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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

### END RECKLESS ATTACKS ON ENERGY PRODUCERS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, 20 days from now, the Homer City Generating Station in Pennsylvania will power down its turbines and close its doors. Since opening in 1969, the plant has reliably utilized the coal that has been mined in Pennsylvania communities for generations.

After years of continual operation, Homer City's closure will leave just four operational coal plants functioning in the Keystone State. The closing of this plant is not only a symbolic loss, but one that will have real-world consequences for energy production.

What President Biden, liberals in Congress, and green energy supporters across the United States fail to realize is that technologies like wind turbines and solar panels lack the capacity to keep the lights on.

These alternative methods of production simply cannot produce enough power to meet the needs of our families

and businesses. Without the capacity to store enough energy to be used in peak hours, green technologies are unable to support our electric grid.

Eliminating coal power will have disastrous consequences, including rolling blackouts for families across America. We have seen the warning signs. Look to Europe, as Austria, Germany, and Italy announce that they are reopening coal plants and admit that the green technologies have failed to produce the energy that those countries need.

Let's face it, Americans have always led on innovation, and now countries around the world will rely on America to build the carbon capture systems that will make coal plants safer and more reliable. That will not be possible as long as the Biden administration continues to force the shuttering of these facilities here at home.

We need to return to the energy resources that are underneath the feet of my constituents in Pennsylvania. We need to return to American energy dominance. It is time for the Biden administration to end its reckless attacks on our energy producers.

### INDICTMENT IS DEEPLY TROUBLING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. NICKEL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow former President Donald Trump will be arraigned in Federal court in Miami. He has been indicted on 37 different felony charges, including false statements and representations, scheme to conceal, concealing a document in a Federal investigation, corruptly concealing a document or record, withholding a document or record, conspiracy to obstruct justice, and 31 counts of willful retention of national defense information.

Mr. Speaker, I read the incredibly detailed and evidence-based indictment,

and it is deeply troubling and disturbing, to say the least. These charges show a complete and total disregard for the national security of the United States. The former President's actions compromised the lives and safety of U.S. military personnel around the world.

No one is above the law, and anyone who undermines U.S. national security must be held to answer for their actions. Mr. Speaker, he had our nuclear secrets stashed away in boxes in his bathroom.

Listen, I am here on the floor today because prodemocracy Republicans in North Carolina's 13th District rejected extremism and sent me to Washington because I ran to protect our democracy and our rule of law. This is about our rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, as the American people try to make sense of these indictments, I think we should listen to the comments from Republicans who served in the Trump administration and other leading Republicans.

John Bolton, who served as National Security Advisor in the Trump administration said: "The indictment is devastating. Those who defended Trump before the charges were made public or those who have not yet spoken, should very carefully weigh how history will consider their statements."

Mick Mulroy, a senior Pentagon official in the Trump administration, said: "The classified documents described in the indictment are some of the most sensitive information we possess. . . . This type of information should never be removed from a secured facility and once discovered should have been immediately returned."

Bill Barr, who served as Attorney General in the Trump administration said: "If even half of it is true, then he is toast. It's a very detailed indictment, and it's very, very damning. And this idea of presenting Trump as a victim here, a victim of a witch hunt, is ridiculous.

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"He is not a victim here. He was totally wrong that he had the right to have those documents. Those documents are among the most sensitive secrets the country has."

Asa Hutchinson, former Bush administration official, former Governor of Arkansas, said: "Donald Trump's actions—from his willful disregard for the Constitution to his disrespect for the rule of law—should not define our Nation or the Republican Party."

MITT ROMNEY, the junior Senator from the State of Utah said: "Mr. Trump brought these charges upon himself by not only taking classified documents, but by refusing to simply return them when given numerous opportunities to do so."

"These allegations are serious and if proven, would be consistent with his other actions offensive to the national interest, such as withholding defensive weapons from Ukraine for political reasons and failing to defend the Capitol from violent attack and insurrection."

Mr. Speaker, we are a nation of laws. No one is above the law in the United States of America. No one is entitled to keep top secret national security documents. The documents in this case are among the most secret we have in this country—nuclear secrets. We need to know just how much the careless and cavalier storage of these documents has compromised our Nation's national security.

I came to Congress to get things done for the people in my district, and I have been glad to build relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We should work in a bipartisan way whenever we can, but if we are going to truly heal as a country, we need to hold people accountable.

As a lawyer, I know allowing this process to play out in a court of law and ensuring a fair and impartial trial is critically important. However, this is already a sad and somber moment in our Nation's history. Democracy should never be taken for granted. We must be vigilant and proactive to protect it.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, history will remember those who defend this lawless behavior, and it will not be kind.

#### MARGARET CAVANAUGH HAS BEEN A GODSEND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the dedication to service and what it means to be a true public servant by recognizing my constituent services director and service academy coordinator, Margaret Cavanaugh.

For nearly three decades, Margaret has served thousands of Minnesota's citizens, having worked for three different Members of Congress from the great State of Minnesota.

It is devoted staff like Margaret who work behind the scenes solving dif-

ficult issues for individuals back home, that so many people receive the help they need from their Federal Government.

Public servants like Margaret are seldom recognized for their persistent efforts yet are crucial to the deployment of many Federal programs such as VA and disability benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, passport issues, and all too often, the IRS and refunds.

Dedicated caseworkers like Margaret are often a godsend to so many constituents who are often overwhelmed or far too often ignored by our massive bureaucracies right here in Washington.

Margaret is up there with the best of them, mentoring other caseworkers in the State and region with advice, contacts, and problem-solving techniques.

I thank Margaret for all she does for the people of the great State of Minnesota. With people like her, our constituents get the best assistance, and they deserve it. Once again, I thank Margaret.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

Reconcile us to You O God. We stand before You in our imperfection, keenly aware of our shortcomings, asking You to bridge the gap between our realities and our intentions, our best efforts and Your desires. In Your perfect mercy recreate us that as individuals, as a body, and as a Nation, we would find restoration in Your righteous plan.

Even as You have reconciled each of us to Yourself, call us to be reconciled one to another. Acknowledging Your divine regard for us, may we regard no one from a human point of view, but see in each person the reflection of Your redeeming love for all of Your creation.

Entrust us this day with this message of reconciliation. May we prove worthy of Your trust in our response. So may the past have no claim on us, the things of old not hold us back. May we find renewed purpose, assured of Your blessing on the work You set before us.

In Your merciful name we pray.  
Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania 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.

#### REIMPOSE SANCTIONS ON IRAN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Iranian regime continues to enrich weapons-grade uranium, oppress its people, and export missiles and terrorism.

Yesterday, the regime threatened that the West could not stop it from a nuclear arms program, fulfilling the chant of death to Israel, death to America. Iranian drones murder innocent Ukrainians every day.

In a Wall Street Journal column last week, John Bolton, former National Security Advisor, wrote, incredibly: "During Mr. Biden's term. . . his administration still seeks to resuscitate the Iran deal."

President Donald Trump was correct in pulling the U.S. out of the Iran deal as Iran shamefully continues ICBM development to kill Americans.

I am grateful to have joined a bipartisan group of 35 House colleagues in sending a letter to leaders of the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, encouraging them to reimpose sanctions on Iran.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with open Biden borders.

Our sympathy for the family of beloved civic leader Lottie Gregg.

#### RECOGNIZING TERESA SHYMANSKY

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Teresa Shymansky of Solon, Iowa, for her incredible work with her nonprofit foundation, Something Beautiful.

Teresa operates a floral design and art studio in her home in Johnson

County with a mission to restore hope and dignity to women and children who have fallen victim to trafficking and sexual abuse.

With the proceeds raised, Teresa funds scholarships for victims of abuse and supports global initiatives such as Operation Underground Railroad. Operation Underground Railroad works to save children around the globe from sexual exploitation.

Teresa offers a space for healing and creativity for those who desperately need it, using the wonders of Iowa's landscape as a space for renewal and rebirth.

Mother Teresa once said: "Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier."

Through her work, Teresa not only believes this statement to be true, but she also practices its teachings daily.

I commend Teresa on all her dedication and hard work in helping vulnerable members of our community while donating her time and resources to help turn traumatic experiences into something beautiful.

#### CELEBRATING STEPHANE CONCEPCION AS GUAM'S 2023 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate a remarkable educator, Guam's 2023 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Stephane Concepcion.

She has been educating young minds for more than a decade and currently teaches fourth grade at Talofoto Elementary School.

Ms. Concepcion's commitment to her students and dedication to her craft have earned her the recognition and admiration of her colleagues and community.

Her passion for teaching is evident in her students' success, and she is a shining example of what an excellent teacher should be.

Congratulations to Ms. Concepcion for being named Teacher of the Year. Thank you for making a positive impact on our island's youth and education system. We look forward to more of your great work in the years to come.

#### PUSH BACK AGAINST GOVERNMENT CONTROL

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the so-called Green New Deal has reared its ugly head again, thanks to the Biden administration and its allies in Congress.

Their newest attempt to prop up this failed radical agenda involves the banning of gas cooking appliances that millions of American families rely on every day.

Make no mistake: This harebrained scheme is about more government control; more control over the lives of Americans; more control over what we do and, ultimately, how we think. What is the next domino to fall?

Mr. Speaker, if this were to happen, American families would be crushed by high electricity bills and costly appliances in the name of climate activism.

House Republicans have introduced the Save Our Gas Stoves Act and the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act to combat this madness. We must push back against more government control in our lives.

#### STOP THE WEAPONIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I announce that I am writing an appropriations rider to defund Jack Smith, Special Counsel, his office, and the investigation.

This is a weaponized government attempt to take down the top political enemy and leading Presidential candidate of the United States, Donald J. Trump. We cannot allow the government to be weaponized for political purposes.

I would also ask all of my colleagues to join me in this effort. We have to use the power of appropriations to stop the weaponization of government, especially in light that we know that there are others who are guilty of true crimes. Never forget that former Secretary of State and Senator Hillary Clinton had classified documents on Anthony Weiner's laptop, who was convicted of sexting a minor inappropriate pictures.

This is not how classified documents should be handled. There should have been an investigation done into that.

Don't forget Joe Biden's documents that are sitting in his garage next to his Corvette where the door opens and closes.

Mr. Speaker, America sees this for exactly what it is, and we will not allow it to stand.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY) at 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF EVAN GERSHKOVICH, A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND JOURNALIST, WHO WAS WRONGFULLY DETAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN MARCH 2023

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 377) calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 377

Whereas United States citizen Evan Gershkovich is a reporter for the Wall Street Journal;

Whereas Evan Gershkovich is an accredited reporter, with a history of working in Russia for the Moscow Times, Agence France-Presse, and the Wall Street Journal;

Whereas Evan Gershkovich is known to his family, friends, and colleagues as someone who is adventurous, curious, and who has an abiding love for Russia and its people;

Whereas Evan Gershkovich, a trailblazing and intrepid journalist, actively reported on stories across Russia, including the vast wildfires across Siberia, the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russian economy, and the Government of the Russian Federation's unlawful invasion of Ukraine;

Whereas, on March 29, 2023, Evan Gershkovich was arrested in Yekaterinburg while reporting on behalf of the Wall Street Journal;

Whereas, on April 7, 2023, the Government of the Russian Federation charged Evan Gershkovich with espionage;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has failed to publicly provide evidence of Evan Gershkovich's criminal action to credibly render a charge of espionage;

Whereas the last time an American journalist was detained on allegations of espionage in Russia was in 1986 during the era of the Soviet Union;

Whereas, on April 10, 2023, Secretary of State Antony Blinken designated Evan Gershkovich wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation; and

Whereas, on April 17, 2023, the United States was joined by 46 United Nations Member States in a joint statement expressing deep concern over the detention of Evan Gershkovich by the Government of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release Evan Gershkovich, who has been wrongfully detained since March 2023;

(2) urges all United States executive branch officials, including President Joseph

R. Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs Roger D. Carstens, to raise the case of Evan Gershkovich and to press for his immediate release in all interactions with the Government of the Russian Federation;

(3) urges the Government of the Russian Federation to provide full, unfettered, and consistent consular access, in accordance with its international obligations, to Evan Gershkovich while he remains in detention;

(4) urges the Government of the Russian Federation to respect the human rights of Evan Gershkovich;

(5) urges the Government of the Russian Federation to respect the rights of accredited journalists to freely and independently report the news without fear of arbitrary detention or reprisal;

(6) urges the Government of the Russian Federation to desist from detaining, imprisoning, and otherwise seeking to intimidate journalists in order to curtail or censor an independent press;

(7) condemns the Government of Russia Federation's continued use of detentions and prosecutions of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents for political purposes;

(8) calls for the immediate release of Paul Whelan, who has been wrongfully detained in Russia since December 2018;

(9) expresses continued support for all American citizens and lawful permanent residents detained in Russia and abroad, including Marc Fogel, who faces a politicized, excessive sentence for his alleged offense, Vladimir Kara-Murza, who has endured multiple attempts on his life and years of persecution by the Putin regime, and others; and

(10) expresses sympathy for and solidarity with the families of Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, and all other American citizens and lawful permanent residents wrongfully detained abroad for the personal hardship experienced as a result of the arbitrary and baseless arrest and detention of their loved ones.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Evan Gershkovich is an American citizen and a respected Wall Street Journal reporter. He is the son of two Soviet-born Jewish exiles who fled Russia to avoid persecution. He is a loving little brother.

What he is not, Mr. Speaker, is a criminal. Yet, on March 29, he was arrested by the corrupt Putin regime and charged with espionage. No evidence has been presented to back up this accusation because there is no evidence.

Evan is innocent. He was simply doing his job, reporting on the news in Russia, but we know that the war

criminal Putin doesn't like that. He doesn't want his own people to know about the atrocities that he is committing in Ukraine. He doesn't want them to know about the corruption within his own government or how he has turned their country into an international pariah.

Vladimir Putin knows that a free press is a pillar of democracy, that a strong fourth estate will hold officials accountable, so he arrested Evan with the intention of not only silencing him but of scaring other journalists to remain silent, too.

I assure Evan's friends, his coworkers, and especially his family, who I have met with, that we will continue our fight every day until we bring him home to you.

As the father of five children, I cannot begin to imagine the pain and suffering Evan's family is feeling right now. I had the opportunity to meet Evan's mother, Ella, recently. Like any mother, she was very worried about her son and this situation, but she was also very determined to do anything she could to bring him home.

She thanked me for the efforts of our committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee, and others on Capitol Hill who are doing everything we can to help their son.

Just as unfortunate, our next resolution, on Paul Whelan, makes clear that Evan's family is not the only one suffering through this nightmare. We are also awaiting information from the State Department about the arrest of yet another American citizen in Russia over this last weekend.

The Putin regime is increasingly brazen in using political detentions to seek leverage over the Biden administration, and it must be made clear that the use of American citizens as political pawns will not go unpunished. These Americans deserve to be home with their families instead of in Russian prisons.

Today's bipartisan resolution condemns the Putin regime for their illegal imprisonment. It calls on the Biden administration to prioritize bringing home all American citizens who are wrongfully detained overseas.

Today, we send a strong message to Vladimir Putin that America, Republicans and Democrats alike, will not tolerate his corrupt regime holding U.S. citizens hostage under false pretenses.

America, Mr. Speaker, stands with Evan and with every American who is wrongfully detained overseas, and we will not rest until all of them are brought home.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bipartisan resolution, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am a strong supporter of H. Res. 377, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist

who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman MCCAUL for working with me to introduce H. Res. 377 in a bipartisan fashion. We may disagree on many issues in this body, but it is essential that the safe return of American citizens wrongfully detained overseas is not one of them. I appreciate the cooperation and the work together that Mr. MCCAUL and I do on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Evan Gershkovich, a journalist working in one of the most difficult media environments in the world, has dedicated his life to truth. His reporting has shed light on Russia's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, the struggling Russian economy, and its horrific war against the people of Ukraine.

With his detention, Russia has once again stooped to the lowest of lows, detaining an American journalist for the first time since the Cold War. He is detained on baseless charges to gain political leverage and further silence the brave members of the independent press who are undeterred by Russian threats.

Evan, like Paul Whelan, like Brittney Griner, like Trevor Reed before him, continues to be denied his rights by Russian authorities, who are throwing up roadblock after roadblock to prevent our Embassy from getting access to him while he remains in detention. The sham legal processes he is subjected to are conducted without evidence, without transparency, and without due process.

