		1,052.16
Gabriella Zach .....	8/24	8/26	Turkiye .....		362.00				690.16		1,052.16
Sophie Minviss .....	8/24	8/26	Turkiye .....		362.00				690.15		1,052.15
Alexis Castaneda .....	8/24	8/26	Turkiye .....		362.00				690.15		1,052.15
Hon. Joe Wilson .....	8/26	8/28	Saudi Arabia .....		284.00				291.36		575.36
Hon. Dean Phillips .....	8/26	8/28	Saudi Arabia .....		284.00				291.35		575.35
Gabriella Zach .....	8/26	8/28	Saudi Arabia .....		284.00				291.35		575.35
Sophie Minviss .....	8/26	8/28	Saudi Arabia .....		284.00				291.35		575.35
Alexis Castaneda .....	8/26	8/28	Saudi Arabia .....		284.00				291.35		575.35
Jonathan James .....	8/21	8/23	DRC .....		304.00		12,156.75		433.60		12,894.35
Hon. Sara Jacobs .....	8/21	8/23	DRC .....		304.00		22,627.22		433.60		23,364.82
Joseph Foltz .....	8/21	8/23	DRC .....		304.00		22,627.22		433.60		23,364.82
Christopher Kulukundis .....	8/21	8/23	DRC .....		304.00		19,819.52		433.60		20,557.12
Sophie Jones .....	8/21	8/23	DRC .....		304.00		22,627.22		433.60		23,364.82
Jonathan James .....	8/23	8/29	Tanzania .....		474.00				2,306.82		2,780.82
Hon. Sara Jacobs .....	8/23	8/29	Tanzania .....		474.00				2,306.82		2,780.82
Joseph Foltz .....	8/23	8/29	Tanzania .....		474.00				2,306.82		2,780.82
Sophie Jones .....	8/23	8/29	Tanzania .....		474.00				2,306.81		2,780.81
Christopher Kulukundis .....	8/23	8/29	Tanzania .....		474.00				2,306.81		2,780.81
Hon. Mike Lawler .....	8/24	8/27	Ireland .....		300.00						300.00
	8/23	8/27	England .....		180.00						180.00
Kim Young .....	8/22	8/23	Thailand .....		160.00		25,631.95		495.83		26,287.78

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Andy Barr	8/22	8/23	Thailand		160.00		17,185.65		495.83		17,841.48
Hon. Jonathan Jackson	8/22	8/23	Thailand		80.00		12,156.75		495.83		12,732.58
Daniel Markus	8/22	8/23	Thailand		160.00		12,567.85		495.83		13,223.68
Ann Kowalewski	8/22	8/23	Thailand		160.00		12,438.05		495.83		13,093.88
Allison Schwartz	8/22	8/23	Thailand		160.00		16,742.45		495.82		17,388.27
Anubhav Gupta	8/22	8/23	Thailand		160.00		15,818.05		495.82		16,473.87
Hon. Young Kim	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.16		1,061.16
Hon. Andy Barr	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.16		1,061.16
Jonathan Jackson	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.15		1,061.15
Daniel Markus	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.15		1,061.15
Ann Kowalewski	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.15		1,061.15
Allison Schwartz	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.15		1,061.15
Anubhav Gupta	8/24	8/27	Philippines		378.00				683.15		1,061.15
Hon. Young Kim	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.15		803.15
Hon. Andy Barr	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.15		803.15
Jonathan Jackson	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.15		803.15
Daniel Markus	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.14		803.14
Ann Kowalewski	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.14		803.14
Allison Schwartz	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.14		803.14
Anubhav Gupta	8/28	8/30	Indonesia		306.00				497.14		803.14
Katherine Earle	8/16	8/19	Kosovo		177.00		8,312.05		79.04		8,568.09
Philip Bednarczyk	8/16	8/19	Kosovo		177.00		8,237.05		79.04		8,493.09
Katherine Earle	8/21	8/22	Montenegro		202.00						202.00
Philip Bednarczyk	8/21	8/22	Montenegro		202.00						202.00
Katherine Earle	8/22	8/24	Serbia		282.00				337.00		619.00
Philip Bednarczyk	8/22	8/24	Serbia		282.00				337.00		619.00
Hon. Michael McCaul	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.84		1,426.84
Hon. Gregory Meeks	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.84		1,426.84
Hon. Ann Wagner	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.84		1,426.84
Hon. Gerry Connolly	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.84		1,426.84
Hon. Madeleine Dean	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Hon. Thomas Kean	8/31	8/3	Sweden		412.00				1,117.83		1,529.83
Laura Fullerton	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Katherine Earle	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Philip Bednarczyk	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Michael Callesen	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Emily Cassil	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Rachel Walker	8/31	8/3	Sweden		309.00				1,117.83		1,426.83
Hon. Michael McCaul	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Gregory Meeks	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Ann Wagner	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Gerry Connolly	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Madeleine Dean	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Thomas Kean	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Hon. Bill Huizenga	8/4	8/5	Finland		550.00				615.86		1,165.86
Laura Fullerton	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Katherine Earle	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.86		885.86
Philip Bednarczyk	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.85		885.85
Michael Callesen	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.85		885.85
Emily Cassil	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.85		885.85
Rachel Walker	8/4	8/5	Finland		270.00				615.85		885.85
Hon. Michael McCaul	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Gregory Meeks	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Ann Wagner	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Gerry Connolly	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Madeleine Dean	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Thomas Kean	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Hon. Bill Huizenga	9/5	9/7	Netherlands						241.16		241.16
Laura Fullerton	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.06		1,110.06
Katherine Earle	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.05		1,110.05
Philip Bednarczyk	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.05		1,110.05
Michael Callesen	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.05		1,110.05
Emily Cassil	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.05		1,110.05
Rachel Walker	9/5	9/7	Netherlands		280.00				830.05		1,110.05
Committee total					41,785.00		386,028.14		73,017.27		500,830.41

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HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL, Oct. 30, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Bruce Westerman	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Tom Tiffany	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Harriet Hageman	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Doug Lamborn	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Amata Radewagen	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Jim Moylan	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Theresa Leger Fernandez	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Melanie Stansbury	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Gregorio Sablan	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Vivian Moeglein	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Madeline Bryant	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Chris Marklund	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Ken Degenfelder	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
John Seibels	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Brian Modeste	8/25	8/26	Palau		468.00				1,034.95		1,502.95
Hon. Bruce Westerman	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		409.33				269.67		679.00
Hon. Tom Tiffany	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		325.83				269.67		595.50
Hon. Harriet Hageman	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		335.83				269.67		605.50
Hon. Doug Lamborn	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		409.33				269.67		679.00
Hon. Amata Radewagen	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		409.33				269.67		679.00
Hon. Jim Moylan	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		335.83				269.67		605.50
Hon. Theresa Leger Fernandez	8/26	8/27	Micronesia		336.08				269.67		605.75

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Melanie Stansbury .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Hon. Gregorio Sablan .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Vivian Moeglein .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Madeline Bryant .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Chris Marklund .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Ken Degenfelder .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
John Seibels .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		595.00
Brian Modeste .....	8/26	8/27	Micronesia .....		325.33				269.67		594.95
Hon. Bruce Westerman .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Tom Tiffany .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Harriet Hageman .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Doug Lamborn .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Amata Radewagen .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Jim Moylan .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Theresa Leger Fernandez .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Melanie Stansbury .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Hon. Gregorio Sablan .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Vivian Moeglein .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Madeline Bryant .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Chris Marklund .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Ken Degenfelder .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
John Seibels .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.33		194.33
Brian Modeste .....	8/27	8/28	Marshall Islands .....		176.00				18.38		194.38
Committee total .....					14,824.20				19,844.25		34,668.45