While the administration, with the unanimous support of this Congress, was able to secure the release of Trevor and Brittney, we must continue to do everything, and I mean everything, in our power to ensure that Evan and Paul are brought home safely to their families, as well.

For as long as necessary, we must state unequivocally that we stand with Evan, that we stand with Paul, that we stand with their families suffering tremendous emotional and financial strain as a result of their detentions. By passing this resolution, we can do just that.

I support this measure and hope we can continue to work in a bipartisan fashion with the executive branch on this and other critical legislation to better support Americans like Evan and their families. I encourage my colleagues, all of us, to join in supporting this measure.

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

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I reserve the right to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, there is no more sacred responsibility of government than to ensure the safety and well-being of the American people and ensure that their

human rights are respected. Tragically, the authoritarian regime in the Kremlin has taken to the practice of using that commitment against us, taking our citizens hostage for political leverage.

In last year's State Department authorization act, which passed in the annual NDAA, we included additional tools for the State Department to address hostage taking. These include quicker notifications to Congress, expanded whistleblower rewards programs, and greater resources for the State Department. I look forward to these changes being put to use.

In Evan's case, we can take an important step by passing this resolution and condemning hostage diplomacy in the strongest possible terms. We must continue to express support for the efforts of the administration to secure Evan's return and demonstrate our commitment to Evan and Paul, and all other Americans wrongfully detained overseas, for as long as it takes.

As I close, I again thank Chairman McCAUL for partnering with me on this important resolution. I hope my colleagues will join us unanimously in supporting this resolution.

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

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, let me also thank the ranking member, Mr. MEEKS, because what makes this committee so special, in my opinion, is that we know how important it is to speak with one voice, as one country, not as a divided nation. When it comes to Mr. Putin and what he is doing to our Americans over there, we are united with one voice.

Mr. Speaker, Evan's case marks the first time since the Cold War that a journalist has been wrongfully charged with espionage on Russian soil. It is clear that Putin and the corrupt Kremlin will do anything to silence those who seek to expose the truth.

A man of integrity, Evan put the truth ahead of his own safety. He was dedicated to shining a light on the vast corruption and the war crimes of Russia.

Make no mistake, Evan's work posed a threat to Mr. Putin and his cronies, so they did what they always do when threatened: They silence their critics.

It is absolutely unacceptable for Putin to hold Americans hostage as diplomatic pawns. Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, it is happening way too often now.

As I said before, America stands with Evan, and we will not rest until he is home.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 377, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Mariel Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE UNITED STATES CITIZEN PAUL WHELAN

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 272) calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 272

Whereas United States citizen Paul Whelan is a resident of Novi, Michigan, and a veteran of the Marine Corps;

Whereas, on December 22, 2018, Paul Whelan traveled to Moscow, Russia, for the wedding of a personal friend;

Whereas, on December 28, 2018, the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation arrested Paul Whelan at the Metropol Hotel in Moscow and charged him with espionage;

Whereas the Federal Security Service has never provided any evidence of supposed wrongdoing with respect to Paul Whelan;

Whereas Paul Whelan was imprisoned in Lefortovo Prison and was held in pretrial detention at the prison for more than 19 months after his arrest;

Whereas a Moscow court extended Paul Whelan's pretrial detention multiple times without publicly presenting justification or evidence of wrongdoing;

Whereas even Vladimir Zherebenkov, the lawyer appointed by the Federal Security Service to represent Paul Whelan, said on May 24, 2019, "[The Federal Security Service] always roll[s] out what they have, but in this case, we've seen nothing concrete against Whelan in five months. That means there is nothing.";

Whereas then-United States Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Jon Huntsman, responded on April 12, 2019, to a question about the detention of Paul Whelan, "If the Russians have evidence, they should bring it forward. We have seen nothing. If there was a case, I think the evidence would have been brought forward by now.";

Whereas then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on May 14, 2019, and urged him to ensure United States citizens are not unjustly held abroad;

Whereas the Kremlin has refused to provide Paul Whelan with full access to his lawyer, and the so-called evidence against Paul Whelan and any evidence he has seen is in

Russian, a language Whelan does not read or speak;

Whereas the Lefortovo pretrial detention facility and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs refused to provide medical treatment for Paul Whelan's medical condition, despite being aware of its worsening state, resulting in emergency surgery on May 29, 2020;

Whereas Paul Whelan was wrongfully convicted on June 15, 2020, and sentenced to 16 years in a Russian labor camp by a three-judge panel, in a trial witnessed by United States Ambassador John Sullivan, who referred to the trial as "a mockery of justice" due to the denial of a fair trial and the exclusion of defense witnesses;

Whereas, in August 2020, on an unknown day, Paul Whelan was secretly transferred to camp IK-17, a penal labor camp in Mordovia, Russia, where he is forced to work 6 days a week in a garment factory;

Whereas Ambassador John Sullivan, while visiting Paul Whelan at the labor camp in Mordovia, stated that "Russian authorities . . . have never shown the world evidence of his guilt", and reiterated his call for the Russian authorities to correct this injustice and release Paul Whelan;

Whereas Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on February 4, 2021, and urged him to release United States citizens detained in the Russian Federation, including Paul Whelan and Trevor Reed, so that they are able to return home to their families in the United States;

Whereas, in August 2021, Whelan was released from a month-long stay in a solitary confinement at the IK-17 penal colony in the region of Mordovia;

Whereas, on April 27, 2022, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution calling for the release of Whelan;

Whereas Secretary Blinken "pressed" the Kremlin to accept an offer by the United States that would bring Paul Whelan and Brittney Griner home in July 2022;

Whereas, in November 2022, Paul Whelan was unable to contact his family for more than a week, during which time Russian authorities claimed Whelan had been sent to the hospital;

Whereas Russian authorities refused to release Paul Whelan as part of the prisoner exchange in December 2022;

Whereas Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated, "His detention remains unacceptable, and we continue to press for his immediate release at every opportunity"; and

Whereas President Biden stated that his administration had "not forgotten about Paul Whelan," and promised to "keep negotiating in good faith for his release". Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) implores the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release Paul Whelan from imprisonment;

(2) implores the Government of the Russian Federation to comply with international treaty obligations and provide unrestricted consular access to Paul Whelan while he remains imprisoned in the Russian Federation;

(3) calls on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide Paul Whelan and all other political prisoners their constitutionally afforded due process rights and universally recognized human rights;

(4) expresses the sincere thanks of the United States to the Governments of Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom for their support in attempting to release Paul Whelan; and

(5) expresses sympathy to the family of Paul Whelan for this travesty to justice and personal hardship and expresses hope that their ordeal can soon be brought to a just end.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

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#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on December 28, 2018, U.S. citizen and Marine Corps veteran Paul Whelan was wrongfully arrested in Moscow and charged with espionage.

This is just one of the many examples where an American is used as a political pawn by the Kremlin—where they disguise hostility and human rights abuses as justice. Paul was held in pretrial detention for 19 months, and on June 15, 2020, he was sentenced to 16 years in a Russian labor camp.

Paul was never provided with any real evidence of guilt. Defense witnesses were excluded. He was denied a fair trial, including the opportunity to defend himself properly or even communicate with his family.

Last month, on May 16, Paul reached day 1,600 of illegally being held hostage in the Russian Federation for a crime he did not commit.

Mr. Speaker, Paul is innocent, yet he remains behind bars to this day. Since his illegal incarceration, Paul has not received adequate medical care and has been denied regular access to his attorney. He has been designated as “wrongfully detained” by the U.S. Department of State. U.S. Ambassador John Sullivan accurately described Paul’s wrongful conviction as “a mockery of justice.”

Make no mistake, there is no such thing as justice in a country that is controlled by a despot. This resolution shows that we have not forgotten, and we will never forget Paul, and that we will keep advocating for his immediate release.

The U.S. Congress will not sit by as Americans are held hostage by the war criminal in the Kremlin. We will not rest until Paul and every wrongfully detained American is home safely with their families.

During consideration of the prior measure, we discussed Russia’s wrongful detention of the Wall Street reporter, Evan Gershkovich.

Another politically motivated imprisonment I must mention is Vladimir

Kara-Murza, a legal U.S. permanent resident twice poisoned by the Kremlin. He is a relentless advocate for democracy and human rights and was recently sentenced to 25 years in prison for his criticism of Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Sadly, this is what happens when you contradict the state-run media in a totalitarian state. His reward for pursuing the truth and standing up, exposing Putin’s brutality and corruption, was imprisonment.

The vengeance of the Kremlin knows no bounds.

Putin must stop using Cold War tactics to target innocent Americans as diplomatic pawns. I call for the immediate release of all Americans wrongfully detained abroad.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this resolution so Paul and his family know that the United States Congress stands with them with one voice, Republican and Democrat, chairman and ranking member, and will do everything in our power to make sure that Paul is returned safely to his home and to his family.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 272, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan. I thank Representative HALEY STEVENS for her continued work and tireless advocacy for her constituent, Paul Whelan, and other Americans wrongfully detained overseas.

As I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to speak on this measure, I regret just how familiar it feels. For the third time, we are considering this resolution on the floor of the House of Representatives calling for Paul’s release and expressing solidarity with him and other Americans wrongfully detained abroad.

Russian authorities wrongfully detained Paul Whelan, an American marine veteran, more than 1,600 days ago on baseless charges for which no evidence was ever provided and subjected him to a sham, secretive trial.

For more than 4 years, Mr. Speaker, Paul has endured persecution, denials of his lawful rights, and the withholding of critical medical treatment while the Kremlin seeks to use him as a pawn for political gain.

For more than 4 years, Mr. Speaker, Paul’s family has had to suffer this injustice, demanding his release, and pleading with us, the United States Government, to do everything in our power to bring him home.

Like Evan Gershkovich whose resolution we are also considering on the floor today, Paul’s only crime is being an American. Tragically, only the Kremlin can release him from this detention and the suffering it has caused

Paul and his family, but we in the United States Congress and the United States House of Representatives are not powerless to make a difference and support the administration’s effort to bring Paul and others like him home.

This resolution today is one step that we can take to demand that the Russian Government forego the horrific practice of using the lives and freedoms of American citizens as political bargaining chips, demanding Paul’s release, and raising his and other cases at every available opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, we must pass this resolution calling for the release of Paul Whelan for the third straight Congress and continue to advocate forcefully and unequivocally for his release. We must continue to call out Russia for its illegal and reprehensible hostage taking and warn Americans about the dangers of traveling to Putin’s lawless fiefdom.

In last year’s NDAA, we boasted notification and transparency at the State Department pertaining to wrongfully detained and added crucial new whistleblower rewards provisions that would deter further hostage taking and help bring imprisoned Americans home to their families where they belong.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to do everything we can and bring Paul to his family here at home in the United States of America.

I strongly support this measure, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Again, I thank Representative STEVENS for introducing this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL), the vice chair of the Financial Services Committee, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Intelligence Committee, and a cosponsor of the resolution.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and the ranking member for their work in bringing these important resolutions to the floor, and I stand in strong support of them in calling for the release of Evan Gershkovich and Paul Whelan. I thank my great colleague, HALEY STEVENS, for our work together as co-chairs of the Task Force on American Hostages and Americans Wrongfully Detained Abroad here in this House, and I am grateful for her relentless advocacy for Paul and his family.

While we continue our work to get Americans out of these countries that are holding them only because they have a blue passport, I believe more has to be done, Mr. Speaker, to stop this trend that you can simply take and wrongfully hold an American with impunity.

Mr. Speaker, listen to these statistics from the Foley Foundation’s 2022 report: 175 percent increase in the incidents of U.S. nationals being wrongfully detained compared to the previous decade; a 60 percent increase in



the average duration of a U.S. national's captivity over the past 11 years.

Mr. Speaker, 75 percent of U.S. nationals currently wrongfully detained are held by who? Iran, China, Venezuela, Syria, Russia.

From 2012 to 2022, an average of 34 Americans were wrongfully held by foreign governments each year.

Now, when you put that in contrast to the decade of 2001 to 2011, there were only five. This is the chairman's point: There was a 580 percent increase in the past 10 years of Americans being taken and held hostage—mostly by governments. It is shocking.

The number of releases of Americans is not keeping up with new detentions. While the Levinson Act and our current hostage response efforts are important pieces to ensuring better transparency for our detainee families who are at home suffering—I think that process has significantly improved in the recent years, and I thank the State Department for that—it is still clear that adversarial countries believe they can take and hold an American with impunity.

We must do more. While we work on doing more, I will continue to come to this House floor and support resolutions like the ones we are voting on today. They are critically important to show the families and the wrongful detainees that the U.S. House stands with them and demands their release.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support Paul and Evan and their families with their votes today.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me the time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS), who has been fighting for Paul Whelan's release.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful to the exceptional leadership of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for shepherding this resolution to the floor and calling on the Russian Federation to immediately release Paul Whelan.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman MCCAUL, Ranking Member MEEKS, our subcommittee leadership, Chairman KEAN, and Ranking Member KEATING for their steady bipartisan urgency in the consideration of H. Res. 272.

Paul Whelan has been wrongfully detained by the Kremlin since I was first elected to Congress in the winter of 2018.

The first time I introduced this legislation demanding that Russia release my constituent, I was eager to assure Paul and his family that his government was behind him.

The second time, I was heartbroken that he was still waiting for justice.

Now, during the third Congress of Paul's detention, I am furious.

Throughout Paul's detention, the Russian Government has repeatedly violated his rights, denied him proper medical care, and refused to provide any evidence to substantiate the charges against him.

Paul was held in pretrial detention for over 18 months in the notorious Lefortovo Prison. Then his trial was held behind closed doors, and his defense was prohibited from calling witnesses—a sham trial.

Paul now serves a 16-year sentence of hard labor in a prison camp where he has been since August of 2020, facing unbelievably harsh conditions, injury, and illness. Here in the United States, we can't even fathom the conditions that he faces on a daily basis.

Today, we have the opportunity as a Congress to denounce Paul's wrongful imprisonment and to stand up to Vladimir Putin and his Kremlin cronies.

We will continue to come together as a Congress to make it clear that American citizens will not be used as political pawns by Mr. Putin, period. End of story.

I have said before that Paul's detention was the canary in the coal mine for the lawlessness that we now see on a global scale from Mr. Putin.

Since Paul's detention, Mr. Putin has seized marine veteran Trevor Reed, basketball star Brittney Griner, and most recently, The Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, the first reporter to be unlawfully detained by Russia since the Cold War.

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Today, I am also proud to recognize the citizens who have taken up the fight to return their loved ones hand in hand with the United States Government. As co-chair of the Hostage Task Force alongside Mr. FRENCH HILL, we are standing up to these attacks on Americans for simply being Americans. I thank Mr. HILL for helping to fight for Paul.

I have spoken several times on this House floor about my deep admiration for Paul's sister, Elizabeth Whelan, who has become a true partner to my office and the people of Michigan's 11th District.

In late April of just this year, Elizabeth joined America's U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield in a session of the U.N. Security Council that was being chaired by Russia's Foreign Minister.

In stunning testimony, she called on him directly to release her brother. Looking him straight in the eye, Elizabeth stressed that she didn't even know what her brother looked like anymore. Coverage of this event made it all the way to Paul's prison in Russia, strengthening his resolve and reflecting the bravery of his sister.

That is the incredible family that Paul comes from. The fortitude of the Whelan family should be an inspiration to all Americans. Every single day I see them stand up for freedom, democracy, and justice. They are fearless, and they are the reason Paul will come home.

This is deeply personal to me, and it should be to all Americans. Not a single day goes by that I do not think about Paul and his family. Their pain

is unimaginable, and no family should endure what the Whelans have.

It has been my mission to see Paul returned to Michigan and be reunited with his family and his beloved dog, Flora, a golden retriever who has outlived her breed by many years and is now 15. She is waiting for her owner to come home.

I thank my fellow Members of Congress for their continued advocacy on behalf of Paul, as well as all the families of hostages and wrongful detainees who are facing the unthinkable every single day.

If Paul is watching, he knows we are praying for him, we are rooting for him, and we will not stop fighting for him.

If Vladimir Putin is watching, he knows that the world's strongest democracy and the seat of the world's power is united against him today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Michigan.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, if Vladimir Putin is watching, he should know that the United States will not stand by and watch as his lawless regime continues its reign of terror.