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN, Oct. 25, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. <input type="checkbox"/>											

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JAMES COMER, Oct. 24, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Kelly Dixon Chambers .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....		1,213.09		5,032.65				6,245.74
	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....		1,385.33						1,385.33
Don Sisson .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....		1,213.09		5,032.65				6,245.74
	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....		1,385.33						1,385.33
Emily Ackerson .....	8/20	8/23	Chile .....		987.07		5,091.65				6,078.72
	8/23	8/26	Argentina .....		1,385.33						1,385.33
Committee total .....					7,569.24		15,156.95				22,726.19

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. TOM COLE, Oct. 25, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND  
THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Landon Heid .....	8/17	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		2,558.60		139.80		83.60		2,782.00
Jake Parker .....	8/17	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		2,558.60		139.80		83.60		2,782.00
Melodie Ha .....	8/17	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		2,560.60		139.80		83.60		2,784.00
Eric Lee .....	8/17	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		2,558.60		139.80		83.60		2,782.00
Jake Gilluly .....	8/17	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		2,559.60		139.80		83.60		2,783.00
John Noh .....	8/19	8/25	SG, MY, VN .....		1,555.74		58.80		83.60		1,698.14
Committee total .....					14,351.74		757.80		501.60		15,611.14

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER, Oct. 30, 2023.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-2293. A letter from the Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's report on the impact of the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (CARD Act), pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1616(d); Public Law 111-24, Sec. 502(d); (123 Stat. 1756); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2294. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Wash Sale Relief for Money Market Funds (Rev. Proc. 2023-35) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2295. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel (Regulations, Legislation, and Ethics), Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment [Docket ID: ED-2023-OPE-0089] (RIN: 1840-AD57) received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-2296. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Alamogordo, New Mexico) [MB Docket No.: 23-281; RM-11958] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2297. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wharton, Texas) [MB Docket No.: 22-430; RM-11939] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2298. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Las Vegas, Nevada) [MB Docket No.: 21-221; RM-11908] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2299. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Tulare, California) [MB Docket No.: 23-279; RM-11956] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2300. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Colusa, California) [MB Docket No.: 23-280; RM-11957] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2301. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 [MB Docket No.: 11-43] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2302. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Reliability Standards to Address Inverter-Based Resources [Docket No.: RM22-12-000; Order No. 901] received October 31, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2303. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Updating Regulations for Engineering and Design Materials for Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities Related to Potential Impacts Caused by Natural Hazards [Docket No.: RM22-8-000; Order No. 900] received October 31, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2304. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 231005-0238] (RIN: 0694-AJ40) received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2305. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Publication, Coordination, and Reporting of International Agreements: Amendments [Public Notice: 12151] (RIN: 1400-AF63) received October 31, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2306. A letter from the Administrative Assistant, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Golden Paintbrush From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2020-0060; FF09E22000 FXES11130900000 234] (RIN: 1018-BE72) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2307. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Requirements for Type I and Type III Supporting Organizations [TD 9981] (RIN: 1545-BJ53) received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2308. A letter from the Marine Resources Management Specialist, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Ocean Wind 1 Project Offshore of New Jersey [Docket No.: 230901-0209] (RIN: 0648-BL36) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2309. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Increase in the Maximum Amount of Primary Nuclear Liability Insurance [NRC-2023-0130] (RIN: 3150-AL02) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2310. A letter from the Mission Support Specialist, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Immigration Bond Notifications [DHS Docket No.: ICEB-2021-0015] (RIN: 1653-AA85) received October 19, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2311. A letter from the Chief, Immigration Law Division, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, Review Procedures [EOIR Docket No.: 022-0010; AG Order No. 5812-2023] (RIN: 1125-AB28) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2312. A letter from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings and the Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Fees for Services Performed In Connection With Licensing And Related Services [Docket No.: EP 542 (Sub-No. 31)] received October 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2313. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; CY 2024 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts [CMS-8083-N] (RIN: 0938-AV11) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2314. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; CY 2024 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement [CMS-8084-N] (RIN: 0938-AV12) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2315. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems; Quality Reporting Programs; Payment for Intensive Outpatient Services in Hospital Outpatient Departments, Community Mental Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Opioid Treatment Programs; Hospital Price Transparency; Changes to Community Mental Health Centers Conditions of Participation, Changes to the Inpatient Prospective Payment System Medicare Code Editor; Rural Emergency Hospital Conditions of Participation Technical Correction [CMS-1786-FC] (RIN: 0938-AV09) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.



EC-2316. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Home Health (HH) Prospective Payment System Rate Update; HH Quality Reporting Program Requirements; HH Value-Based Purchasing Expanded Model Requirements; Home Intravenous Immune Globulin Items and Services; Hospice Informal Dispute Resolution and Special Focus Program Requirements, Certain Requirements for Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics and Orthotics Supplies; and Provider and Supplier Enrollment Requirements [CMS-1780-F] (RIN: 0938-AV03) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2317. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals with Acute Kidney Injury, End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program, and End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Model [CMS-1782-F] (RIN: 0938-AV05) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2318. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2024 [CMS-8085-N] (RIN: 0938-AV13) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2319. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2024 Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Medicare Advantage; Medicare and Medicaid Provider and Supplier Enrollment Policies; and Basic Health Program [CMS-1784-F] (RIN: 0938-AV07) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-2320. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties [CMS-6061-F] (RIN: 0938-AT86) received November 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

## 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. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 359. A bill to establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-263). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1607. A bill to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-264). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1722. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-265). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3448. A bill to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields; with an amendment (Rept. 118-266). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2717. A bill to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients; with an amendment (Rept. 118-267). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1318. A bill to authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-268). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SOTO, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MAST, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mrs. CAMMACK):

H.R. 6212. A bill to provide for a moratorium on oil and gas leasing and exploration on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida until 2032, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUCAS (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. COLLINS, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 6213. A bill to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 6214. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify False Claims Act procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. WEBER of

Texas, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, and Mr. BURLISON):

H.R. 6215. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available for the Justice40 Initiative or for the American Climate Corps; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 6216. A bill to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, to clarify the authority of the Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada Test and Training Range, to designate the Southern Paiute Wilderness in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 6217. A bill to provide for emergency acquisition authority in the event of armed attack against a United States ally or partner by a foreign adversary of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6218. A bill to provide for an overtime pay exception for protective services; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6219. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. ADERHOLT):

H.R. 6220. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. ESPAILLAT, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 6221. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to promulgate an occupational safety and health standard to protect workers from adverse air, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MOONEY:

H.R. 6222. A bill to establish a COVID-19 Victims Compensation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6223. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove a requirement for payment settlement entities to file returns relating to certain participating payees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PETTERSEN (for herself and Mrs. STEEL):

H.R. 6224. A bill to establish a task force on street racing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 6225. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for a housing loan guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals who performed active duty for training; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Ms. SEWELL, and Mrs. STEEL):

H.R. 6226. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT (for himself, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. SELF, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 6227. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage prevention and treatment of coccidioidomycosis; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6228. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to develop an alternative platform to LOGINK, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. HUDSON):

H.R. 6229. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a program to assess the threat, vulnerability, and consequences of terrorism or other security threats, as appropriate, to certain events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 6230. A bill to prohibit group health plans, health insurance issuers, and Federal health care programs from applying prior authorization requirements, utilization management techniques, and medical necessity reviews; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. BERA, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. VARGAS):

H. Res. 843. A resolution reaffirming the United States-Philippines alliance and condemning the gray zone campaign of the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea against the Philippines, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. COSTA, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. BERA):

H. Res. 844. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-85. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Resolution No. 214, to condemn the terrorist attacks against the state of Israel and express support for Israel's people; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ML-86. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to House Resolution No. 292, to express the 135th General Assembly of Ohio's unwavering support for the people of Israel and condemnation of recent attacks against the state of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:

H.R. 6212.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prevent oil and gas drilling and exploration, from occurring off the coast of Florida through 2032.

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 6213.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

"The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To reauthorize and enhance the National Quantum Initiative Act and corresponding programs to ensure continued American leadership in quantum information science, engineering, and technology.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 6214.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 section 8 of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill makes updates to the False Claims Act.

By Mr. GOOD of Virginia:

H.R. 6215.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit funding for the American Climate Corps.

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 6216.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Allows the U.S. Air Force to place vital training equipment for the Nevada Test and Training Range within small tracts of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. The bill would also permanently protect over 700,000 acres of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness to ensure those lands remain accessible for hunting, recreation, and wildlife management.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 6217.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Allow expedited replenishment of U.S. arms

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6218.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for an overtime pay exception for protective services of the State Department

By Mr. KEAN of New Jersey:

H.R. 6219.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes.

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 6220.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Adoption

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 6221.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Labor, Health, Environmental

By Mr. MOONEY:

H.R. 6222.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

China

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 6223.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill repeals the requirements under section 6050W of the Internal Revenue Code.

By Ms. PETERSEN:

H.R. 6224.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1. To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Law Enforcement

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 6225.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 6226.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tax

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 6227.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage prevention and treatment of co-circidiodomycosis.

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6228.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

National Security

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 6229.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Authorizing a program within the Department of Homeland Security to assess the security and counterterrorism needs of high-profile events.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 6230.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit group health plans, health insurance issuers, and Federal health care pro-

grams from applying prior authorization requirements, utilization management techniques, and medical necessity reviews.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 146: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
 H.R. 357: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
 H.R. 358: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
 H.R. 529: Mr. SCOTT Franklin of Florida.  
 H.R. 531: Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.R. 549: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Mr. MAGAZINER.  
 H.R. 620: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.  
 H.R. 700: Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. TONKO, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. BURCHETT.  
 H.R. 882: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 1015: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
 H.R. 1255: Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 1408: Mr. LAWLER.  
 H.R. 1477: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1492: Ms. HAGEMAN.  
 H.R. 1538: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1716: Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
 H.R. 1719: Ms. DEGETTE.  
 H.R. 1737: Mr. CLEAVER.  
 H.R. 2760: Mr. HORSFORD.  
 H.R. 2766: Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PORTER, Mr. BOST, Mr. BENTZ, and Mr. BUCHSHON.  
 H.R. 2870: Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. HIMES, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. BEYER.  
 H.R. 2889: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.  
 H.R. 3033: Mr. ROUZER.  
 H.R. 3228: Mr. CROW.  
 H.R. 3381: Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. DUNN of Florida.  
 H.R. 3448: Ms. SHERRILL.  
 H.R. 3519: Mr. RASKIN.  
 H.R. 3541: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia and Ms. CROCKETT.  
 H.R. 3639: Mrs. González-Colón.  
 H.R. 3774: Mr. RUIZ.  
 H.R. 3811: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
 H.R. 3828: Mr. TONKO.  
 H.R. 3933: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.  
 H.R. 4103: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
 H.R. 4154: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
 H.R. 4175: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.  
 H.R. 4279: Ms. HOULAHAN.  
 H.R. 4286: Mr. GREEN of Texas.  
 H.R. 4293: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 4326: Mr. GARAMENDI.  
 H.R. 4329: Ms. TOKUDA.  
 H.R. 4335: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 4418: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 4438: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 4448: Ms. BALINT and Mr. AMODEL.

H.R. 4519: Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, and Mr. JAMES.

H.R. 4569: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 4572: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 4663: Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. TONKO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 4746: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 4893: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 4958: Mr. NADLER, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. LIEU, Mr. BACON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. MACE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MANNING, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 5012: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 5030: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 5077: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 5086: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 5397: Ms. SEWELL.

H.R. 5526: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 5535: Mr. STAUBER and Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 5749: Mr. RASKIN and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 5754: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 5819: Mr. HARDER of California and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 5864: Ms. MACE.

H.R. 5879: Mr. FRY.

H.R. 5969: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 5995: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 6033: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 6070: Mr. HORSFORD and Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 6090: Mr. TORRES of New York.

H.R. 6116: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 6138: Mr. GOODEN of Texas and Mr. FRY.

H.R. 6175: Mr. BARR and Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 6176: Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. STRONG.

H.R. 6177: Mr. CRANE.

H.J. Res. 8: Mr. COLE and Mr. JAMES.

H.J. Res. 54: Ms. TITUS.

H. Res. 280: Mr. TORRES of New York.

H. Res. 444: Mr. DONALDS.

H. Res. 627: Mr. WITTMAN.

H. Res. 791: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. Res. 793: Mr. GIMENEZ.

H. Res. 797: Mr. DUNN of Florida.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2024

SPEECH OF

**HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Chair, the funds in H.R. 4821, The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act to decrease by \$3 million and increase by the same amount the \$67,942,000 designated for the Department of Interior (DOI) Office of the Secretary are intended to be used for a Work Environment Survey for the Department of the Interior and all its bureaus. They will help generate data that can be directly compared to the Work Environment Survey done at Interior and the National Park Service in 2017 by the Federal Consulting Group and the CFI Group. The survey is necessary to determine whether progress has been made after years of efforts by the Department to address sexual harassment, discrimination, and other workplace satisfaction issues, and to determine how to target resources for future efforts. According to the Office of the Inspector General Report, the 2017 Work Environment Survey cost nearly \$2.4 million. Assuming inflation rates assigned by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a survey conducted now would cost \$3 million.

HONORING UCLA CHANCELLOR  
GENE BLOCK

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, Representatives LINDA SÁNCHEZ, JIMMY GOMEZ, BRAD SHERMAN, and JAY OBERNOLTE, today to honor UCLA Chancellor Gene Block on his 17 years of steadfast leadership at one of America's premier research institutions.

Originally from New York, Chancellor Block received his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Stanford and the University of Oregon, respectively. Prior to his service at UCLA, Chancellor Block was internationally recognized for his research on the body's "biological clock." He continued his work at Virginia, leading a team that established an NSF Center for Biological Timing.

Since beginning his tenure in 2007, Chancellor Block's sure-handedness and optimism has navigated the Bruin community through numerous unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and 2008 recession. He has led the campus towards great successes—like consistently ranking as the top public university in the nation. In his 17

years as Chancellor, the research budget has more than doubled—from \$4 billion to \$11 billion annually. This enables staff and student-researchers to develop solutions to society's most pressing issues.

Chancellor Block has also increased diversity of our body and the accessibility of a UCLA education. Enrollment at UCLA has grown by 9,000 students each year, and the school has acquired new properties in the South Bay and downtown Los Angeles and has strengthened ties with the region's diverse communities. UCLA's partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District that began under Chancellor Block in 2009 brings UCLA instructional programs and teacher training to students in the underserved Koreatown/Pico-Union neighborhood. This work is important to the Southern California community that UCLA supports.

The Chancellor has overseen the fundraising of hundreds of millions towards making a UCLA education more accessible by bolstering scholarship initiatives like the Bruin Scholars initiative, Chancellors Centennial Scholars Program, and UCLA affordability initiative. As a result of his commitment to diversity and accessibility, nearly a third of UCLA graduates are first-generation college students—as Chancellor Block was himself.