Release Paul Whelan now. Release Evan Gershkovich. Mr. Putin should end his years of human rights abuses and his illegal war against Ukraine. Enough is enough.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL).

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my dear friend and the chairman and the entire House Foreign Affairs Committee for knowing the importance of this.

I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 272. With this resolution, we are reaffirming, as a House, as an institution of the U.S. Government, our unwavering commitment to bring Paul Whelan home.

Paul has been wrongfully imprisoned in Russia for more than 4 years. He is a native Michigander. Representative STEVENS and I now share him. He is my constituent, but he has got two women you don't want to tick off and are not going to stop until we bring him home.

His parents are my constituents and our entire Michigan delegation—we don't put a party in front of it—stands united in this effort. His imprisonment continues to be an affront to due process, international law, and human rights.

We have witnessed increasingly bold and reckless action by Russia in wrongfully detaining American citizens. This is unjust, it is unconscionable, and it is unacceptable. Our people are not political pawns.

We must pursue every avenue to secure his immediate release, and I will work with everyone here and throughout our government to make that happen.

Paul needs hope. I hope he sees all of us today. His family desperately needs hope. This House of Representatives needs to send a strong message to the Russians that Paul is not a pawn in international relations, and we all want him home. The House needs to tell Paul and his family today, we need to send a message that we aren't forgetting you, we are fighting hard, and we will never give up.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support this important resolution. This is an opportunity for this body to once again demand, with one unified voice, the immediate release of Paul Whelan. It is far beyond time we bring him home.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, for far too long, Paul Whelan has suffered at the hands of the regime in the Kremlin. For far too long, he has been forced to endure the horrific conditions in a Russian labor camp, wondering when he will finally be able to see his family again. For far too long, he has been left to wonder whether he has been forgotten by the government that the Kremlin is using him to extort.

By passing this legislation and taking other important steps to support Paul, to support Evan, and other Americans wrongfully detained overseas, we can speak with one voice, a single voice, that the United States Government will not rest until he and others like him are finally brought home to their families.

One voice, that is what we will do today. I know that my colleagues will join me in support of this very important resolution.

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

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for closing.

Mr. Speaker, I first thank Ranking Member MEEKS for his support. We do speak with one voice, as one Nation, against this hostage taking by foreign nation adversaries.

I thank Representative STEVENS for her passion on this issue and for introducing this resolution and being a co-chair of that important caucus. I also thank my dear friend, Mrs. DINGELL, who represents the family and, obviously, the passion of the family. I can only imagine what it must feel like to have your son, family member, detained in one of the worst prisons in the world.

This happens too often. We are seeing this trend way too often now. It is not just Russia; it is China and Iran and Venezuela. It is a disturbing trend, Mr. Speaker, to take Americans hostage and hold them as political pawns for either a change of policy or an exchange of a prisoner that has no relation to the offense of the American. You can't tell me that what happened to Brittney Griner, whose offense was so meager, the idea she had some sort of small

amount of—whatever it was, a vape pipe, and then in exchange, a major Russian arms dealer. But that is what they do and that is what they want.

We need to stop this, and we need to provide the deterrence to stop this. The world continues to watch in horror as Vladimir Putin's crimes and atrocities in Ukraine continue. That is a lot of what this is all about. Paul Whelan is a marine. Evan is a Wall Street Journal reporter.

Just reporting the truth gets you thrown in prison in Russia. What were they reporting about? The indiscriminate bombing and killing of civilians, to the mass graves I saw in Bucha, to torture chambers, to mobile crematoriums. Think about that, Mr. Speaker. We haven't heard about something like that in quite some time, probably since my father's generation and my father's war.

What we are witnessing today is a genocide. If you rise up in protest or report the truth, you will be put in prison. I condemn this aggression in the strongest possible terms. I, along with the other Members on both sides of the aisle, will continue to fight to hold these perpetrators accountable.

We must also condemn the Russian dictator's practice of exploiting them as political pawns. As I have said, it has happened way too often. It is time to get Paul out of this Russian gulag, which is what it is, and back to his family in Michigan.

Today, all of us stand in this body with one voice, united as Americans, in condemning Russia's illegal detention of Paul Whelan. Congress will not rest.

As Congresswoman STEVENS said to Mr. Putin, if he is watching this, and to Paul Whelan, if he has the opportunity to watch this, we want them to know that we here in Congress will not rest until all Americans wrongfully detained in Russia are returned to their families.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 272.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS ACT

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 3099) to establish in the Department of State the position of Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3099

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that the policy of the United States, as enacted in section 104 of the Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2022 (division Z of Public Law 117-103), with respect to the Abraham Accords remains unchanged.

#### SEC. 3. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.

Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

#### "SEC. 64. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.

"(a) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS.—There is established within the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords (in this section referred to as the 'Special Envoy'), who shall serve as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts across, the United States Government relating to expanding and strengthening the Abraham Accords. The Special Envoy shall report directly to the Secretary of State and shall hold the office at the pleasure of the President.

"(b) NOMINATION.—Pursuant to subsection (j)(1) of section 1, the Special Envoy shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and may be appointed from among the officers and employees of the Department except that such officer or employee may not retain the position (or the responsibilities associated with the position) held by such officer or employee prior to such appointment simultaneously with the position or responsibilities of the Special Envoy.

"(c) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—The Special Envoy shall have the rank and status of ambassador.

"(d) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall be responsible for—

"(1) encouraging countries without diplomatic relations with Israel to establish formal diplomatic, economic, security, and people-to-people ties;

"(2) seeking to expand and strengthen existing relationships between Israel and Muslim-majority countries, including those outside the geographic scope of the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau of the Department of State, to ensure that all parties reap tangible security and economic benefits for their citizens;

"(3) building on existing efforts, including the Negev Forum, to help foster enhanced cooperation between Israel and Muslim-majority countries on shared priorities including as relates to trade, agriculture, and water security;

"(4) providing diplomatic support for Israel's integration into cooperative efforts related to regional security; and

"(5) coordinating lines of effort across the United States Government, including the regional and functional bureaus within the Department of State, and conducting appropriate diplomatic engagement with foreign governments, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders determined appropriate by the Special Envoy in order to



expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords.

“(e) REPORT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the confirmation of the first Special Envoy appointed pursuant to this section, and annually thereafter, the Special Envoy shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report describing all United States efforts to expand the Abraham Accords, including specific diplomatic engagements and status of efforts with respect to specific countries.

“(2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a separate, classified annex.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years, the United States and Israel have been close friends and partners, working hand in hand on our shared priorities to keep our nations safe, secure, and prosperous.

Along with our partnership with Israel, we also have many shared interests with our Arab partners in the region.

The United States has consistently worked to help secure peace in the Middle East, and we remain committed to enduring peace throughout the region.

Not only do we want to ensure regional security but economic prosperity as well, which drives cutting-edge innovation.

We are all concerned about Iran's malign activities. A nuclear Iran is a threat to the entire region and the world and is not acceptable. Yet, for so many years, our friends would not speak directly to one another. Even after Egypt, in 1979, and Jordan, in 1994, established peace and diplomatic relations with Israel, other Arab countries refused.

Then, in August 2020, everything changed. The UAE and Israel announced that they were normalizing diplomatic relations in a deal brokered by the Trump administration, which we now know as the Abraham Accords. In short order, Bahrain and Morocco joined UAE in opening diplomatic relations with Israel.

I was proud to be at the White House for the signing of these famous docu-

ments, the accords, a game-changing development that benefits the United States, Israel, and our partners in the region.

The Abraham Accords have served as a foundation for increased cooperation between Israel and Middle Eastern nations. We have already seen incredible leaps forward as these countries engage in defense cooperation, economic cooperation, and frequent diplomatic engagement. What we have not seen, but we all wish to see, is more countries joining the Abraham Accords.

Secretary of State Blinken was in Saudi Arabia last week, and I remain hopeful that one day Saudi Arabia will engage with their neighbors and join these historic accords. Saudi Arabia and Israel would both benefit from working together on their shared interests.

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It has never been more important that we continue to prioritize the expansion of these agreements. Part of doing this entails making it clear who in the United States Government is responsible for expanding these Abraham Accords.

This bipartisan bill, introduced by my colleague and friend MIKE LAWLER from New York, who is also a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, would create that position, a special envoy for the Abraham Accords at the State Department. The special envoy will coordinate all efforts to expand the accords and strengthen relationships between Israel and participating countries.

We need to put our diplomatic might into trying to achieve the kinds of big breakthroughs that created the accords almost 3 years ago. This legislation, Mr. LAWLER's bill, does exactly that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague, Representative TORRES, for working with Representative LAWLER to introduce this very important piece of legislation that would create a senior-level special envoy dedicated to enhancing and expanding the important Abraham Accords.

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken in the past about my support for the accords, which I believe have the potential to transform the security, diplomatic, and economic environment in the Middle East for peace and to advance United States' interests.

These agreements are already showing promise and deserve the attention of this Congress. I believe it is advantageous to the State Department to have an official in place focused on managing and implementing regional strategy for peace and encouraging cooperation between and among Israel,

Arab states, and the Palestinians to enhance such prospects for a true peace and create tangible benefits for all.

As Mr. McCAUL said, starting with the UAE, Bahrain, and Morocco with the Abraham Accords, we need to grow and have more nations involved, saying this time that we know that Israel has the right to exist and will exist, and we are going to look and work together for peace in the Middle East.

That is why adding a special envoy dedicated to working on and having and stimulating conversation among the other nations in the Gulf region with Israel is tremendously important. This is something that I am proud to support, and I hope my colleagues in the House join me.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the Biden administration has taken implementation and expansion of the Abraham Accords seriously. I know that the President has dedicated several government agencies to their success. I believe that this high-level special envoy will be another asset to the State Department and help them coordinate and streamline implementation of the accords. It is something that we should focus on because success means peace in the Middle East, and peace is good for all of us on this planet.

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

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER), a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the author of this important bill.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to speak in strong support of the passage of my bill, H.R. 3099, the Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Act.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman McCAUL, Ranking Member MEEKS, and the gentleman from New York (Mr. TORRES) for working together in a bipartisan way to advance this legislation.

I have been overwhelmed by the amount of support and positive feedback that this crucial piece of legislation has received, and for good reason.

H.R. 3099 creates the position of the special envoy for the Abraham Accords in the U.S. Department of State. This new position would hold ambassador rank and be Senate confirmed. The special envoy would be responsible for coordinating efforts across the United States Government to expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords with key allies and strategic partners across the Middle East and across the globe. Having a point person at the State Department is key to ensuring the accords maintain a priority in this administration and all future administrations.

While this bill seeks to hold the Biden administration accountable to ensure they are advancing the Abraham Accords, it does so with strong support from both sides of the aisle, making clear that the United States

Government prioritizes our relationship with Israel and the advancement of peace and prosperity, regardless of any other policy differences we may have.

For 75 years, Israel has been and remains our staunchest ally and a pivotal partner in the Middle East. A beacon of freedom, democracy, and prosperity, they are an example that the rest of the region can look to for building a successful and vibrant society.

The Abraham Accords, a series of normalization agreements between Israel and other Muslim-majority countries in the Middle East, were a monumental step that has provided a roadmap for the future of diplomacy in the Middle East and beyond.

They also showcased that the real center of instability in the region is Iran. Many countries were finally ready to work together with the United States and Israel to counter Iran's state-sponsored terrorism, pursuit of nuclear weapons, and consistent violation of the human rights of the Iranian people.

Mutual opposition to the Islamic republic has fueled the Abraham Accords and signified a seismic shift in the geopolitical landscape. They are a testament to the transformative power of diplomacy and strong economic ties to bring about peace.

At its origins in September 2020, the Abraham Accords included the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. Morocco joined the following December after normalizing ties with Israel.

While Israeli officials are taking meaningful steps to bring other countries into the Abraham Accords, none have joined since 2020 or the beginning of 2021.

It is critical, now more than ever, that we build upon this unprecedented progress, and the establishment of a special envoy is a definitive step in that direction.

Having a special envoy entirely dedicated to the Abraham Accords would underscore the United States' commitment to nurturing the growth of these historic agreements, and it sends a clear message to our allies and, indeed, to the entire world about the immense value we place on normalized relations with Israel and increased cooperation and stability in the Middle East.

This special envoy would also be critical for bringing Saudi Arabia into the Abraham Accords. Both countries have taken incremental steps to improve relations since Saudi Arabia's Gulf neighbors, the UAE and Bahrain, first normalized relations.

Israeli airlines can now use Saudi Arabia's airspace, and the kingdom recently agreed to respect freedom of navigation in the Strait of Tiran for Israeli ships.

As a leader in the Arab world, Saudi Arabia joining the Abraham Accords would make serious inroads for Israel's relationships not only in the Middle East but across the globe. Additionally, strengthening ties between Israel

and Saudi Arabia would create immense pushback against Iran.

Moreover, this legislation calls for a comprehensive report to Congress detailing our Nation's efforts to expand the Abraham Accords. It requests specific information on diplomatic engagements and the status of normalization efforts with various other countries. This report, in effect, ensures a system of checks and balances, holding the special envoy, the Biden administration, and all future administrations accountable for prioritizing the strengthening of these accords.

Passing this bill would be a profound affirmation of our steadfast commitment to fostering peace, productive bilateral relationships in the Middle East and, we hope, well beyond. It embodies our vision of a world where peace in the region is not just a distant dream but a tangible reality within our reach.

Today, I stand before you, urging all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in championing this critical piece of legislation. Together, let's take this significant stride toward peace, prosperity, and a better future for all.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation shows that when Congress wants to work together, we can. We can advance legislation that not only makes a difference in the United States but makes a difference around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, RITCHIE TORRES, for making that possible.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. TORRES), a friend.

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member MEEKS for his friendship and mentoring, and I thank Chairman McCAUL and Ranking Member MEEKS for setting the gold standard of bipartisan-ship here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) for his legislative partnership and leadership.

If there is one cause that should transcend partnership, it is the cause of peace in the Middle East.

Building a bridge between Israel and the Arab world is neither a Democratic value nor a Republican value. It is an American value.

The Abraham Accords is both an affirmation of Arab-Israeli peace and a rejection of BDS as a relic of the past.

Indeed, the three noes of the Khar-toum Resolution have been replaced by the three yeses of the Abraham Accords: yes to recognition of Israel, yes to negotiations with Israel, and yes to peace with Israel.

The Abraham Accords is an achievement so monumental that it demands and deserves its own special envoy whose sole and singular mission is to build on the inexorable progress of peace in the Middle East.

Today, we in the United States Congress are bending the long arc of the Middle East exactly where it belongs, toward peace and prosperity for Jews,

Christians, and Muslims. The children of Abraham are finally standing together as one, divided no longer.

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Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

As we have heard here today, there is strong support in this Congress for the normalization of diplomatic relations between Israel and countries in the Arab and Muslim world.

"Diplomatic" and "diplomacy" are words that we need to use more often, and we need to get more engaged in diplomatic activity, working for peace and working for true recognition of Israel in the Middle East.

Sustained agreement from the United States with a special envoy will help maintain the momentum that has built and will lead to a more peaceful region.

Imagine that, Madam Speaker, nations talking and working together in a region where it had been full of war and where people are recognizing Israel's right to exist, working in a diplomatic way across borders for better lives for everyone in the region.

For peace in the region, there is work to do, but it gives us hope that others will join and that we will be able to assist with a special envoy bringing people to the same table to support a more peaceful region.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this important resolution.

Again, I thank Mr. McCAUL, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. TORRES for bringing this resolution to the floor of the House of Representatives so that all can hear that, again, we are united and working collectively together, without party affiliation, for the betterment of the world.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the gentlemen from New York—Congressman LAWLER, Ranking Member MEEKS, and Congressman TORRES—for putting this legislation forward.

We have all talked about peace in the Middle East our entire lifetime, but we really have a chance to make a difference. The Abraham Accords jump-started that process, built upon the agreements with Egypt and then Jordan, and now this.

We are really, I think, privileged to be a part of the new era of ushering in cooperation between Israel and the Muslim-majority countries.

When I would talk to Ambassadors from UAE and other countries, they would say: We are just tired. We are just tired of Palestinians saying no. We just can't do it. We just can't do it.

They just said: We want to move forward. We want progress. We want peace in the region.

They want economic prosperity, which this does.