I join my colleagues and fellow UCLA alums, Representatives SÁNCHEZ, GOMEZ, SHERMAN, and OBERNOLTE, in thanking Chancellor Block for his commitment to higher education in our nation and Southern California community. We wish him a smooth transition back into research and teaching.

Go Bruins.

RECOGNIZING THE 19TH ANNUAL  
FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY CON-  
FERENCE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 19th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document, record and preserve the history of our region. There are few areas in the country that are as rich in history as our area is. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year while recognizing our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, a number of dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am

proud to enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Mike Salmon and Ean Eschenburg received the Mayo Stuntz Award for their work to promote and preserve the history of Fairfax County through video historic documentary production with their film, "Small Family Cemeteries: is There Room in Fairfax County?"

Josie Ballato received the Edith Moore Sprouse Prize for her interest in developing new data sources and maps to analyze influences on Fairfax County's growth from 1865 to 1965.

Carole Herrick received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the preservation of history in Fairfax County through her roles in organizations aimed at presenting and preserving the history of McLean.

Nadine Mironchuk received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her service as a Sister historian and long-time member of Fairfax County's Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. She has been a longtime champion and devotee of both Civil War history in Fairfax County.

Robert E. Beach received the Distinguished Achievement Award for his support of the Fairfax County History Commission over the past 22 years. His academic and practice backgrounds as an Architect specializing in historic restorations has been an extraordinary resource for the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating all the honorees and thanking the Fairfax County History Commission for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia community.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
RICHARD BARON

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Richard Baron of Woodstock, Connecticut who retires from his work with the Woodstock Fire Marshal's office on November 30, 2023. Richard's retirement concludes 50 years of exemplary service to the Town of Woodstock, the last 27 of which were as Fire Marshal. His outstanding dedication to his community and expertise will be sorely missed.

From his earliest days in northeastern Connecticut, Richard was destined to be an exceptional member of the Woodstock community. He attended the Woodstock Academy and Ellis Technical School in Woodstock and Danielson respectively and was drawn to helping others by following a special calling to the challenging work of public safety. At a very young age, Richard began his journey at the Muddy Brook Fire Department as a volunteer, which gave him a chance to apply his technical knowledge and caring disposition to the tasks of a firefighter.

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Richard's professional career has also been defined by his service to the community—in the halls of Connecticut's state government, where he worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for over 31 years. His talented work and leadership skills were rewarded over the years with a series of promotions. At the time of his retirement, he had risen to the position of Fleet Manager for the entire state of Connecticut, which is a huge responsibility, requiring tremendous logistical and organizational skills.

In November of 1973, when Richard joined the Muddy Brook Fire Department, one of three volunteer departments serving Woodstock and the surrounding community, he started on the training squad. He has since remained a dutiful protector of his neighbors, serving 50 years in fire safety through many different capacities. He has always been guided by a principle to contribute wherever he felt he was needed by the town. Richard spent 45 of those years as an EMT. Given his diligence, Richard was promoted several times within the Muddy Brook Fire Department. His valuable contributions to the community were recognized and he achieved the rank of Captain by the early 1980s. During his time as Captain, Richard committed himself to advancing fire safety in Woodstock and took on the role of Deputy Fire Marshal for the town in 1984.

In 1990, Richard was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Muddy Brook Fire Department. Only two years later he was promoted again to Chief of the Department, a position he would hold until 1995. It was not just his extensive experience and impressive ethic that prompted these promotions, but also his obvious leadership qualities. Richard has always been willing to share his abundance of knowledge by mentoring and recruiting new members of the fire department.

Richard was appointed Fire Marshal by the Town of Woodstock in 1996, the position from which, after nearly another 30 years, he retires this month. Richard has been essential in presenting fire safety and prevention techniques. As Fire Marshal, he has been responsible for assisting all three Woodstock Fire Departments with fire suppression and hazardous materials activities. Richard's impact has reached far beyond administering the basic duties of a Fire Marshal. He has used his plentiful experience to create poster contests for children, scholarships, and more to help publicize and educate the public on Woodstock's fire safety activities. During this time, Richard has also served as the Safety Officer for the Muddy Brook Fire Department, demonstrating how deeply he cares about protecting those within his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent such committed constituents like Richard Baron. Richard is an institution unto himself whose retirement leaves shoes that will not easily be filled. However, we can take solace in the knowledge that Richard's legacy lives on in the countless firefighters he mentored and, despite his retirement, that he will remain close to the Woodstock firefighting community. Having positioned the town of Woodstock for greater success, Richard has earned this retirement and will appreciate time with his wife of 30 years, Beth, and their family. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Richard Baron's community-oriented contributions to the town of Wood-

stock and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING COBB PRE-  
PARATORY ACADEMY'S HON-  
ORING OF VETERANS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cobb Preparatory Academy's effort to honor its community veterans.

The school honored: Sergeant Jaclyn Berry. Mr. Eddy Brown. Mr. Chales R. Burton. Sr.. Mr. Kenneth Burton, Frazier Burrough. Mr. Tony Butler, Mr. Victor Byers, Ms. Nashonda Carter, Mr. Jimmy Catlett, Mr. Johnny Daniel, Mr. Donald Ray Dennison, Mr. Lonnie Elvin, Mr. Steven Folks, Mr. Adrian Fredricks, Mr. James Glover, Bishop Charles D. Gregory, Sr. Mr. Jason Granholm, Mr. Thomas Hall, Mr. Joe Harrington, Reverend Clyde Hill, Dr. D.R. Hill, SFC Daryl Ledford, Reverend Levi Lyles, Mrs. Wanda Lyles, Staff Sergeant Alyssa Louis, Lt. Retired Colonel Franklin McClain, Mr. Franklin McClain, Jr., Mr. Thaddues Moore, SFC Edward Mos, Jr., Reverend John H. Oliver, Mr. Antonio Phillips, Mr. Harold Ray, Reverend Ross Reed, Ms. Smoot, Mr. Stanley Shack, ILT, Brianna Sutton, Major Thomas, Mr. Antonio (Munford) Oliver, Commissioner Fred Wilson, Mr. James Woods, Mr. Fernaldo Wood, Mr. Danny Patterson and many others.

It is touching to see Alabamians go to such great lengths to honor our Nation's veterans, who have given so much to ensure the safety and well-being of America.

I would like to thank Mrs. Tersia J. Moore Hall. Principal of Cobb Preparatory Academy, faculty, staff, parents, and students for their efforts in this initiative that honors and expresses deep appreciation for their community members that have served their country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Cobb Preparatory Academy for its efforts to honor our veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. I regret that I was unable to vote on Thursday, November 2, 2023, during the second vote series.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call No. 567, on agreeing to Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 568, on agreeing to Amendment No. 15 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 569, on agreeing to Amendment No. 59 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 570, on agreeing to Amendment No. 60 to H.R. 4821, the Depart-

ment of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 571, on agreeing to Amendment No. 61 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 572, on agreeing to Amendment No. 66 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 573, on agreeing to Amendment No. 70 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 574, on agreeing to Amendment No. 73 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 575, on agreeing to Amendment No. 74 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 576, on agreeing to Amendment No. 75 to H.R. 4821, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024;

NAY on Roll Call No. 577, H.R. 6126, Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 578, H. Res. 798, Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, as amended.

HONORING MEL SHELDON, JR.

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. I rise today to acknowledge that November is Native American Heritage Month. My district includes sovereign tribes whose people and culture contribute greatly to our region and nation: the Tulalip Tribes, Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians.

November is also a time to honor the women and men for their service in the United States Armed Forces. This Veterans Day, I honor the women and men from Native communities in northwest Washington who have fought for freedom, their homeland and their culture. More than 140,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans live in the United States today, including approximately 5,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans in Washington. Historically, Native peoples have answered the call to serve at the highest per capita rate of any population, embodying the values of bravery and sacrifice.

The Tulalip Tribes' proud history in the U.S. Armed Forces exemplifies the tradition of Tribal service. During the Vietnam War, approximately 42,000 American Indians—one out of every four eligible Native people—served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including 39 members of the Tulalip Tribes. My friend, Mel Sheldon, Jr., was one of these servicemembers. In August 1969, soon after graduating high school.

Mel enlisted in the U.S. Army. Thanks to his high aptitude, Mel advanced to Warrant Officer Flight School where he learned to fly helicopters. Arriving in Vietnam in October 1970. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sheldon volunteered to fly dangerous scouting missions as a member of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. CWO2 Sheldon routinely exhibited bravery in combat alongside his fellow soldiers, accruing more than 900 hours of flying time, including 600 hours flying scouting missions, before returning home in fall 1971.

Not yet 21 years old and after more than two years in the Army, Mel had a difficult time transitioning home. As he put it, "I wanted to feel proud of serving our country," but, like many Vietnam veterans, he did not feel welcomed or acknowledged upon returning home from an unpopular war. To Mel and the many veterans who felt this way—including Tribal veterans, let me say how proud we are of their service and how grateful we are they returned home to serve their community for all these years.

After his Army service, Mel put his G.I. Bill benefits to use and furthered his education, attending Skagit College and then the University of Washington, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science. His military service and education prepared him for a career as a commercial fisherman and, later, as a member of the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors. Mel served for six years as Board Chairman, during which time he focused on protecting Tribal sovereignty and diversifying the Tribes' economy.

Today, the examples of Mel Sheldon, Jr. and proud Tribal veterans from my district and our country are an inspiration to current and future generations. Mr. Speaker, I raise my hands to Mel Sheldon, Jr., to the Tulalip veterans and to all Native women and men who served in the United States Armed Forces and who continue to serve their communities.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF SPENCER LANCASTER

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a local civic champion and trailblazer, Spencer Lancaster, also known as "Uncle Buddy," of New London, Connecticut. Spencer was a true leader for the New London community. A role model and a mentor, Spencer always wanted to make a difference and he did, playing an active role in the civil rights movement throughout his life. Aged 95, Mr. Lancaster sadly but peacefully passed away on October 24th lovingly surrounded by his family.

Born in March 1928 to Richard and Dorothy Conover Lancaster in New London, Connecticut, Spencer purposed his life toward strengthening his community. While still in high school, Spencer was recruited to build submarines by Electric Boat during World War II. After graduation, Spencer heeded our nation's call to action and served in the United States Army 98th Battalion Field Artillery, 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg, NC. Spencer's time in the army served as a catalyst for his advocacy

in civil rights as he found himself disconcerted when soldiers in identical uniform were separated into groups based on race.

Upon the conclusion of the War, Spencer went back to school and attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina where he met his wife and the love of his life, Pearlestone Williams. After marrying Pearlestone in September 1952, Spencer and his wife returned to his home in eastern Connecticut, starting a legacy which would mold generations to come.

Once returned to New London after the war, Spencer wasted no time in picking up where he left off pursuing his passion to make an impact in the city, successfully championing conversations for the integration of formerly all-white public housing in New London. Spencer became active in local politics and, in 1960, became the first Black elected official in the city of New London where he served on the Board of Selectmen. Here, Spencer's devotion to bringing about positive change flourished. He served as an example for others in his community and continued to combat housing discrimination and create an atmosphere where New Londoners could function as equal citizens regardless of their race, ethnicity, or economic standing.

In New London, a Black Heritage Trail plaque stands on Rodgers Street to mark where Spencer and Pearlestone bought their house in 1963, becoming the first Black homeowners on their street. Although a neighborhood petition was created to force them off the street, the Chief of Police, a neighbor to Spencer and Pearlestone, immediately rejected the petition. Spencer was rightfully recognized by the city of New London as a living legend on the city's Black Heritage Trail for his persistent advocacy on behalf of New London residents.

As if his impressive works in local government were not enough, Spencer also served as the first Black Deputy Sheriff of New London and devoted his time to helping secure appointments for other Black men and women. Spencer's impressive dedication to public service was further reflected in his organization of protests to combat racial discrimination throughout Eastern Connecticut as Vice President of the New London Chapter of the NAACP. Spencer's wisdom was not limited to his advocacy work. He also had legendary sales skills that he showcased in his 60 years of work for Linder Dodge and Jeep where he became the top-ranked Dodge seller in New England and the fifth nationwide.

Spencer was also a devout member of the Walls Clarke AME Zion Church in New London, the second oldest historically Black church in the city. Here, he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board and enjoyed singing in the Senior Choir.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of Spencer leaves a deep void in Connecticut. Spencer was simply awe inspiring and will be an inspiring addition to eastern Connecticut's pantheon of revolutionally change-makers. An advocate for making a difference where you can, Spencer's work has positively impacted and will continue to benefit members of our community and their families. Though we mourn this incredible loss, we can appreciate that Spencer's legacy and memory will live on through his family and the countless individuals who were influenced by him. Spencer is survived by his brother, Albert Lancaster, his sons Spencer Lancaster, Jr. and Robert Lancaster, his daughters Gilda

Butler, Margaret Lancaster, and Tricia Lee, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and a large extended family. As we memorialize his service to our region, I ask my colleagues and this Chamber to join me in expressing our deepest respect for Spencer Lancaster's work and life.

#### HONORING FORMER ARMY RANGER AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN JAMES ARTHUR PARKHURST

#### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Arthur Parkhurst, a former U.S. Army Ranger and proud veteran of the Korean War.

Since before 1968, Jim has been a committed and selfless member of the Oxford American Legion. In 1990, he began its Veterans' Museum. In its early beginnings, older veterans donated their uniforms for display—but as time passed, its collection was built into a full-blown museum with a plethora of military memorabilia.

For many years, Jim has helped his community with parades, always making sure to include his fellow veterans. Year after year, Jim ensures that families are aware of both Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. From placing flags to cleaning headstones, Jim is well known throughout eastern Michigan for his support and commitment to veterans' causes.

Jim also helps many families throughout the community throw birthday parties for children, delivering toys, food, and other gifts. Even through the personal tragedies in his life, Jim is always there to serve others.

Jim gave his youth in service to our country: he has served with honor, distinction, and pride. To many, Jim is a profound inspiration.

Above all else, Jim has selflessly donated his time to make sure others are safe, our veterans are taken care of, and everyone can get the help they need. In the words of the Legion's Auxiliary Department Americanism Chairman Darlene Jones, "Jim just keeps going—he has no quit."

On November 11th, as part of their Veteran's Day observation, the American Legion will dedicate the Veterans' Museum in his honor. On behalf of Michigan's 9th Congressional District, I am proud to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to recognize James Arthur Parkhurst for his lifetime of service, both in and out of uniform. It is my sincere hope that the James Arthur Parkhurst Veterans' Museum of Oxford, Michigan, will prosper for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2023 ARTSFAIRFAX ARTS AWARDS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize ArtsFairfax and the recipients of the

2023 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, individuals, and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Today, ArtsFairfax operates programs and Initiatives that include grant opportunities, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for more than 23 arts and culture organizations.