These accords mark a generational shift in Middle Eastern relations. This bill will further that effort and that mission, and we must continue the work. This special envoy will be dedicated to this purpose.

I have to say that RITCHIE TORRES came up with this idea. He worked with our side of the aisle, and he and Congressman LAWLER worked together on this legislation. That is what Congress should look like, working together on a goal that can promote peace, prosperity, and cooperation—in this case, in the Middle East.

I may not see it in my lifetime, but I hope I do. However, I do know that this bill will move it one step forward toward that great goal that we all share here today.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. McCLAIN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3099, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### CHANGING AGE-DETERMINED ELIGIBILITY TO STUDENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 467) to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 467

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Changing Age-Determined Eligibility To Student Incentive Payments Act” or the “CADETS Act”.

##### SEC. 2. AGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STUDENT INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM OF THE STATE MARITIME ACADEMIES.

Section 51509 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) AGE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may make an agreement under this section only with a qualified student who will meet the age requirement for enlistment or commission in the Navy Reserve at the time of graduation from the academy.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 467, the CADETS Act.

The CADETS Act was introduced earlier this year by a bipartisan group of Senators led by Senator PETERS of Michigan. It passed the Senate by unanimous consent last month. I am the proud sponsor of the companion legislation here in this House.

The CADETS Act will begin to help solve the problem our Nation faces in recruiting qualified mariners to serve in the Navy Reserve and crew our strategic sealift vessels.

Our fleet of strategic sealift vessels is critical to our ability to project and sustain U.S. forces around the world and defend ourselves and our allies. However, we can't do that without qualified Americans willing and able to crew these ships.

S. 467 will incentivize Americans to serve in this critical defense role by making those older than 25 years of age eligible for MARAD's Student Incentive Payment Program.

The Student Incentive Payment Program provides financial assistance to cadets who attend one of the six State maritime academies and commit to a post-graduation service obligation in the Navy Reserve.

I am proud to represent the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan, and I was honored to address the cadets at their graduation ceremony just a few weeks ago in May.

Cadets at Great Lakes and other maritime academies can receive up to \$32,000 in incentive payments over 4 years to help offset the cost of tuition and other education expenses. However, current law prohibits candidates older than 25 years of age from participating in the program. This is despite the fact that Americans between the ages of 18 and 42 can currently join the Navy Reserve and that State maritime academies are actively seeking to enroll veterans and servicemembers, many of whom are older than age 25.

S. 467 amends the Student Incentive Payment Program to align its eligibility age with the age requirements for enlisting or commissioning in the United States Navy Reserve.

This is a good bipartisan bill that will help our veterans transition to well-paying jobs, support the great work done by our State maritime academies, and help fill critical national security vacancies.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleague, Mr. BERGMAN, and rise in support of the CADETS Act.

This bipartisan bill raises the age requirement for MARAD's Student Incentive Payment Program, which provides financial support to cadets who attend one of six State maritime academies and commit to a post-graduation service obligation.

Current age requirements for the Student Incentive Payment Program limit participation to people between 17 and 25 years of age. This proposal would expand eligibility to people up to age 42. This bill would widen the pool of potential candidates and aligns the age requirements with that of the Navy Reserve.

Many military veterans attend these State academies, but many applicants are too old to qualify for aid or the program.

Graduates from the State maritime academies become licensed officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine and are part of the Navy's Strategic Sealift Officer Force. Currently, our merchant mariner force is around 1,800 officers short of wartime needs. Because the average age of a merchant mariner is 47, we need to increase the number of eligible individuals for this program.

This bill would open up additional opportunities to our best and brightest and bolster our national security.

State maritime academies provide our veterans unique opportunities to transition to well-paying jobs and continue to serve in support of our Nation.

For those reasons, Madam Speaker, I urge Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BERGMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 467.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### BLOCK GRANT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2023

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 662) to amend the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations

Act, 2023 to improve disaster relief funding for agricultural producers, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 662

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023”.

#### SEC. 2. DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023 AMENDMENT.

Title I of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (division N of Public Law 117-328), is amended, in the matter under the heading “OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY” under the heading “PROCESSING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING” under the heading “AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS” under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”, by inserting “: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture may provide assistance for losses described under this heading in this Act in the form of block grants to eligible States and territories” before the period at the end.

#### SEC. 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

(b) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate, this Act and the amendment made by this section are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, this bill, led by my colleagues Representatives SCOTT FRANKLIN and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, both of the Sunshine State as well, has the support of the entire Florida delegation, which is very urgently calling, on behalf of the citrus producers in our State, to pass this bill.

Hurricane Ian impacted more than 375,000 acres of citrus groves, costing nearly \$675 million in damages to the industry. More than 90 percent of all Florida citrus production was impacted by tropical storms in 2022. I will repeat that because I think it bears repeating: More than 90 percent of all Florida citrus produce was impacted by tropical storms in 2022.

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In December of last year, Congress appropriated \$3.7 billion, with a b, to address agricultural losses from hurricanes and other natural disasters. However, to date, no citrus grower has received any of the agricultural disaster relief funds. None.

When speaking to Secretary Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA, during a recent Ag Committee hearing, the Secretary stated that they, being USDA, needed this authority from Congress, and if we give USDA the authority, they will do everything that they can to get these funds to those who need it most.

The exact quote from Secretary Vilsack was:

If you, Congress, direct us, USDA, and give us the power to do so, we will do everything we can to get the resources to the people who need it as quickly as we can.

This bill would allow the Secretary of Agriculture to create a program within USDA to support specialty crops, including citrus, damaged by natural disasters. In 2017, this relief model was successfully used to help growers recover from Hurricane Irma. The Block Grant Assistance Act would provide that exact same flexibility to the Secretary to help Florida citrus growers recover from Hurricane Ian.

In 2018, Congress gave USDA the authority to issue block grants to States to assist with recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma. In conjunction with the USDA Farm Service Agency, the FSA, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Florida Citrus Recovery Block Grant Program was created to support citrus growers impacted by Hurricane Irma. The CRBG program was widely successful in aiding the Florida citrus industry. Unfortunately, for our citrus producers, the language in the fiscal year ‘23 omnibus bill did not provide Secretary Vilsack the direct authority to disburse the appropriated disaster funds via block grant.

Citrus is a crucial part of the Florida economy. The industry has more than 400,000 acres of citrus groves across the State. The industry contributes \$6.8 billion to the economy each year and supports over 33,000 jobs. Citrus growers have had no shortage of challenges over the past several decades, from citrus greening to natural disasters, high input costs, labor concerns, and beyond. However, our State growers have continued to remain resilient. This bill would help our citrus growers recover from Hurricane Ian by allowing the Secretary to efficiently deploy the funds that have already been appropriated by Congress.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H.R. 662, the Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023.

I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, along with my fellow Floridians, in-

cluding Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I thank Chairman THOMPSON and Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT for their assistance in moving this bill to the floor in a fairly expedited fashion.

The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture to utilize block grants to provide funding to States and territories to assist agricultural producers with losses due to natural disasters in the calendar year 2022. This does not address future disaster assistance. It simply allows USDA to get the money already appropriated to producers in our home States sooner, although we should look at that going forward as a longer-term reform.

Why is this important? Hurricane Ian devastated both southwest and central Florida. A category 4 storm hitting on September 28 of last year, it was tied for the fifth strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in the United States.

Less than 2 months later, on November 10, 2022, Hurricane Nicole made landfall near Vero Beach, Florida. Nicole devastated parts of our east coast.

The devastation was horrific, and the impact on Florida citrus and other segments of our agriculture industry has been devastating. My colleagues from Florida and other impacted areas were grateful for Congress’ support in the omnibus.

However, with losses to the citrus industry of somewhere between \$416 million and \$675 million, we need help quicker for these losses. The citrus industry is responsible for \$6.8 billion in revenue and 33,000 jobs in Florida, including in Florida’s Ninth Congressional District. Our Florida Department of Citrus and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have utilized the block grant authority previously to help deliver assistance to our cattle and timber producers, as well. However, the money hasn’t gotten there yet.

I applaud our Agriculture Secretary Vilsack for making a promise. He came down to Polk County in central Florida, met with citrus growers, and promised them he would get the money to these hard-fighting growers throughout central and south Florida.

He also came to the Agriculture Committee, as my colleague Mrs. CAMMACK mentioned already, making that same promise, if we gave him the statutory authority to do that. Today, on the House floor, we made good on our role in helping Secretary Vilsack’s promise.

Citrus faces a lot of challenges. Citrus greening continues to wreak havoc on our yields. We have new and promising pesticides that are working out, but we have a long way to go to get back to the heyday of the mid-2000s.

Citrus is also America’s vitamin C source. We can’t afford to export this critical set of nutrients to foreign producers. We need to protect it right here at home. This iconic Florida crop is critical for now and into the future.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today and ask my colleagues to support this

critical bill and join me in voting “yes” on H.R. 662. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN).

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 662, the Block Grant Assistance Act.

This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture to provide funding via block grants to States and territories to assist agricultural producers who suffered losses due to natural disasters that occurred in calendar year 2022.

More than 90 percent of all Florida citrus production was wiped out by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole in 2022, totaling over 375,000 acres impacted. It is not just a single season loss. The thousands of new trees that must be planted to replace those that were lost will not yield fruit for 3 to 5 years. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services expects these devastating losses to cost as much as \$675 million.

Congress did its part, passing supplemental disaster relief back in December, \$3.7 billion to be exact. This money was set aside to assist recoveries from the consequences of droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, winter storms, and a host of other disasters that struck Americans throughout the country last year. However, previous disaster bills that assisted and addressed similar losses included explicit discretionary language and authority to the Secretary of Agriculture to deliver assistance via block grants. Unfortunately, the omnibus bill from last December did not include this needed authority language.

Failure to provide this authority will result in longer delays in distributing relief to a citrus industry already devastated by invasive diseases and trade disadvantages. In fact, 8 months after the hurricanes, not a penny of Emergency Relief Program funds have been disbursed to anyone, especially our citrus growers. They simply cannot continue to absorb blow after blow, especially when we can provide the needed assistance quickly. Without this authority, there is a real threat in Florida that our citrus groves will go under, and vital agricultural land will be ceded to developers at fire sale prices.

Madam Speaker, this bill does not appropriate any new funds. There is no additional expense to taxpayers. It simply gives the USDA the ability to quickly disburse already appropriated disaster relief funds via block grants. The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed it, and it will have zero impact on our Federal budget. The money is there. We just need to get it to the folks who need it now before it is too late.

In a recent Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Sub-

committee hearing, Secretary Vilsack acknowledged the critical need for disaster relief and agreed that this is a viable solution. The USDA inspector general also testified to us in an oversight hearing that, historically, disaster block grants have been a highly effective tool in delivering much-needed relief in a quick and efficient manner.

I thank Representative KAT CAMMACK, DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, DARREN SOTO, and the rest of my Florida colleagues who unanimously joined this effort. Senators SCOTT and RUBIO have a Senate companion bill, as well.

Madam Speaker, this is not just a Florida concern. I am honored to represent Florida's 18th Congressional District, which is home to more than 70 percent of Florida's citrus industry, so, yes, this is near and dear to me. My constituents are suffering. They sent me here to Washington to be their voice and to fight for them.

This bill also helps secure relief for more than just those who earn their living from citrus. In addition to other Florida ag producers who were devastated last year, this bill impacts agricultural communities all across the country who were affected by disasters in 2022.

I extend my thanks to my colleagues in the Texas, California, and Washington delegations for their bipartisan cosponsorship of this much-needed adjustment. I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I have no additional speakers and yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 662, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-47)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90

days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14038 of August 9, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2023.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons, and the Belarusian regime's harmful activities and longstanding abuses, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 12, 2023.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

JUNE 12, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), I hereby reappoint the Honorable Terri A. Sewell of Alabama to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) at 7 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-1177. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Policy Statement on Section 9(13) of the Federal Reserve Act [Docket No.: R-1800] (RIN: 7100-AG-53) received May 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 Financial Services.

EC-1178. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Mississippi; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0022; FRL-8841-01-R4] received May 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-1179. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (21-2.F) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0227; FRL-8985-02-OCSP] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received May 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-1180. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; VOC RACT Requirements for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Operations [EPA-R05-OAR-2021-0294; FRL-9831-02-R5] received May 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-1181. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Ethalfuralin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0130 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0555; FRL-10449-01-OCSP] received May 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-1182. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acetophenone; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0274; FRL-10822-01-OCSP] received May 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-1183. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — West Virginia; Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Revision in Response to the 2015 Findings of Substantial Inadequacy and SIP Calls to Amend Provisions Applying to Excess Emissions During Periods of Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction [EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0179; FRL-10883-02-R3] received May 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-1184. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapproval; West Virginia; Revision to the West Virginia State Implementation Plan to Add the Startup, Shutdown, Maintenance Rule 45CSR1 — Alternative Emission Limitations during Startup, Shutdown, and Maintenance Operations [EPA-R03-OAR-2022-0956; FRL-10885-02-R3] received May 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-1185. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act Electronic Filing System (CEFS) [PS Docket No.: 22-217] received May 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-1186. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Property Safe Harbor Method of Accounting (Rev. Proc. 2023-15) received May 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 Ways and Means.

EC-1187. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Revenue Ruling to Obsolete Revenue Ruling 58-74 (Rev. Rul. 2023-8) received May 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 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. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3796. A bill to provide for the extension of taxes funding the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry; with an amendment (Rept. 118-105). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3798. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to inform employers of flexible health insurance benefits; with an amendment (Rept. 118-106). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3799. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual health insurance coverage; with an amendment (Rept. 118-107).

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MASSIE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 495. A Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to "Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached 'stabilizing braces'"; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products"; and for other purposes (Rept. 118-108). Referred to the House Calendar.

## 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. SANTOS:

H.R. 4000. A bill to authorize States to bring civil actions against the Government of the People's Republic of China for harm suffered by the State as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 4001. A bill to prohibit arms sales, cyber-security sales, and military sales with the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. MCCLELLAN (for herself, Ms.

TLAIB, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 4002. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to develop a consistent set of policy guidelines for Federal research agencies to address financial instability of graduate researchers and postdoctoral researchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. FRY, Ms. MACE, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 4003. A bill to prohibit any regulations on the singing of the National Anthem on any federal property; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. SMITH of Missouri (for himself,

Mr. NEAL, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FERGUSON, Ms. CHU, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. PANNETTA, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. TENNEY, Ms.