ArtsFairfax envisions a thriving arts and culture community accessible to all of Fairfax County. To support this vision, ArtsFairfax awards over \$795,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to more than 60 organizations annually.

The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Impact Award, the Education Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2023 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2023 Jinx Hazel Arts Award, ArtsFairfax's premier award recognizing an individual or organization whose vision and commitment has helped shape the cultural life of Fairfax County, will be presented to the Workhouse Arts Center.

The 2023 Impact Award will be presented to Inova Schar Cancer Institute in partnership with Smith Center for Healing and the Arts.

The 2023 Education Award will be presented to The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University.

The 2023 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Lola Reinsch.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2023 Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIVONIA SYMPHONY

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, the premier professional orchestra serving the people of Livonia, Wayne County, and Oakland County, as they celebrate 50 years of musical programming.

Founded in 1973 (originally as the Oakway Symphony), the Livonia Symphony Orchestra has been a musical force that brings a wide array of music, from Broadway to the classics, as well as world-renowned performers to the community. The Livonia Symphony has only had two musical directors in its entire history, founder Francisco Di Blasi and currentjy Maestro Volodymyr Shesiuk who also serves as the orchestra's conductor. Under their leadership, the orchestra has thrived.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is also a champion for music education. The group encourages all young people to engage in music

education. Their Musical Outreach Program helps provide musical instruments to students across the Livonia and Clarenceville upper elementary and middle schools. In keeping with the Symphony's belief that accessibility inspires interest and engagement, the organization encourages young people to explore music by providing these instruments free of charge to those in need.

Please join me in recognizing the Livonia Symphony Orchestra as they celebrate 50 years of music and community engagement in Michigan's 12th District.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF NEAL BROOKS BIGGERS, JR.

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Neal Brooks Biggers, Jr., who died at his home in Oxford, Mississippi, on October 15, 2023, at the age of 88. Judge Biggers was born in Corinth, Mississippi, to Neal B. Biggers, Sr., and Sara Cunningham Biggers. He was a graduate of Corinth High School and Millsaps College where he received his bachelor's degree in 1956.

After graduation, Judge Biggers enlisted in the United States Navy, subsequently graduating from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Newport, Rhode Island. He served four years on active duty during the Cold War, attaining the rank of Navy lieutenant. For a young man, he later recalled, it was the experience of a lifetime. When his active duty ended, this grandson of a Methodist preacher attended the Union Presbyterian Seminary before deciding the church was not his calling. It was at the University of Mississippi School of Law, however, that he found the work that would intrigue and challenge him for the next 60 years.

In law school, Judge Biggers was associate editor of the Mississippi Law Journal and president of the judicial committee. After graduating cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree, he went back home to Corinth, Mississippi, to set up a solo law practice. After five years of private practice, Judge Biggers ran for public office, winning elections as Alcorn County's prosecuting attorney and district attorney for the First Judicial District. Later, he was elected as circuit court judge for that district. In these positions, he served his county and state for a combination of 20 years. President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Biggers for the federal bench in 1984. After Senate confirmation, he began his almost 40-year career as a federal district judge in Mississippi's Northern District.

Judge Biggers served as chief judge of the court from 1998 to 2000. He was a member of various councils and committees of the Fifth Circuit, including the Judicial Council, the administrative arm governing federal courts in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. He also was a member of the American Judicature Society and The American Inns of Court. In 2010, the Alumni Association of Corinth High School honored Judge Biggers as its distinguished alumnus of the year. Millsaps College presented him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 2012.

One of his great pleasures as a district judge involved the selection and mentoring of interns and law clerks over the years. Many were from the University of Mississippi School of Law and Mississippi College School of Law; some were from other states. All, he hoped, would become better lawyers because of their experiences in his chambers and courtroom. Each year, the University of Mississippi School of Law presents the Judge Neal B. Biggers, Jr., Constitutional Law Award to the top first-year students showing excellence in the school's constitutional law classes. In 2000, Judge Biggers took senior status, serving as a senior district judge until his death.

Other than the law, Judge Biggers' great passion was the game of golf. As a boy in Corinth, he caddied for his father and played the game through his time in high school, college, and military service. Throughout his life, he regularly took trips with golfing friends, playing notable courses across the country from Florida's Sawgrass to Torrey Pines in California. He traveled to Scotland several times to watch the Open at St. Andrews, sometimes playing golf himself at the Old Course and other renowned Scottish courses like Carnoustie. Judge Biggers was a Presbyterian, brought up in Corinth's First Presbyterian Church; a long-time member of Sigma Chi; and a man who cared deeply about his country and the rule of law.

He is survived by his beloved life partner, Robin Hendrickson of Oxford, Mississippi; his daughter, Sherron Biggers of Collierville, Tennessee; his brother, the Ret. Rev. Jack Cunningham Biggers, Bishop Emeritus of Northern Malawi, Africa; and numerous cousins.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from votes on November 2, 2023, due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: NAY on Roll Call No. 592; NAY on Roll Call No. 591; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 585; NAY on Roll Call No. 584; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; NAY on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 581; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; and NAY on Roll Call No. 579.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, I was unable to physically attend proceedings in the House Chamber due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 559 (Motion to Table H. Res. 807—Censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib);

YEA on Roll Call No. 560 (H. Res. 559—Declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Iran is unacceptable);



YEА on Roll Call No. 561 (H.R. 340—Hamas International Financing Prevent Action, as amended);

YEА on Roll Call No. 562 (Motion to Recommit H.R. 4364—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024);

NAY on Roll Call No. 563 (Passage of H.R. 4364—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024); and

PRES on Roll Call No. 564 (Adoption of H. Res. 773—Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives).

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on November 3, 2023. However, had I been present, I would have voted "NO" on Roll Call No. 597, H.R. 4821, Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024. This bill makes significant cuts that hinder the U.S. response to climate change. It exacerbates environmental discrimination and prohibits funding for necessary DEI programs. I do not support this legislation.

## RECOGNIZING PENELOPE GROSS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Penelope "Penny" Gross on her retirement after 27 years of serving as the Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor and 21 years of chairing the Potomac Watershed Roundtable.

Elected in 1995 to represent the Mason District, Penny has been an advocate for affordable housing, expanded public transportation, and violence prevention. Penny represents Fairfax County on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the INOVA Health System Board of Trustees, and the Potomac Watershed Roundtable (PWR).

Shortly after becoming the chair of PWR, she encouraged the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to help in developing strategies that will bring the state of Virginia up to the standard that Maryland had already set, regarding efforts that support the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Program. With that, in July 2003, the Potomac River Tributary Strategy was developed by DCR.

In January 2004, Penny led the PWR in discussions for a 2004 vision, whose focal points influenced many water-related issues, such as Stormwater Management, Wastewater Treatment Plants, and Total Maximum Daily Load. In April later that year, Penny was appointed by then Governor Mark Warner to the Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon Funding Panel. A panel tasked with finding alternative sources

for funding the Chesapeake Bay Cleanup. By October 2004, Chairman Gross announced some recommendations on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Blue Bay Ribbon Finance Panel.

On the state and national level, Penny is a past president of the Virginia Association of Counties, vice-chair of the National Association of Counties' Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee, and past president of the National Association of Regional Councils. She was first appointed by Governor Mark Warner to the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) to the Chesapeake Executive Council, which she chaired from March 2006 until August 2008, and continues to serve.

I had the great pleasure of serving with Penny during my 14 years on the Board, first representing the Providence District and then as Chairman. The work that she has done for Fairfax County is outstanding, and we will continue to honor her legacy as a public servant. Penny Gross's commitment to our community and the mission of local government is unparalleled. She leaves behind a legacy that will enrich our community for generations to come. Her career in public service is truly commendable and deserving of our heartfelt gratitude. All through her tenure as Chair of the PWR, she proved to be an exemplary leader, and continues to attract very influential and dedicated environmentally minded individuals to the roundtable.

Mr. Speaker, Penny Gross's commitment to public service is seen through her tireless work on behalf of the people of Fairfax County. Though she may be retiring, I suspect that she will continue to remain active in the causes that are important to her. I commend her for her service and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her retirement.

## HONORING MARY ANN RILEY OF INMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA

### HON. WILLIAM R. TIMMONS, IV

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ann Riley of Inman, South Carolina for her decades of service to our community and dedication to the South Carolina Republican Party.

Mrs. Riley moved to South Carolina in 1982. That same year, Mrs. Riley began attending community meetings, getting involved in local campaigns, and was appointed President of the Spartanburg County Republican Women, where she has served ever since.

More than politics, Mrs. Riley is a major contributor to her local pregnancy center, she has volunteered her time with the mental health divisions, the foster care community, and supports Upstate veterans undergoing hospice care. She is also active in her church and other organizations that work to assist our fellow South Carolinians every single day.

She has served the South Carolina GOP in many roles and has attended local, state, and national meetings and conventions. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the "Woman of Achievement Award" from the South Carolina Legislative Republican Women

Caucus, "Woman of the Year" from Spartanburg County Republican Women and has received the honor of "Catholic Woman of the Year" twice.

A former teacher, her life's work has been to make the world a better place for her students, her neighbors, and future generations.

Mrs. Riley is a true public servant who has made a significant and lasting impact on Spartanburg County, the South Carolina GOP, and the lives of countless South Carolinians. We will never be able to fully thank her for over 30 years of service to the people of Spartanburg County and the Upstate as a whole. She has left an indelible mark on the Palmetto State.

I thank Mary Ann Riley for her years of service and friendship. May God continue to bless her.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on November 3, 2023, I was unavoidably detained attending to matters in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted No on Roll Call vote 593, No on Roll Call vote 594, No on Roll Call vote 595, Yes on Roll Call vote 596, No on Roll Call vote 597, and Yes on Roll Call vote 598.

## RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX TREE COMMISSION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County, Virginia Tree Commission.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chartered the Tree Commission as a board of public members in August 1973, and in 1976 it was expanded and incorporated into the county code to advise the Board on implementing the newly enacted Tree Planting and Preservation Ordinance. The Tree Commission's has operated for 50 years in service to the health and well-being of the county's urban forest, which in turn affects the health and well-being of all county residents.

In 2005, as then Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I recognized that the county's population had grown exponentially and so had the stressors on our tree canopy. I appeared before the Tree Commission and asked it to develop a Tree Action Plan the county could use to manage and enhance the county's forests and trees. That Plan was adopted by the Board in 2006.

In 2008 the county successfully sought new Virginia state legislation to better protect trees, which led to the county enacting the Tree Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 122). It requires a minimum percentage of tree canopy to be preserved or replanted during the development process and established within 10 years.

The Tree Commission worked to update the Tree Action Plan, which the Board adopted in

2020. It includes a detailed description of the health and environmental benefits of trees, as well as a strategic management plan to protect, preserve and expand the county's urban forest. That plan continues to guide the Tree Commission's advice to the Board on policies and procedures affecting trees.

The Tree Commission has long sponsored the Fairfax County Friends of Tree Awards, which are designed to inspire individuals, agencies, organizations, and developers to protect, maintain and expand the county's tree canopy with exceptional and innovative tree actions and tree education programs. The Tree Commission created and continues to update and distribute a public education pamphlet, *Tree Basics*, explaining how to select the right tree, for the right location, at the right time, and how to plant and care for trees so they will survive. It is one of the county's most widely distributed and popular information brochures. Members of the Tree Commission participate in county outreach events, in the Tree Community of Practice as authorized by the Tree Action Plan, in the Tree Preservation and Planting Fund, and in other tree-related activities as needed.

The Tree Commission promotes the equity goals of the county's One Fairfax policy by supporting tree preservation and planning projects that will benefit historically underserved neighborhoods in Fairfax County. And the Tree Commission has supported programs such as the Communitywide Energy and Climate Action Plan, which seeks to expand the overall county tree canopy to 60 percent, with a minimum of 40 percent canopy coverage in every census block by 2030. Everyone deserves to benefit from living near trees.

I am pleased to join the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which has recognized 2023 as the Tree Commission's 50th Anniversary year, a time to honor and celebrate all its members over the years who faithfully served to preserve, protect, and expand our urban forest for the benefit all county residents, both now and in the future. To honor the Tree Commission's stellar service, the Board has planted 50 trees next to the Fairfax County Government Center, where they will grow and flourish for the next 50 years and beyond.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM SLOM, FORMER HAWAII STATE SENATOR

#### HON. JILL N. TOKUDA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of my favorite Republicans, my former colleague, my friend, the late Hawaii State Senator, Sam Slom.

For 20 years, Sam represented East Honolulu's 9th Senatorial District, and for almost half that time, he was the sole Republican member of the Hawaii Senate earning him the self-imposed nickname, "The Lone Ranger."

As one of a handful, or the only, member of the minority party, Sam read every bill, every resolution, and defied time and space to try and get to every committee and vote.

I had the honor and privilege of serving many years side by side Sam. Yes, we disagreed on many things, but more than not, we

saw eye to eye, especially on our commitment to lowering the cost of living for middle class working families and being good fiscal stewards with taxpayer dollars.

Prior to his service in the State Senate, Sam served as the chief economist for the Bank of Hawaii, and for over 30 years he was the President and Executive Director of Small Business Hawaii.

There is much that could be said about the boy from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who found his way to Hawaii in the sixties and made Hawaii his home.

What I can personally share is that he was often the member I could count on to be there. When I needed his vote, even if he disagreed, he'd help me get it to the floor and was open and honest with me on why he disagreed.

He was a statesman till the very end, and given the partisan times we find ourselves in, I truly miss my friend.

Mahalo to Sam for blessing us with his wisdom, his advocacy, and his friendship. There are more Hawaiian hoary bats in our islands because of him and we will forever remember him as the lone ranger who challenged our minds and won our hearts.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GREG LANDSMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to make votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call No. 592; NAY on Roll Call No. 591; NAY on Roll Call No. 590; NAY on Roll Call No. 589; NAY on Roll Call No. 588; NAY on Roll Call No. 587; NAY on Roll Call No. 586; NAY on Roll Call No. 585; NAY on Roll Call No. 584; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; NAY on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 581; NAY on Roll Call No. 580; and NAY on Roll Call No. 579.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2023 FAIRFAX'S FINEST VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories including the Gold Citizen Award, Meritorious Award, the Certificate of Valor, Unit Citation, and Unit Citation: Silver Award of Valor.

It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Silver Award of Valor: PFC Maurice Anderson, OFC Patrick Talbott, PFC Olivia Baratto, PFC Larry Luna.

Bronze Award of Valor: Lt. Ben Smith, MPO Joe Pittman, PFC Ryan Foster, PFC Sam Dee, PFC Marissa Fettig, PFC Noelle Becker, OFC Mathias MacFarlane, Dispatch Supervisor Cynthia Tetterton.

Certificate of Valor: Captain Steven Burmeister.

Gold Citizen Award: Mr. Ahmed Alusraai.