SÁNCHEZ, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 4004. A bill to approve and implement the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States regarding Trade between the United States of America and Taiwan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 4005. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on naloxone access; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 4006. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the application of certain private land use restrictions to amateur station antennas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 4007. A bill to ensure references to opioid overdose reversal agents in grant programs of the Department of Health and Human Services are not limited to naloxone; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 4008. A bill to amend the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to prohibit plan investments in foreign adversary and sanctioned entities, require disclosure of existing investments in such entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4009. A bill to establish emergency paid sick leave for individuals impacted by a public health emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, House Administration, the Judiciary, and 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 Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. MENG, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Ms. OMAR):

H.R. 4010. A bill to require \$20 notes to include a portrait of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 4011. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve patient access to oral medications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself and Mr. BURLISON):

H.R. 4012. A bill to repeal the guidance titled "CVM GFI #263 Recommendations for Sponsors of Medically Important Anti-

microbial Drugs Approved for Use in Animals to Voluntarily Bring Under Veterinary Oversight All Products That Continue to be Available Over-the-Counter"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Mr. CASE, and Mr. EZELL):

H.R. 4013. A bill to establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 4014. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 4015. A bill to amend the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 to require the submission of an updated multi-year strategy for United States engagement to support the efforts of interested nations in the Caribbean region; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 4016. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 4017. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 4018. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. DAVIDSON (for himself and Mr. EMMER):

H.R. 4019. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand and restructure the leadership of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4020. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. RYAN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. BOST, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BACON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H.R. 4021. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that authorizations issued by the Secretary of Transportation to foreign air carriers do not undermine labor

standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. BACON, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4022. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to include indoor agricultural technology as an activity that supports well-rounded education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself and Mr. KUSTOFF):

H.R. 4023. A bill to strengthen the requirements relating to advance electronic information for cargo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. ROBERT GARCIA of California (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. LIEU, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 4024. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the establishment of standards to limit the carbon intensity of the fuel used by certain vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 4025. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Emi-Coke Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 4026. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain credits and deductions to be taken as a refundable tax credit by Puerto Rico businesses or residents, and to extend such credits and deductions to possessions of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 4027. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate late enrollment penalties under part B of the Medicare program for individuals residing in Puerto Rico if such individuals enroll within 5 years of becoming entitled to benefits under part A of such program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 4028. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. HERN (for himself, Mr. ESTES, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. FEENSTRA):

H.R. 4029. A bill to secure the supply chain by providing an election to determine foreign income taxes paid or incurred to certain Western Hemisphere countries without regard to certain regulations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 4030. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 4031. A bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 4032. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Energy to exercise leadership in the creation of Federal and international policies relating to the safe and efficient use of hydrogen to increase aviation decarbonization and reduce air and noise pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself and Ms. STANSBURY):

H.R. 4033. A bill to provide additional funds to States for administration of certain nutrition programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. QUIGLEY):

H.R. 4034. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BARR, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mrs. HOUGHIN, and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 4035. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to harmonize the effective dates of all rules required under the Corporate Transparency Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BARR, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. POSEY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mrs. HOUGHIN, and Mr. HILL):

H.R. 4036. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 4037. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to submissions of certain Employee Assault Prevention and Response Plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 4038. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule related to new source performance standards and emissions guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions from certain stationary sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MORAN:

H.R. 4039. A bill to prohibit the use of funds supporting any activities within the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 4040. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. ROY):

H.R. 4041. A bill to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4042. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a District of Columbia jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4043. A bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to make the District of Columbia eligible for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 4044. A bill to amend the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 to modify the description of interest for purposes of certain distributions of antidumping duties and countervailing duties; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H.R. 4045. A bill to modernize the hydropower licensing process and to promote next-generation hydropower projects, and for other purposes; 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. RUIZ (for himself, Ms. GRIJALVA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 4046. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen the provisions relating to child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SORENSEN (for himself and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 4047. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SOTO (for himself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 4048. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain aliens who are nationals of Venezuela to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. MOLINARO):

H.R. 4049. A bill to provide seating accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. BERA, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KEATING, Ms. OMAR, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MENG, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. CHU, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. BALINT):

H.R. 4050. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 4051. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself and Mr. GOSAR):

H.J. Res. 68. A joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. ROY, Mr. LATTI, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SELF, Mr. PFLUGER, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. HOUGHIN, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. PENCE, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. PALMER, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BUCHSON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. EZELL, Mr. HUDSON,

Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas):

H.J. Res. 69. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.J. Res. 70. A joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution agreeing that the Chinese Communist Party is the greatest threat to freedom and to the free world; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. OGLES (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois):

H. Res. 493. A resolution impeaching President Joseph Robinette Biden, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OGLES (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois):

H. Res. 494. A resolution impeaching Kamala Devi Harris, Vice President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H. Res. 496. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 13 as "Posttraumatic Growth Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MAG-AZINER, and Mr. PETERS):

H. Res. 497. A resolution commemorating the Day of Portugal, Camões, and the Portuguese Communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. BALDERSON):

H. Res. 498. A resolution recognizing June 28, 2023, as the 125th anniversary of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and commending its work to improve the health of the people of the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mrs. LUNA, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H. Res. 499. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 12, 2023, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. SOTO (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. FROST):

H. Res. 500. A resolution commemorating 7 years since the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

## MEMORIALS

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

ML-14. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to House Resolution No. 98, urging the Federal Trade Commission and the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority to review the funding methodology of HISA and ensure that they provide uniform treatment to all states; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ML-15. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of North Dakota, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 3006, urging Congress to support policies to increase oil refining capacity in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ML-16. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Resolution 2002, supporting the enactment by the United States Congress of the securing America's land from Foreign Interference Act or similar legislation, to prohibit the sale of United States land to foreign investors; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ML-17. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2003, urging the United States Geological Survey to add copper to its list of critical minerals; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

## 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. SANTOS:

H.R. 4000.

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

US Constitution, Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize States to bring civil actions against the Government of the People's Republic of China for harm suffered by the State as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 4001.

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

US Constitution, Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Agreeing that the Chinese Communist Party is the greatest threat to freedom and to the free world.

By Mrs. MCCLELLAN:

H.R. 4002.

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

Article 1, Section 8, U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Graduate and Postdoctoral Research

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 4003.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To allow for the National Anthem to be sung without restriction in the U.S. Capitol

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 4004.

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:

The single subject of this legislation is to approve and implement the Agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States regarding Trade between the U.S. and Taiwan, and to establish transparency and consultations requirements for future negotiations.

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 4005.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would require a study on the affordability and accessibility of naloxone.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 4006.

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:

Prohibits certain private land use restrictions on amateur station antennas.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:

H.R. 4007.

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:

This bill updates HHS regulations, guidelines, and documents for grant programs to be inclusive of any opioid overdose reversal agent that has been approved or otherwise authorized for use by the FDA

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 4008.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is:

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 4009.

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:

The bill establish emergency paid sick leave and expanded family medical leave for individuals impacted by an infectious disease declared a public health emergency.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 4010.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:

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By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 4011.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill requires group health plans and pharmacies contracted with the plans to dispense medically necessary oral medications within certain time frames.

By Mr. BRECHEEN:

H.R. 4012.

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

Article I, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To repeal FDA guidance “GFI 263” and to prevent the FDA from issuing similar guidance or rules.

By Mrs. CAMMACK

H.R. 4013.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 4014.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Aviation Safety

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 4015.

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

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18) THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS CLAUSE 18 The Congress shall have power To make all laws which shall be necessary end proper for

The single subject of this legislation is:

The purpose of the bill is related to Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 4016.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 4017.

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:

Federal cost-share program for grazing.

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 4018.

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:

Forest management public-private partnership incentive program.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 4019.

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:

The Securities & Exchange Commission

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 4020.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

Banning child labor on tobacco farms.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 4021.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To ensure that authorizations issued by the Secretary of Transportation to foreign air carriers do not undermine U.S. labor standards

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 4022.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States. . .

The single subject of this legislation is:

This would allow schools to use education funds to implement hydronic labs into classrooms

By Mr. EZELL:

H.R. 4023.

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

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To strengthen the requirements relating to advance electronic information for cargo, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California:

H.R. 4024.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

legislating

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 4025.

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

Article I, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To encourage, enhance, and integrate Emi-Coke Alert plans throughout the United States.

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 4026.

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

Art. I, §8, cl. 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution, which provide as follows: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; [and] 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:

Taxes

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 4027.

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

Art. I, §8, cl. 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution, which provide as follows: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; [and] 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:

Healthcare

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 4028.

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

Art. I, §8, cl. 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution, which provide that Congress shall have

Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; [ . . . and] 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:

Healthcare

By Mr. HERN:

H.R. 4029.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To encourage economic growth

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 4030.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 4031.

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 drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia:

H.R. 4032.

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

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Aviation

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 4033.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Nutrition

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 4034.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this legislation is: to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

By Mr. MCHENRY:

H.R. 4035.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18:

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:

The bill would delay the reporting requirements set to go into effect on January 2024.

By Mr. MCHENRY:

H.R. 4036.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18:

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:

The bill would make the FinCEN director a senate confirmed position.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 4037.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: corrects a jurisdictional issue to prevent airline employee assault.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:  
H.R. 4038.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Energy

By Mr. MORAN:  
H.R. 4039.

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 prohibit the use of funds supporting any activities within the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China.

By Mr. NEGUSE:  
H.R. 4040.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Improve data on recycling and composting infrastructure in the U.S.

By Mr. NEGUSE:  
H.R. 4041.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

By Ms. NORTON:  
H.R. 4042.

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

clause 17 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would clarify that District of Columbia residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the D.C. Superior Court based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

By Ms. NORTON:  
H.R. 4043.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend Section 302(c)(1) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to expressly make the District of Columbia eligible for certain wastewater infrastructure grants.

By Mr. PANETTA:  
H.R. 4044.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Trade

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:  
H.R. 4045.

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:

This bill amends the Federal Power Act to modernize the hydropower licensing process.

By Mr. RUIZ:  
H.R. 4046.

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

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill revises labor provisions for protecting child workers, including those employed in agriculture, and increases the civil penalties for violations of such provisions and imposes new criminal penalties for violations resulting in the death or serious injury or illness of a child worker.

By Mr. SORESENSEN:

H.R. 4047.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Commerce Clause

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Disabled veterans benefits

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 4048.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust the status of certain aliens who are nationals of Venezuela to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

By Mr. STANTON:

H.R. 4049.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To improve accessibility of air travel for individuals with disabilities.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 4050.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
International Affairs

By Mr. WITTMAN:

H.R. 4051.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Protection of Recreational Fishing from Shark encounters.

By Mrs. BOEBERT:

H.J. Res. 68.

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

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The single subject of this legislation is:

Terminates the National Emergency Declaration by the finding of the President on October 27, 6 2006, in Executive Order 13413.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.J. Res. 69.

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

Article 1 Section 3 of the constitution allows for the introduction of this legislation.

The single subject of the legislation is:

To disapprove of the EPA's 'Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.'

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.J. Res. 70.

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

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The purpose of this bill is to end the national emergency proclamation in Libya enacted in 2011.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 41: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. KILMER.  
H.R. 53: Mr. BEAN of Florida and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.  
H.R. 82: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.  
H.R. 205: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 233: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.  
H.R. 253: Mr. TORRES of New York.  
H.R. 409: Mrs. PELTOLA.  
H.R. 547: Mr. RYAN.  
H.R. 556: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.  
H.R. 568: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 584: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 615: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.  
H.R. 663: Mrs. PELTOLA.  
H.R. 716: Mr. TONKO.  
H.R. 765: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 804: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.  
H.R. 816: Mr. MENENDEZ.  
H.R. 882: Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 895: Mr. WOMACK, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BERA, Mr. IVEY, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. KILEY.  
H.R. 949: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 953: Ms. CHU, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. OMAR.  
H.R. 974: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 1005: Mr. BUCHANAN and Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
H.R. 1020: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana and Mr. CARL.  
H.R. 1024: Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 1096: Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. PALMER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. RYAN, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. PORTER, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CROW, Mr. ALLRED, and Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 1122: Mr. JACKSON of Texas and Mr. GOSAR.  
H.R. 1230: Mr. LYNCH and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 1250: Mr. LALOTA.  
H.R. 1276: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.  
H.R. 1293: Mr. PETERS.  
H.R. 1322: Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 1404: Mr. MCGOVERN.  
H.R. 1413: Mr. RESCENHALER, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. MOORE of Utah.  
H.R. 1453: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 1477: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. MACE.  
H.R. 1485: Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 1488: Ms. WILD and Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 1493: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 1507: Mr. CORREA.  
H.R. 1517: Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 1526: Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. CHU, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mrs. TRAHAN.  
H.R. 1529: Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
H.R. 1572: Mr. LALOTA and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
H.R. 1582: Mr. SOTO and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.  
H.R. 1602: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 1608: Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
H.R. 1610: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.  
H.R. 1614: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama and Mr. HARRIS.  
H.R. 1624: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SOTO, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. HIMES.  
H.R. 1631: Ms. TITUS and Mr. NEHLS.

- H.R. 1674: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
H.R. 1691: Mr. DUNN of Florida and Mr. MULLIN.  
H.R. 1694: Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 1699: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 1719: Mr. SCHIFF and Ms. CRAIG.  
H.R. 1721: Mr. VAN ORDEN and Mr. MOLINARO.  
H.R. 1729: Mr. MFUME.  
H.R. 1741: Ms. BUSH.  
H.R. 1761: Mr. CLOUD.  
H.R. 1763: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. GARCIA of Texas.  
H.R. 1777: Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. MACE, and Mr. WALBERG.  
H.R. 1782: Mr. LaLOTA.  
H.R. 1794: Mr. VALADAO, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H.R. 1801: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 1818: Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. LUTTRELL, and Mr. MAST.  
H.R. 1822: Mr. SELF.  
H.R. 1826: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
H.R. 1833: Mr. PASCRELL and Ms. PINGREE.  
H.R. 1839: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. STEIL, and Mr. GARAMENDI.  
H.R. 1840: Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. TLAIB.  
H.R. 1843: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mrs. HOUCHIN.  
H.R. 2394: Mr. PETERS.  
H.R. 2402: Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.  
H.R. 2407: Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. PENCE.  
H.R. 2461: Mr. SCHWEIKERT and Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 2474: Ms. SEWELL, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. ROSS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. VALADAO, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMER.  
H.R. 2546: Mrs. RADEWAGEN.  
H.R. 2547: Mr. LaLOTA.  
H.R. 2567: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 2595: Mr. ROSENDALE.  
H.R. 2597: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 2621: Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 2630: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. SCHRIER.  
H.R. 2656: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 2672: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.  
H.R. 2673: Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mrs. BEATTY.  
H.R. 2678: Mr. KHANNA.  
H.R. 2718: Ms. CHU and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 2722: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 2723: Mr. EVANS and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 2725: Ms. OMAR.  
H.R. 2729: Ms. CRAIG.  
H.R. 2747: Mr. MCGARVEY.  
H.R. 2777: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 2783: Ms. PORTER and Mr. TAKANO.  
H.R. 2788: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Mr. WENSTRUP.  
H.R. 2802: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 2814: Mr. SELF.  
H.R. 2826: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Mr. JACKSON of Texas.  
H.R. 2891: Mr. POCAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 2898: Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 2957: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. FERGUSON, and Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 2964: Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 2975: Mr. COSTA.  
H.R. 2986: Mr. FINSTAD.  
H.R. 2996: Mrs. HINSON and Ms. MENG.  
H.R. 3004: Ms. JACKSON LEE.  
H.R. 3005: Ms. CRAIG.  
H.R. 3008: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 3018: Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. MCCOLLUM.  
H.R. 3031: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin and Mr. DESAULNIER.  
H.R. 3048: Ms. KUSTER.  
H.R. 3065: Mr. MOLINARO.  
H.R. 3074: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 3099: Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mr. NICKEL.  
H.R. 3108: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 3117: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 3138: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 3152: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LIEU, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. WALTZ.  
H.R. 3159: Mr. TONKO and Ms. TITUS.  
H.R. 3160: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 3161: Mr. OGLES.  
H.R. 3170: Mr. CORREA.  
H.R. 3179: Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. OMAR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. VEASEY.  
H.R. 3184: Mr. MEUSER and Mr. EDWARDS.  
H.R. 3185: Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. LaMALFA, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, and Mr. DUARTE.  
H.R. 3191: Mr. DONALDS.  
H.R. 3199: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 3202: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 3204: Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Ms. MATSUI.  
H.R. 3227: Mr. CARL.  
H.R. 3236: Mrs. PELTOLA.  
H.R. 3240: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 3251: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 3305: Mr. TORRES of New York.  
H.R. 3333: Mr. MEEKS.  
H.R. 3337: Ms. De LA CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, and Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 3366: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. BOST.  
H.R. 3374: Ms. CHU and Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 3375: Ms. BALINT.  
H.R. 3393: Mr. LaLOTA.  
H.R. 3396: Mr. OBERNOLTE.  
H.R. 3413: Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. HUDSON.  
H.R. 3419: Mr. ALFORD, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 3442: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Mr. SMITH of Washington.  
H.R. 3443: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 3448: Mr. LOUDERMILK.  
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Under clause 3 of rule XII,

PT-2. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Los Angeles City Council, relative to a letter to President Biden and Vice President Harris, urging action to lift Russia and Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Artsakh; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.



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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whom the heavens of heavens cannot contain, illumine us by Your Grace that we may represent You.

May our Senators, today, show You their gratitude through humble service to this land we love. Lord, help them to do Your will by bringing deliverance to captives, guidance for the lost, and relief to the oppressed. Direct their steps, and give them the wisdom to focus on the things that truly matter. When bewildered by vicissitudes, may they look to You as the one constituent they must please.

Touch us all with Your unfailing love, particularly the many staffers and other unsung heroes and heroines who labor long hours in the back-ground for liberty.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 12, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

### UKRAINE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, public reports indicate that the armed forces of Ukraine have begun their long-planned counteroffensive in earnest. Having blunted Putin's

unprovoked escalation last year, Ukraine is aiming to drive Russian forces back and out of occupied Ukrainian territory on multiple fronts.

Reaching this point in the conflict is, of course, due in large measure to the heroism of the brave Ukrainians defending their homeland, but their success is also—also—a credit to the tangible support of the United States, NATO allies, and friends around the globe who value the same sovereignty and territorial integrity which is under attack in Ukraine.

The acute threat of Russian aggression helped wake many of our European friends from a holiday from history. Putin's escalation drove many of our closest allies to start investing more seriously in their own defense and contribute more readily to collective security. This is, of course, a positive development and a critical one as we look toward deterring aggression from China.

At the same time, America's support for Ukraine has done much more than sustain their defense. As I have said repeatedly, sending lethal Western capabilities to the frontlines has been a direct investment in our own security in a number of concrete ways.

First, equipping our friends on the frontlines to defend themselves is a far, far cheaper way, in both dollars and American lives, to degrade Russia's ability to threaten the United States.

Second, Ukraine's effective defense of its territory is teaching us lessons about how to improve the defenses of partners who are threatened by China. It is no surprise that senior officials from Taiwan are so supportive of efforts to help Ukraine defeat Russia.

Third, most of the money that has been appropriated for Ukraine's security assistance doesn't actually go to Ukraine; it gets invested in American defense manufacturing. It funds new weapons and munitions for U.S. Armed Forces to replace the older materiel we have provided to Ukraine.

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So let me be clear: This assistance means more jobs for American workers and newer weapons for American servicemembers.

I know that media reports about U.S. assistance to Ukraine have been really quite confusing—so has the Biden administration's messaging. Last week, for example, the administration announced what it called a "new" package of security assistance to Ukraine.

In reality, this is the latest tranche of assistance. It is not a new appropriation. It is just the latest in a slow and steady disbursement—perhaps too slow and too steady—of assistance previously approved by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress.

I will have more to say as Ukraine continues to push Vladimir Putin's forces backward, and Senate Republicans will continue our efforts to invest in America's own national security.

#### JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Madam President, now on an entirely different matter, last week, Senate Democrats backtracked on plans to confirm Dale Ho to the Southern District of New York. Apparently, our colleagues didn't yet have enough votes for the self-described "wide-eyed leftist" President Biden would like to give a lifetime appointment to the Federal bench.

I have talked about Mr. Ho's criticism of the Fraternal Order of Police and his history of attacking our colleagues on Twitter. I have discussed his apparent dismay that fidelity to the Constitution as it was written doesn't really produce "progressive" outcomes. But as you might expect, the rap sheet on a nominee too radical for Senate Democrats goes on. Mr. Ho has also vocally opposed laws that ban ballot harvesting. He has railed against common-sense voter ID requirements that 80 percent of Americans support.

Senate Democrats will have to think hard about whether they are ready to ram Mr. Ho's nomination through after all of this. But in the meantime, two more of President Biden's leftwing nominees are up for a vote this week; first, Hernan Vera, nominated to the bench in the Central District of California. Mr. Vera's nomination comes with the ringing endorsement of the left's dark money operation, and a review of his record certainly shows why.

Throughout his legal career, Mr. Vera has made no effort to hide his willingness to pick progressive activism over the rule of law. He has asserted publicly that the need for greater security at our southern border is actually a "myth" and supported efforts to prevent ICE from conducting enforcement operations in county jails. In other words, Mr. Vera doesn't just oppose enforcing immigration laws; he opposes enforcing laws illegal immigrants have broken after they have arrived.

The Senate will also vote this week on the nomination of Patrick Pitts to the Northern District of California. Mr.

Pitts helped to organize student protests against military recruiters on campus when he was at Yale, but he publicly fawned over a leftist judge who later faced a reckoning over his decades of sexual harassment. Apparently, the Army was unseemly, but a notorious harasser was "an inspiration."

Aside from being a bad judge of character, Mr. Pitts has spent his legal career making life easier for Democrats' Big Labor allies. He worked to give union bosses more political influence over American workers, especially those who would rather be free from union thuggery.

I will be opposing each of these nominations and will urge our colleagues to do the same.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UKRAINE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, last week, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, GEN Mark Milley, spoke at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France. In the audience were veterans—some were over 100 years old—who stormed those beaches 79 years ago on D-Day. D-Day was a critical moment in World War II. It was the beginning of the liberation of Europe, and it was the beginning of the end of Nazi tyranny.

Looking out over a sea of headstones of fallen American patriots, Secretary Austin said:

It's easy to forget how desperate the battle was . . . but, on D-Day, courage won out over terror, daring over cruelty, and liberty won out over tyranny.

Today, that same eternal battle is being fought in another place, in Ukraine, which has begun a heroic counteroffensive to finally drive out Vladimir Putin and the Russian invaders and to preserve democracy in that nation.

Next month, Senator SHAHEEN of New Hampshire and I will travel to the NATO summit in Lithuania. The location—in a nation that was once under Soviet occupation—is both historic and poignant. Success in Ukraine's counteroffensive and the country's long-term security will once again be on top of the NATO agenda. We also will welcome the security alliance's newest member, Finland. I hope, by the time we convene in Lithuania, Hungary and Turkey will have ratified Sweden's succession without any further delay—another plus for the future of the NATO alliance.

Let me also state clearly that I believe Ukraine's future is in the European Union and the NATO alliance, and

until the day that Ukraine can join NATO, the United States and other key allies must help Ukraine with security guarantees, as we do with other key non-NATO allies. It is clear that Ukraine can never trust Russia. It is in the interest of the United States and democracy itself that we ensure Ukraine can always defend itself, that any aggressor will think twice before ever again trying to threaten its people or its territory.

President Biden knows what is at stake in this fight against tyranny. So do our NATO allies. And I want to particularly note Minority Leader MCCONNELL. Echoing Ronald Reagan, Senator MCCONNELL has spoken forcefully about the need for continued bipartisan support for Ukraine. That is the ultimate strength of the American role in the NATO alliance: that we speak with one voice. And, of course, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy understands that what is at stake in Ukraine is bigger than just his nation; it is literally a battle for freedom and democracy themselves.

In his remarks at Normandy last week, Secretary Austin said:

Free soldiers will fight more bravely than the armies of tyrants.

He is correct, but the free people of Ukraine must not be left to fight this war alone. The United States and nations of the free world must provide the resources and equipment and training necessary for them to prevail against Putin and his cowardly enablers. The free people and soldiers of Ukraine are fighting today to preserve the peace and international order for which those young Americans gave their lives at D-Day. We must stand with them with resolve until Ukraine is free again.

#### INVESTING IN AMERICA

Madam President, on an issue that you know so well, let me say this: Last week, the White House launched a new website, invest.gov. It shows the historic investments that have been announced across America since President Biden took office.

We should not forget that under the previous President, there were 4 years of promises and 4 years where they failed to produce. Under President Biden, we have a bipartisan infrastructure bill that is changing the face of America and preparing our economy for the 21st century.

Invest.gov shows the historic investments that have been announced across America under President Biden and provides a State-by-State overview of those investments.

In a little more than 2 years, Illinois, our State, has received more than \$9 billion in infrastructure funding, more than \$1 billion to support the creation of clean energy jobs, and we are creating thousands of new manufacturing jobs at this very moment.

Today, I want to tell you about one particular project near and dear to us in Illinois. It is a project our leaders have been talking about for literally

six decades—since the time of the John F. Kennedy administration—and one that I hope we will be able to add to this Senate's long list of accomplishments. It is called the Southwest Connector, and it will be vital to my State's economy as well as that of the neighboring State of Missouri.

I have requested congressional-directed spending to support this project in the next fiscal year. It will expand Illinois State highways 127, 154, and 3 from two to four lanes and create a much-desired rural expressway between St. Louis and Southern Illinois.

Madam President, I can remember when I was new to this business, and in the first campaign, working for a man named Paul Douglas, who was our Senator at the time, I went to Southern Illinois with him in the 1960s, fresh out of college, and heard him tell the story about the valiant efforts that they made to build up Southern Illinois and to restore a broken economy. Part of that was involved in creating lakes and water supplies which still serve the region and are effective in our future view of where we must go as a nation and as a State.

Now we need to do the same thing in transportation. Expanding these two-lane highways to four lanes will boost economic development in Southern Illinois and Missouri by creating jobs and enabling the regions to better compete.

Several sections of the Connector's planned route rank in the top 5 percent of the most dangerous two-lane highways in our State of Illinois. The Connector would improve traffic safety by separating lanes of traffic with a 50-foot median, and it would improve mobility for emergency vehicles and provide faster access to healthcare facilities. The project would also benefit the National Guard armories in Sparta and Murphysboro, whose activation has been particularly crucial during the floods in the region.

When Congress passed the bipartisan infrastructure law in 2021—the largest investment in our infrastructure since President Eisenhower created the Interstate Highway System—it was proof that we could get big things done on behalf of the American people. We have a chance to do it again by moving forward on the Southwest Connector.

I want to particularly thank the mayor of Murphysboro, Will Stephens, who visited both of our offices. He has been working hard to make the Connector a reality, despite the fact that the concept of the Connector really started years before he was born.

There are countless local leaders across America like Mayor Stephens who are committed to improving our communities but who have been forced to wait on Washington to provide the funding. Let's not make them wait any longer. Congress needs to return to regular order in a timely manner to carry out the annual appropriations process and fulfill the authorizations in the bipartisan infrastructure law and to con-

sider earmarks for community projects that have the opportunity to transform rural communities across America.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am committed to working with my colleagues under the bipartisan leadership of Chair MURRAY and Ranking Member COLLINS to pass our 12 annual appropriations bills on time.

Madam President, I know this is near and dear to you as well as myself. To see this project move forward is going to change the face of Southern Illinois at a time when they need this infusion of economic activity and opportunity. I hope this project can be included in our projects that are authorized and appropriated in this year's bill. I will be working toward that goal.

I yield the floor.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

#### TRUMP INVESTIGATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, last Friday, the Department of Justice announced Donald Trump had been indicted on 37 counts related to his mishandling of classified documents. One only has to listen to the statements from former Trump National Security Advisor John Bolton and Trump's former Attorney General to know just how serious this indictment is.

As I have said before: No one is above the law—including Donald Trump. This case must be allowed to play out through the legal process without outside political or ideological interference. I encourage both supporters and critics of Donald Trump to maintain the peace and let the justice system do its work.

#### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Madam President, now, on Senate business, it will be another busy week here in the Senate as we confirm more nominees and address pressing issues like AI. Tomorrow, the Senate will convene the first of three Senators-only briefings on artificial intelligence.

These briefings are the first all-Senators briefings ever on AI. Tomorrow's briefing, provided by Antonio Torralba of MIT, will focus on the state of AI today, providing an overview of AI, where it is being used right now, what it is currently capable of, and other recent developments.

Professor Torralba is one of the top machine-learning experts in the country, someone exceptionally skilled at breaking down all the complexities of AI in an accessible and simple way.

I strongly urge all my colleagues on both sides to attend tomorrow's briefing because elected representatives in the 21st century cannot ignore AI any more than we can ignore our national security, job creation, or civil liberties. It is imperative that we Senators take time to educate ourselves on AI and its implications so that we can ensure it becomes a force for human prosperity while mitigating its very real risks.

I also urge my colleagues to attend the other two AI briefings happening in the coming weeks. Our second briefing will focus on where AI is headed in the future and how America can remain a leader in the field.

Our third classified briefing on AI, the first ever classified Senate briefing on the subject, will focus on how our adversaries will use AI against us, as well as how the DOD and the intelligence community are using this technology to keep Americans safe.

I look forward to attending the briefing tomorrow, and I thank Senators ROUNDS, HEINRICH, and YOUNG for their work on this issue.

On the nominations front, last week, after confirming several highly qualified nominees like Dilawar Syed to the SBA, I filed cloture on two more executive nominees and two district judges.

On the judicial front, we will soon consider the nominations of Hernan Vera to serve as a district judge for the Central District of California and Casey Pitts to serve as a district judge for the Northern District of California. And for the information of Senators, I will be filing cloture on more nominees later this evening.

#### REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

Now, on the Republican tax plan, with the predictability of a meteorome, Republicans are back doing what they do best: pushing tax giveaways that benefit the wealthy, large, huge corporations, while telling working families to take a hike. Last Friday, the House Republicans released a sweeping array of new tax giveaways that double down on some of the worst parts of the 2017 Trump tax law.

This latest GOP tax scam feels like a bad rerun. Once again, the biggest winners are billion-dollar companies, Big Oil polluters, and very high-income households. Once again, the biggest losers in this Republican tax scheme are vulnerable families and anyone who worries about protecting our planet for future generations.

The bulk of these new business tax giveaways will flow directly to the largest corporations in the country. Half of the 10 billion in interest deduction benefits, for example, will flow to companies with revenues of over a billion dollars annually.

Republicans' latest proposal will also gut billions in clean energy investments, essential for lowering our carbon emissions and creating millions of good-paying green jobs. In just 10 months, the Inflation Reduction Act has created over 142,000 new good-paying jobs, and more are coming in the next few months and years.

But Republicans want to gut those investments. Big Oil polluters, meanwhile, under the Republican plan, would get a \$10 billion tax break. It is almost too perfect that Republicans unrolled this Big Oil tax giveaway right as millions of Americans endured the hazards of toxic air pollution exacerbated by climate change.

And, of course, this tax giveaway by the Republicans will mean next to

nothing for too many Americans who aren't among the top percentage of earners.

And for all the consternation we have heard from Republicans about lowering the deficit, this latest tax package will do what Republican tax packages have regularly done in the past: blow another hole in our deficit.

Independent forecasters say Republicans' proposals would increase the deficit by a trillion dollars. These are the same Republicans who nearly defaulted us because they were worried about the deficit and about debt, and now they are making a proposal that increases debt by a trillion dollars. What hypocrisy.

Republicans love to sing from the hymnal of fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction when it suits them. But whenever they push tax breaks for the ultrarich and the big corporations that increase the deficit, suddenly they switch their tune. Republicans claim that these tax cuts pay for themselves, as if by magic, but the GOP has been claiming for decades that their tax cuts pay for themselves only to have the actual economic facts repudiate them over and over and over again. Americans know by now that cutting taxes for the rich while ignoring working families is a failed approach—the trickle-down approach that Republicans seem to love. But Republicans seem remarkably impervious to learning from experience. After all, the last time the Republican tax scam was passed under President Trump, we know what happened: The winners turned out to be wealthy shareholders and corporations, not families. And then big corporations used their windfall from the GOP tax scam to spend trillions of dollars on corporate stock buybacks.

The latest Republican tax scam is more of the same: giveaways to large corporations, giveaways to Big Oil, and another massive hole in the deficit. The good news is, the American people saw through the GOP tax plan when Republicans passed it in 2017. When they were running in 2018, they hardly mentioned it because Americans were aware it was not for them but for the wealthiest people. The American people, once again, see through this tax scam just as clearly today.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 26.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 26, Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Edward J. Markey, Tammy Duckworth, Ben Ray Lujan, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher Murphy, Debbie Stabenow, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Angus S. King, Jr., Martin Heinrich, Raphael G. Warnock, Brian Schatz, Peter Welch, Jack Reed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 29.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 29, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Tim Kaine, Margaret Wood Hassan, Ben Ray Lujan, Raphael G. Warnock, Tammy Duckworth, Jack Reed, John W. Hickenlooper, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tammy Baldwin, Brian Schatz, Christopher Murphy, Tina Smith, Debbie Stabenow, Sheldon Whitehouse.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 23.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 23, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher A. Coons, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tina Smith, Christopher Murphy, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan, John W. Hickenlooper, Sheldon Whitehouse, Catherine Cortez Masto, Brian Schatz, Gary C. Peters, Alex Padilla, Michael F. Bennet.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, June 12, be waived.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, last month, the majority leader announced an effort to compile what he called China bill 2.0, alluding to the CHIPS and Science Act that we passed last year dealing with the vulnerability of our supply chains and access to advanced semiconductors, which were overwhelmingly manufactured in Asia—60 percent in Taiwan alone.

To pursue this China bill 2.0, Senator SCHUMER directed committee chairmen to work on legislation that takes aim at everything from U.S. investment in China to security threats against Taiwan. As each of us knows, these are some of the most urgent threats facing the United States and our allies to date.

The Chinese Communist Party has become increasingly aggressive in recent years. It is rapidly growing and modernizing its military. It is cozying up to Russia. It is bullying and harassing its neighbors in the Indo-Pacific.

Yes, there is a clear and urgent need to counter threats from China, but there is a better way than China 2.0.