Meritorious Award: Sgt. James Lewis, MPO Charles Mills.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2023 Fairfax's Finest Valor Awards Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who keep our community safe. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

#### HONORING MS. EVELYN RICE-PEEBLES

#### HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to celebrate and honor Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for her career in public service to Missouri's First District over the last 30 years. Throughout her career, she has been an inspiration to many. Evelyn was the first Black woman appointed as a Commissioner in the City of St. Louis. She has served under several Mayors, most recently as the Commissioner of Recreation for the City of St. Louis, ensuring that all St. Louisans have an opportunity to enjoy recreational activities such as swimming, aerobics, basketball and more.

Her charitable contributions have ranged from providing science and conservation education at the Saint Louis Science Center and Missouri Department of Conservation, to promoting learning opportunities with the National Society of Black Engineers. She has further dedicated her time with BJC HealthCare's School Outreach and Youth Development, St. Louis Transitional Hope House, and the Women's Society of Washington University.

She is a proud mother who is passionate about her faith and is committed to making St. Louis a better place for all, especially our youth. Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles has received multiple awards including the Harambee Institute Youth Service Award, the Jodie Bailey and Friends Recreational and Sports Social Inc. Role Model Award, the Hope House Creative Support Award, and the Young Women Christian Association's 2016 Leader of Distinction Award. She is also an inductee of the St. Louis Boxing Hall of Fame and a recipient of a Resolution for Excellence in Office and Service by the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen.

On behalf of Missouri's First District and the St. Louis community, we thank Ms. Evelyn Rice-Peebles for everything she has done for our region. I personally wish her a joyous retirement filled with family, creative writing, spoken word, and the final publication of her collection of short stories.

HONORING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF  
SANTA ANA**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 100th Anniversary Celebration of The Kiwanis Club in Santa Ana.

On October 20, 1920, a group of 77 leading citizens of Santa Ana organized the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana as the seventh Kiwanis Club in California. The Club Charter was issued on February 23, 1921.

In the 1920's and 1930's, the Club focused on supporting various youth and community organizations, including the YMCA and Boy Scouts of America. Members of the Club worked on the coordinating committees for the development of the current Santa Ana College Campus and the YMCA building on Sycamore Street, as well as helped to build the Masonic temple on that same road.

In 1954, a focus on scholarships led to the Club's first award to a Santa Ana High School student for \$500. Due to the generosity of members, friends, and bequests, the Foundation scholarship fund has grown to over \$1 million. Scholarships today are awarded to continuing and transferring Santa Ana College students. To date, the Club has awarded over \$3.6 million in scholarships.

Notably, Kiwanis International eliminated gender as a qualification of membership in 1987. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana welcomed its first female member shortly thereafter. Santa Ana Kiwanians Doy Henley and Cliff Benson took a stand and advocated for the inclusion of women at the International Convention in 1979.

Since 2000, the club has focused on education and support for low-income families and

those with special needs. The Club has evolved with the needs of the community and has developed into a group of concerned, motivated men and women from diverse ethnic and vocational backgrounds.

While many similar organizations within the Kiwanis Community and other similar organizations have disbanded, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana is still doing significant work in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this wonderful milestone of a century of community service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES  
THEODORE HERFURTH**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 3, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of James "Jim" Theodore Herfurth, who passed away peacefully in his home on November 1, 2023, in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jim was born on July 21, 1937, to parents Theodore and Mathilda Herfurth in Eldon, Missouri. He attended Eldon High School where he played forward for the Mustangs Basketball team. The team ultimately won the State Championship in 1954, and Jim graduated in 1955. He continued his education at the University of Missouri, graduating in 1959 with a BS degree in banking and finance, and commissioning as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Artillery. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as a Finance Officer and as adjutant for the Target Artillery Department. His passion for his country led him to extend his original tour for an additional year due to the Berlin Crises.

After leaving active duty, Jim began his finance career with IBM in Kansas City, Mis-

souri. In 1964, he began his 35-year banking career with Central Trust Bank in Jefferson City, Missouri while simultaneously joining the 420th Civil Affairs National Guard Reserve Unit. During his career with the Central Bank organization, Jim rose through the operations and loans divisions, as well as the ranks of the Missouri National Guard, until Central Bankcompany's acquisition of Bank of Lake of the Ozarks in 1987. Jim was then named President and CEO of the newly named Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, and he earned his rank of Colonel in the Missouri National Guard.

Passionate about his community, Jim left a mark wherever he lived. His commitment to his community was evidenced through his involvement in the new construction of roads and bridges, economic development through Central Bank, public schools, YMCA, hospitals, and the Dogwood Animal Shelter. He had a strong sense of community and worked hard to make his home a better place for everyone.

Although a busy man, Jim still found time to enjoy his hobbies. He loved to play golf, spending an equal amount of time playing as he did trying to convince his grandchildren to play. When he wasn't golfing, Jim was snow skiing, visiting Palm Springs, or visiting he and his wife's friends in Tucson, Arizona.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Marjorie M. Herfurth; his two children from his marriage in 1961 to Barbara A. Silvers: daughter, Kimberly Herfurth Ayscue of Franklinton, North Carolina; son, J. Matthew Herfurth and his wife Jeane Herfurth of Madison, Mississippi; his four grandchildren: Michael and Andrew Boyleir; daughter, Grace, of Monet, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Herfurth Moffitt.

Jim's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be deeply missed by all whom he encountered.

Friday, November 3, 2023

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 6212–6230; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 843–844, were introduced. **Pages H5403–04**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5405**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–263);

H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–264);

H.R. 1722, to amend the Grande Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–265);

H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–266);

H.R. 2717, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–267); and

H.R. 1318, to authorize the location of a monument on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the women's suffrage movement and the pas-

sage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–268).

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H5381**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024:** The House passed H.R. 4821, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 597. Consideration began November 2nd. **Pages H5383–93**

Rejected the Leger Fernandez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yeas-and-nays vote of 201 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 596. **Pages H5392–93**

Agreed to:

Stauber amendment (No. 129 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits any funds from being used to implement or enforce the Administration's NEPA Phase 1 regulations; **Pages H5387–88**

Stauber amendment (No. 130 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits any funds from being used to finalize, implement, or enforce the Administration's proposed NEPA Phase 2 regulations; **Pages H5388–89**

Westerman amendment (No. 131 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits the use of funds for the development, implementation, and interagency coordination of an Ocean Justice Strategy; **Pages H5389–90**

Ogles amendment (No. 120 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that was debated on November 2nd that prohibits funds to carry out the provisions of section 50262 of Public Law 117–169 (Inflation Reduction Act) (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 593); **Page H5390**

Roy amendment (No. 126 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to carry out environmental justice activities (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 594); and **Pages H5383–85, H5390–91**

Roy amendment (No. 127 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that prohibits funds from being used to implement any of the Administration's executive orders on climate change (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 595). **Pages H5385–86, H5391–92**

Rejected:

Schweikert amendment (No. 128 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–261) that sought to reduce discretionary budget authority in the bill by 16 percent. **Pages H5386–87**

H. Res. 838, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821), (H.R. 4820), and (H.R. 6126), was agreed to Thursday, November 2nd.

Agreed that in the engrossment of the foregoing bill, the clerk be authorized to make technical corrections to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H5394**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, November 1st:

**Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum Act:** H.R. 3774, amended, to impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation of the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 342 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 598. **Pages H5393–94**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at noon on Monday, November 6th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5394**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5390, H5390–91, H5391–92, H5392–93, H5393, and H5393–94.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Case, Doggett, Wasserman Schultz, and Moylan.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wagner, Stanton, Grothman, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Kim of California, Greene of Georgia, Ciscomani, Garcia of Texas, Manning, and Johnson of South Dakota.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4664, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024”, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, November 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, November 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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