As we have seen in the past, our Democratic colleagues can't resist the urge to mix partisan politics along with urgent national security legislation. So every one of these bills tends to become a vehicle for unrelated items. We saw this during consideration of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act 2 years ago, when our colleagues attached prevailing wage legislation to the CHIPS provisions. They injected partisan labor policy into private construction projects that would benefit from national security concerns.

But we won't outcompete China by pursuing a liberal domestic socialist policy. Our Democratic colleagues have shown themselves unwilling to separate themselves from the left's wish list from our most urgent national security priorities.

If the true goal is to counter threats from China, the majority leader doesn't need a new working group to draft a bill from scratch because there is already a strong bipartisan effort underway. Our colleagues on the Armed Services Committee are working around-the-clock to prepare this year's Defense authorization bill. This has literally been something that Congress has done for the last 61 years without interruption.

This legislation is not negotiated in a backroom by a hand-picked group of Members. It isn't thrown together in a matter of days and then pushed to the floor for a vote without the opportunity to offer amendments. It is slowly and thoughtfully drafted over a period of months, including multiple hearings, votes, and hundreds of amendments.

Year after year, all 100 Members of the U.S. Senate are given an opportunity to shape the national defense authorization bill in some way. As a re-

sult, the Defense authorization bill has maintained strong bipartisan support for more than six decades.

The Armed Services Committee is set to consider the 2024 National Defense Authorization Act just next week. As it stands right now, the committee should be able to complete its work by the end of the month and put the Senate in a great position to pass a strong and ontime defense bill.

This legislation is all about supporting our servicemembers, modernizing our military, and addressing the biggest security threats, including those posed by the Chinese Communist Party.

The bipartisan national defense authorization bill should be the centerpiece of our efforts to counter threats from Russia, not a bill put together behind closed doors with Members having only the chance to vote yes or no in final passage. Senators on both sides will have an opportunity, in contrast, under the NDAA, to offer amendments and to be able to shape that bill, so it will truly represent a bipartisan consensus of all 100 Members of the U.S. Senate.

I plan to offer several amendments that will strengthen our ability to counter threats from China. One of those bills that I intend to offer takes aim at China and other adversaries that are trying to take advantage of loopholes to influence U.S. policy.

What I am talking about is the Foreign Agent Registration Act. That law requires individuals engaged in lobbying activities on behalf of foreign governments to disclose that information publicly. But there are two major loopholes that are being abused by our adversaries. As a result, foreign agents are able to influence U.S. policy unbeknownst to Members of Congress because they don't have to disclose who is actually paying them. So rather than being engaged in the people's business—the people of the United States—we could find ourselves being lobbied by somebody who is representing a foreign government with interests that are completely different from those of the United States.

Lobbyists for American entities are required to adhere to strict disclosure requirements. We want to know whom they are working for. There is no reason our adversaries should be subject to a more lenient standard, which they are now. In other words, it is easy to hide the ball—come in and lobby on behalf of a foreign government and not let Members of Congress or the American people know whom they are lobbying on behalf of.

Senator WHITEHOUSE and I have introduced a bill we call the PAID OFF Act to help close those loopholes in our lobbying system that are being abused by some of our adversaries that would require foreign agents lobbying on behalf of China, Russia, Cuba, or other countries of concern to register and disclose their political activities to the Department of Justice, just as the law

originally intended before these loopholes were identified and exploited.

As our colleagues know, there has never been a more important time to protect our country from the secret and malign influence of some foreign governments. This is a goal Democrats and Republicans should share alike, and I hope this legislation will be adopted as an amendment to this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

Another amendment I plan to offer is the National Critical Capabilities Defense Act, which has been a joint effort with Senator CASEY, the Senator from Pennsylvania. We first introduced this legislation last year to help understand our greatest national security risks.

We know that American companies have been investing in China for many years, including some defense and technology capabilities, now at an alarming scale. At the end of 2020, U.S. investments in Chinese companies totaled \$2.3 trillion in market value; that is, U.S. companies investing in China have basically built the Chinese economy which now puts them as a peer adversary both in terms of our economies and in terms of our military capabilities. So that \$2.3 trillion in market value by American companies that invest in China includes \$21 billion in semiconductors, \$54 billion for Chinese military companies, and a whopping \$221 billion in artificial intelligence.

American companies are bankrolling the capabilities and assets that the Chinese Communist Party could soon use against the United States and our allies.

Right now, the United States is flying blind. We don't have a full understanding of the vulnerabilities this creates, and this legislation is exactly what we hope will begin to change that situation and provide more transparency and, thus, ability for U.S. Members of Congress and others leaders to evaluate whether and how some of these investments made by U.S. companies in China are affecting our national security.

The National Critical Capabilities Defense Act would ensure that we have better awareness of the biggest national security risks so we can plan and prepare accordingly.

Just as it is critical for the United States to have visibility of potential risks, it is also important for the average American to understand how Chinese aggression could impact their own finances and our economy.

President Xi Jinping has made no secret of his desire to invade Taiwan, and he has even said he wants to be ready to go by the year 2027—just 4 years from now. If or when that happens, the global response will be swift and severe. It will affect businesses' cashflow, manufacturing operations, employees, assets, business relationships, and so much more.

So stockholders, to whom the companies owe a fiduciary duty—investors need to know, whether it is a teachers'



retirement fund or a union pension retirement fund, how much risk these investments in Chinese companies carry.

I think of this like the warning on a box of cigarettes that says: Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and may complicate pregnancy. Now, consenting adults have the freedom to read this warning and ignore it, but they are at least presented with clear information about the risks associated with their decision. American shareholders and investors—teachers' and firefighters' pension funds, union pension funds—deserve the same transparency when it comes to the dangers of military conflict in the Indo-Pacific.

I am finalizing legislation that will require public companies, investment companies, investment advisers, and tax-exempt organizations to disclose the risk posed by a potential military conflict in the Indo-Pacific. A Chinese invasion of Taiwan poses a material risk to many Americans' livelihoods and retirements and investments, and that information should be disclosed and transparent.

So these are just a few of the bipartisan bills that are aimed at countering China that I hope will be included in the National Defense Authorization bill.

Once again, I appreciate Senator WICKER and Senator REED for their work to make the national defense reauthorization a thoughtful, fair, and open process.

This is what we call regular order around here as contrasted with the backroom negotiations which only a handful of people get to participate in and basically where rank-and-file Members are excluded.

This also would reaffirm that the National Defense Authorization Act should be the pillar of our efforts to counter China. I fear that a China 2.0 bill will turn into just another vehicle for partisan freight. It will lead good, bipartisan bills to be held hostage by unrelated partisan demands. We cannot allow competition with China to become so politicized. The answer, of course, is the National Defense Authorization Act, which has a long and proud history of bipartisanship, and I hope we can continue to build on that success this year.

Once the Armed Services Committee completes its work, I hope the majority leader will prioritize the consideration of that bill on the Senate floor. We can't afford to repeat last year's drama, when Senator SCHUMER allowed the NDAA to languish on the Senate's calendar for more than 5 months without any action. If the majority leader truly cares about countering threats from China, he will abandon his partisan China 2.0 bill and allow the Senate to pass a strong and on-time National Defense Authorization Act.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa.

#### CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, last week, I came here to speak to my colleagues about the Biden administration and the FBI playing games with the American people by hiding the FBI-generated 1023 document from Congress and the American people. Director Wray was going to be held in contempt for refusing to produce the 1023 that I told Chairman COMER about, and I think I had that first conversation with Chairman COMER about 3 weeks ago. Then, instead of contempt, the FBI committed to showing the 1023 and related documents to the whole Congress.

By the way, I thank Chairman COMER for his cooperation with me and for how he has pursued this issue, because we know a heck of a lot more now than if he had not been involved in this whole effort.

So the FBI showed—after the FBI committed to showing this document—but didn't provide possession of that 1023 to the House Oversight Committee last week.

By the way, 1023 is unclassified, so why shouldn't the entire country know about what is in this 1023? As the public knows, that 1023 involves an alleged bribery scheme between then-Vice President Biden, Hunter Biden, and a foreign national—the same allegations Chairman COMER and I made public on May 3 of this year.

On the very same day that the FBI provided a redacted version of the 1023 to the House Oversight Committee, the Justice Department then announced that former President Trump had been indicted and charged with 37 crimes relating to his alleged mishandling of classified records.

Attorney General Garland signed off on prosecuting Trump for conduct similar to what Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton engaged in. Two standards of justice in this country will turn our constitutional Republic upside down. Thanks to the political infection within the Biden Justice Department and the FBI, we are well along the road for that to happen.

This Senator will do all that he can to fight that political infection in the Department of Justice and the FBI. You fight it, then, by bringing transparency to what this government does. The public's business ought to be public. Transparency brings accountability.

With respect to the 1023 shown to the House Oversight Committee, from what I have been told by folks who have reviewed it, it is filled with redactions. The document that COMER and I read had maybe two or three half-inch redactions, not whole sentences redacted, as I am told the document in the SCIF has. So Director Wray placed redactions on a document that is already unclassified—as I have said before, unclassified. More than that, the FBI made Congress review a redacted, unclassified document in a classified facility. That goes to show you the disrespect the FBI has for Congress.

During a previous time on the Senate floor, I think I told my fellow Senators what was so unusual about an unclassified document being given to the public when—I think it was on May 18 of this year—there was leaked to the New York Times a classified document and even the name of a confidential human source. So we are kind of in a strange situation here when a classified document can be leaked to the New York Times, but an unclassified document cannot be made public to 300 million Americans if they are interested in reading it.

Accordingly, Congress still lacks a full and complete picture with respect to what that document really says. That is why it is important that the document be made public, without unnecessary redactions, for the American people to see. Can you believe redacting an unclassified document?

Now let me assist for the purposes of there being more transparency on this subject.

The 1023 produced to that House committee redacted the reference that the foreign national who allegedly bribed Joe and Hunter Biden allegedly has audio recordings of his conversation with them—17 such recordings. According to the 1023, the foreign national possesses 15 audio recordings of phone calls between him and Hunter Biden. According to the 1023, the foreign national possesses two audio recordings of phone calls between him and then-Vice President Joe Biden. These recordings were allegedly kept as a sort of insurance policy for the foreign national in case he got into a tight spot. The 1023 also indicates that then-Vice President Joe Biden may have been involved in Burisma's employing Hunter Biden.

So, as I have repeatedly asked since going public with the existence of the 1023, what, if anything, has the Justice Department and FBI done to investigate? The Justice Department and FBI must show their work. They no longer deserve the benefit of the doubt.

It is clear that the Justice Department and FBI will use every resource to investigate Candidate Trump, President Trump, and former President Trump. Based on the facts known to the Congress and the public, it is clear that the Justice Department and the FBI haven't nearly had the same laser focus on the Biden family. Special Counsel Jack Smith has used a recording against former President Trump. Well, what is U.S. Attorney Weiss doing with respect to these alleged Joe and Hunter Biden recordings that are apparently relevant to a high-stakes bribery scheme?

Getting a full and complete 1023 is critical for the American people to know and understand the true nature of the document and to hold the Justice Department and the FBI accountable. It is also important for asserting constitutional congressional oversight powers against an out-of-control executive branch that is obviously drunk with political infection.

Remember, Congress has received 1023s in the past, and they have been made public. So asking for this 1023 to be turned over to the American people to read is not an unusual thing that goes on with 1023s.

Congress owes it to the American people and the brave and heroic whistleblowers to continue to fight for transparency on this matter and make this document public without unnecessary redactions.

I want everybody to remember that I have read the unredacted version except for a couple or three half-inch redactions, I would say.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### BORDER SECURITY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, the Biden administration has spent the better part of 3 years claiming that its border policies are humane and just. We know this isn't the case. Under Joe Biden, the Mexican cartels are acting with impunity because the President would rather cave to the desires of the far left than admit that a country with open borders has no borders at all. Because of this open border policy and the fact that they are not recognizing the southern border as a border, they have turned every town into a border town, every State into a border State, and this has made us vulnerable to drug smugglers, human traffickers, and violent criminals looking for their next victim.

In April, the Border Patrol reported more than 182,000 encounters with migrants trying to cross the southern border—182,000. When you combine that with the numbers from the first quarter of this year, you come up with more than 602,000 encounters. That doesn't include the tens of thousands of got-aways who disappeared into the country before they could be apprehended. When you add that to the 22,000 pounds of drugs that have been seized, almost 40,000 criminals that have been caught, and 49 suspected terrorists apprehended, you must conclude that the Biden administration hasn't just lost control of the border; they have relinquished it.

As I said, the border policy is to have no policy, to have an open border—interesting—and it is something that my colleagues across the aisle refuse to admit is taking place.

Our southern border is wide open. The people benefiting are the cartels that are in control of the border on the Mexico side: 49 suspected terrorists, 22,000 pounds of drugs, 40,000 criminal illegal aliens apprehended. As I said, that is just in the 602,000 who have been

apprehended so far this year. That is right, so far this year.

And in the got-aways—the tens of thousands of got-aways—how many more pounds of drugs, how many more criminals, how many more terrorists have come into this country?

While our border is open, the cartels are monetizing Joe Biden's refusal to secure the country. They have turned human trafficking into a \$13 billion-a-year business. It is amazing—\$13 billion on human trafficking alone.

For years, illegal immigrants have taken advantage of the fact that if they cross the border with a minor, they will more likely than not be released into the United States while their immigration cases are processed. But under Joe Biden, human traffickers have made this complacency a part of their expected business model.

They are now engaging in a practice that is horrendous. It is called child recycling. It is a disgusting process. In this child recycling process, the same child is exploited repeatedly by illegal aliens attempting to enter the United States. Once one criminal escapes into the country, they ship the child back across the border and into the hands of another abuser.

The Trump administration fought back against this practice and mandated that asylum seekers with accompanying minors take DNA tests to prove that they were indeed a family unit. And like many of the Trump-era border policies, this worked. We have the data to prove it. Just ask the Border Patrol.

In one pilot program, 30 percent of those rapid DNA tests showed that the adult trying to enter the country bore no relation to the child they brought with them—30 percent. The DNA testing program saved a lot of lives.

So I would ask my colleagues this question: Is it fair—is it fair—to ask the Biden administration, is it worth saving the lives of these children?

This Biden administration ended DNA testing of illegal immigrants last month, 2 weeks after title 42 ended. So is it fair to ask why they will not implement DNA testing? Why will they not agree to save the lives of as many as 30 percent of the children who are being presented at the southern border?

See, it wasn't a policy decision. You have just got to believe that. It had to be a political decision, and we just cannot allow this to stand.

Earlier this year, I introduced the End Child Trafficking Now Act. That would criminalize child recycling. It would reinstate the DNA testing program and create harsh penalties for migrants who try to skirt the law. This legislation would require adult migrants trying to enter the country with a minor to prove that they are indeed the child's relative or guardian. They will be able to do that by providing paperwork and sworn witness testimony or by taking the DNA test.

If their paperwork doesn't check out—and we know the cartels have

started to forge documents into fraudulent paperwork. We are aware of that. That is why, if their paperwork doesn't pan out, the DNA test is mandatory. If the DNA test proves that migrant is lying, HHS would step in and process the child as an unaccompanied minor, and the trafficker would face a maximum 10-year prison sentence for falsely posing as a family. This legislation would also require DHS to deport illegal aliens who refuse to take the DNA test. This is a commonsense bill that every Senator in this Chamber should get behind.

I call on my Democratic colleagues to either join me in moving this important legislation forward or explain to the American people why they would stonewall a program, a test—and it only takes 45 minutes. Why would they stonewall this when it would keep children out of these human trafficking rings?

This horrific practice will not stop unless we stop it. And if we don't catch it at the border, we need to catch it as these criminals move across the country.

Child recycling is a problem, but I think we all know that not every child forced across our border is sent back home. Labor and sex trafficking within the United States is real, and it is happening in our communities.

This horrible reality particularly affects girls and young women, which is why I introduced the SAVE Girls Act. This bipartisan legislation, which I introduced with Senator KLOBUCHAR, creates a \$50 million grant program to provide States, localities, and non-government organizations, our non-profits, with the resources they need to catch traffickers and to support the children and the women who survive this horrific practice.

This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. This is a human rights issue. And I am so grateful to my colleagues for working with me to put the safety of these women and girls first.

I hope the rest of the Members of this Chamber will follow the lead and help us pass the SAVE Girls Act and the End Child Trafficking Now Act because, if we don't, things will get much, much worse for these children and these women who are being trafficked.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, Social Security is a sacred trust between the American people and the American government. For the worker who is

about to retire with no savings other than Social Security, the woman who relies on Social Security to pay for medications, they need to know that the government is not going to break this sacred trust.

That is why I have been leading a bipartisan group of over a dozen Senators to develop a solution. And we have what we call the Big Idea. But before describing the Big Idea, I have to tell you, right now, it does not matter what big ideas—or any idea—are being discussed. President Biden made it clear in his State of the Union speech that he was going to run for reelection attacking Republicans on the issue of Social Security.

Now, by the way, he has not introduced legislation on Social Security himself. He spoke about one in his previous campaign, but it was not serious. And the money he said he would use for his unserious plan he has already spent on other priorities, or at least proposed to spend. President Biden was not even willing to acknowledge the problem that Social Security faces.

But, in a bipartisan sense, let's be fair; he is not alone. Former President Trump refuses to acknowledge the issue. He never introduced or sought to work with Congress when he was President, and now he criticizes anyone who suggests that Social Security might be going insolvent. But, unfortunately for us all, Social Security is going insolvent.

It is not me who says this; it is the actuaries, those who are told to come before the American people and tell what is the current state of Social Security. They tell us that in 9 years, it is insolvent. At that point, beneficiaries will see a 24-percent cut in the amount they are receiving. There is no grandfathering in. You might be already receiving, but when that deadline hits—2033, 2032—boom, 24-percent cut for those who are currently receiving. Poverty among the elderly doubles.

And even though it is against the law to borrow money to pay the difference between what is coming in and what is going out, let's imagine that we did. If we do decide to break the law and borrow that money, it would end up causing a \$562 trillion debt to pay these benefits over the next 75 years. That would give us a debt-to-GDP ratio similar to that of Greece and Venezuela, and that is independent of the money that would be required for Medicare benefits and other such benefits.

So what does our Big Idea do? Our Big Idea avoids this problem by setting up an investment fund separate from Social Security—no Social Security money whatsoever—an investment fund in which we place money and allow it to grow over 75 years; and, in so doing, we address 75 percent of the issue.

We don't raise the retirement age to 70, as people suggest. We don't touch the way Social Security benefits are distributed. We make sure that no one

has a disruption in their benefits that they are promised to receive. And in our plan, we have work incentives and we work to address issues of WEP and GPO and poverty among the elderly.

It is an idea that could work and pass Congress, but there has been zero Presidential leadership. And we have had no engagement from this President, and there was no engagement from the previous President.

So a few weeks ago, we decided to take our issue to the people, and we called it Bill on the Hill. Kind of a nice rhyme, huh? I took a walk around the Capitol grounds and spoke to Americans from across the country who were visiting the Nation's capital. There was a couple from Louisiana, a family from Pennsylvania, a veteran who is also a pastor from Massachusetts, and several others who gave their unvarnished opinions on what they want Washington to do about Social Security.

The bottom line: Americans want to see Social Security saved. They—we—deserve a real solution, not grandstanding. One blue-collar worker I spoke to from rural Pennsylvania told me—I am going to try and imitate his voice:

Jobs that I have had haven't necessarily had retirement plans.

He said it was "very discouraging" to hear a 24-percent cut was coming if we do nothing.

There was a doctor from Opelousas. Now, this doctor has as much gray hair as I do, but, if you can imagine, he was once one of my former students. The doctor from Opelousas—Opelousas, LA, for those who don't know about that—he put it in stark terms when I told him that doing nothing means that poverty among his patients would double—among the elderly in general, but he has got a patient population a little bit older. He said the people he knows "would have to start choosing between their medicines and food."

Now, these are people who rely on Social Security, who put faith in that sacred trust that they would not have to choose between medicine and food. Yet that is the choice they are going to be forced to if we do nothing.

And then there was Dr. Paul Kim—a pastor, a veteran—who was up here for a convention from Massachusetts. And he told me what he wanted from a President:

He has to be honest and keep the promise [of Social Security].

Dr. Kim is right. The President needs to be honest with the American people about Social Security; but this President is not. He refuses to even acknowledge that the problem exists.

The fact is, as I have already mentioned, Social Security—according to the actuaries, the people we entrust to tell us the state of it—is going insolvent in 9 years. But President Biden is steadfast in his position that there is nothing wrong, there is no need for a serious plan. Oh, yes, he introduced a plan when he was on the campaign trail; has done nothing since. And the

money that he would use to pay for this unserious plan he has already proposed to spend on other things.

By the way, \$4.5 trillion he has proposed in new taxes and not a dime going to Social Security. And as I mentioned, it isn't just President Biden; it is former President Trump, who did nothing while he was President and, even now, criticizes people who wish to do something. It appears that the Biden-Trump plan is the same plan. It is a plan to do nothing and demagogue those who choose to responsibly address the issue.

When I told one of these folks, the woman from Opelousas, LA, that President Biden and Donald Trump have the same plan, she was going: Whoa, whoa, that is something. But when she heard it was a plan to do nothing, her reaction was:

I want to laugh, and I want to cry at the same time.

Americans are watching as Washington flounders, as the deadline until retirees get a 24 percent cut approaches. By the way, we have seen polling on this. When people understand that the program is going insolvent in 9 years, 75 percent—from the very liberal to the very conservative and every point in between—think that we should address the issue now. That is the American people speaking, but that is not our leading Presidential candidates.

We owe it to the American people to take this sacred trust seriously. We owe it to them to save Social Security before it is too late.

Now, I am open to discussing my big idea, anyone else's idea. You name it. But there has to be a serious conversation. And since it has to be signed into law, a participant must be the President of the United States. We need the political courage from those who aspire to be our Nation's leader to actually show leadership.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I be able to make my full statement prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF ELIZABETH ALLEN

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I come to the floor today to urge my colleagues to vote for cloture for Elizabeth Allen, the President's nominee for Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

When we think about Russia's illegal, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine or China's coercive economic practices, we have to realize we are in competition with more than just conventional militaries or economic prowess. We are in a battle over what kind of world we want to live in. And we want to live in a world where people are free to speak their minds, free to start a business, free to worship as they choose and marry the person they love. These are

the fundamental freedoms that shape the United States and the values that drive our foreign policy.

When it comes to explaining American values and our foreign policy to the world, one of the best tools we have is our public diplomacy programs.

At a time when our adversaries are pouring billions of dollars into propaganda, targeted disinformation and misinformation campaigns—often about the United States—we need an empowered Bureau of Global Public Affairs to tell the truth about U.S. foreign policy. We need to highlight the millions of dollars Americans invest in public health, infrastructure projects, and humanitarian relief around the world.

We need programs like the International Leadership Visitor Program that exposes rising leaders from across the world to America's systems of governance and democracy, leaders who share our vision of a free and open world.

We need programs that bring foreign students to American universities, not only affirming the excellence of our higher education system but bringing billions of dollars into the U.S. economy.

I could go on.

Our public diplomacy tools are simply the best bang for our buck when it comes to making sure we expose people around the world to American values, culture, and the truth about our foreign policy efforts.

We need capable, qualified leadership at the Department of State to lead these efforts. That is why we must confirm Ms. Allen as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy without delay. As the current senior official for public diplomacy and public affairs at the Department of State, she has already advanced numerous objectives.

As a highly quality professional with a distinguished career and extensive experience in both public and private sectors, Ms. Allen is a nominee who will hit the ground running.

She began her career at the Department of State at the Office of Global Issues and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. She served with distinction in the Obama-Biden administration for 8 years, including as White House Deputy Communications Director and Deputy Assistant to the President.

As she talked about during her confirmation hearing, she comes from a family who knows what it means to serve the American people—the granddaughter of two veterans—two veterans—of World War II, the daughter of parents who value public service regardless of party.

Ms. Allen understands the importance of making institutional changes to better educate our diplomats and integrate public diplomacy tools into policymaking.

I urge this body to support cloture on Ms. Allen's nomination so we can get her confirmed without delay and

spread the good word of American foreign policy throughout the world.

I yield the floor.

### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 157, Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Charles E. Schumer, Robert Menendez, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie Hirono, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Margaret Wood Hassan, Thomas R. Carper, Tammy Baldwin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Peter Welch, Richard J. Durbin, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Ray Lujan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "no."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 66, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Ex.]

#### YEAS—66

|              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Baldwin      | Hickenlooper | Risch      |
| Bennet       | Hirono       | Romney     |
| Blumenthal   | Kaine        | Rosen      |
| Brown        | Kelly        | Rounds     |
| Cantwell     | Kennedy      | Sanders    |
| Capito       | King         | Schatz     |
| Cardin       | Klobuchar    | Schumer    |
| Carper       | Lujan        | Shaheen    |
| Casey        | Manchin      | Sinema     |
| Collins      | Markey       | Smith      |
| Cooms        | McConnell    | Stabenow   |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez     | Sullivan   |
| Crapo        | Merkley      | Tester     |
| Duckworth    | Moran        | Tillis     |
| Durbin       | Murkowski    | Van Hollen |
| Feinstein    | Murphy       | Warner     |
| Fetterman    | Murray       | Warnock    |
| Gillibrand   | Ossoff       | Warren     |
| Graham       | Padilla      | Welch      |
| Grassley     | Peters       | Whitehouse |
| Hassan       | Reed         | Wyden      |
| Heinrich     | Ricketts     | Young      |

#### NAYS—29

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| Blackburn | Britt | Cassidy |
| Boozman   | Budd  | Cornyn  |

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| Cotton  | Hoeven   | Rubio      |
| Cramer  | Johnson  | Schmitt    |
| Cruz    | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Daines  | Lee      | Thune      |
| Ernst   | Lummis   | Tuberville |
| Fischer | Marshall | Vance      |
| Hagerty | Mullin   | Wicker     |
| Hawley  | Paul     |            |

#### NOT VOTING—5

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| Barrasso | Braun      | Scott (FL) |
| Booker   | Hyde-Smith |            |

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 66, the nays are 29.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Minnesota.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNIZING MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, I would like to honor an organization that generations of Illinois families have relied on: Mujeres Latinas en Accion—or Latina Women in Action.

Mujeres is the longest standing Latina-led organization in the entire country. And this year, they are celebrating 50 years of empowering and emboldening Latinas across our State—as well as their families.

Founded in 1973 by the late Maria Mangual, Mujeres was first established as a shelter for young women escaping violence in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, IL. Back then, some wrote off Mujeres' work as radical and unnecessary, but these critics didn't deter Maria or the dedicated women who supported her cause from building an enduring and indispensable organization. In the five decades since, Mujeres' mission, services, and footprint have only expanded to help uplift women from all walks of life.

And today, Mujeres does it all. They host support groups to help young families with parenting skills. They operate a 24-hour crisis line—and referral service—to assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence, both of which, tragically, increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have developed an education training program for women hoping to launch or expand their small businesses, as well as a community engagement and mobilization program, to amplify the voices of Latina immigrants and survivors of trauma. And, importantly, Mujeres is now a leading advocate in the effort to ensure pay equity for Latinas in the workplace. What is more, as Mujeres' mission has evolved over the years, so, too, has size of their operation. They

have opened new sites beyond Pilsen, in Brighton Park and North Riverside—so they can reach even more women and families.

The Brighton Park facility, which opened in 2019, was the product of a partnership between Mujeres and Esperanza Health Centers. This facility offers everything from adult medicine and women's health services, to pediatrics and psychiatry, and even behavioral health care services to residents, regardless of their economic or immigration status. Over the years, Mujeres has established itself as a vital resource for thousands of Illinois families. Every year, they provide critical care and services to more than 8,000 clients, in both English and Spanish.

I am forever grateful to Mujeres for their commitment to improving, and even saving, the lives of women in Illinois. I would like to thank Amalia Rioja, who introduced me to Mujeres 25 years ago, as well as all of the trailblazers who have carried Maria Mangual's legacy forward, including Liz Prieto, Linda Coronado, Virginia Martinez, Norma Seledon, Maria Pesqueira, and Linda Xochtil Tortolero.

I cannot wait to see what Mujeres accomplishes over the next 50 years.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 23-27, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Netherlands for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$110 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER  
(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-27

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of the Netherlands.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \* \$75 million.

Other \$35 million

Total \$110 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to eight (8) eight-cell MK 41 Vertical Launching Systems (VLS) Baseline (B/L) VII Strike Length Launcher Modules (either system or standalone)

Non-MDE: Also included are spare parts; handling equipment; transportation test and support equipment; software; engineering/technical assistance; personnel training and training equipment; documentation, publications, and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (NE-P-LIG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: NE-P-LFN, NE-P-LAB.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 2, 2023.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Netherlands—MK 41 Vertical Launching System (VLS)

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy up to eight (8) eight-cell MK 41 Vertical Launching Systems (VLS) Baseline (B/L) VII Strike Length Launcher Modules (either system or standalone). Also included are spare parts; handling equipment; transportation test and support equipment; software; engineering/technical assistance; personnel training and training equipment; documentation, publications, and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$110 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist the Netherlands in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will provide a defensive capability for the Netherlands while enhancing interoperability with U.S. and other allied forces. The Royal Netherlands Navy intends to use the MK 41 VLS BIL VII strike length launcher modules for their new ship class. These modules are intended for ESSM BLK1 and SM-2 capabilities in support of ongoing and emergent operational needs. The Netherlands, has previously purchased MK 41 VLS capability and actively uses it on their current ship classes. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and support into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, MD. There

are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of the proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Netherlands. However, U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country visits will be required on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-27

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The MK 41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) is a fixed, vertical, multi-missile launching system with the capability to store and launch multiple missile variants depending on the warfighting mission, including the Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile (ESSM), Standard Missile (SM), and Tomahawk Cruise Missiles. This proposed sale would provide tactical VLS capability for the ESSM and SM. The MK 41 VLS is a modular below-deck configuration with each module consisting of 8 missile cells with an associated gas management and deluge system.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale, is CONFIDENTIAL.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Netherlands can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the Netherlands.

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DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0G. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 20-74 dated December 11, 2020.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,  
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-0G

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 20-74; Date: December 11, 2020; Military Department: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On December 11, 2020, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 20-74 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of four (4) Weapons-Ready MQ-9B Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS); two (2) Fixed Ground Control Stations; two (2) Mobile Ground Control Stations; and fourteen (14) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigations Systems (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) (12 installed, 2 spares). Also included were MX-20 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems and spares; SeaVue Maritime Multi-Role Patrol Radars; SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) Systems; C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) Ground Data Terminals; Ku-Band SATCOM GA-ASI Transportable Earth Stations (GATES); AN/DPX-7 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponders; Honeywell TPE-331-100D Turboprop Engines; M6000 UHF/VHF Radios; KIV-77 Mode 5 IFF cryptographic appliques; AN/PYQ-10C Simple Key Loaders; secure communications, cryptographic, and IFF equipment; initial spare and repair parts; hard points, power, and data connections for weapons integration; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost was \$600 million. Major Defense Equipment (MOE) constituted \$153 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: an additional two (2) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System (GPS/INS) (EGI) with SAASM or M-code capability; and six (6) AN/APY-8 Lynx Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and Ground Moving Target Indicator (GMTI) systems. Also included are Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) 4500 Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) Systems; Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER) 6Sx systems and Video Dissemination Links (VDL); Digital Datalink Encryptors; Automatic Information System Transponders; KOR-24A tactical airborne radios; and portable pre/post-flight equipment; as well as additional units of the following: MX-20 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems; Sea Vue Maritime Multi-Role patrol radars; SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) systems; C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS)

ground data terminals; Honeywell TPE-331-10GD turboprop engines; M6000 UHF/NHF radios; cryptographic and IFF equipment; and Simple Key Loaders. This transmittal further notifies the following non-MDE items that were inadvertently omitted from the original notification: Due Regard Radars (ORR); and KY-100M narrowband/wideband cryptographic devices. The estimated total value of the additional items is \$152 million. The total estimated MDE value will increase by \$14 million to \$167 million. The estimated total case value, will increase to \$752 million.

(iv) Significance: The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by providing timely Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), target acquisition, and counter-land, counter-sea, and anti-submarine strike capabilities for its security and defense.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale serves U.S. national economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System (OPS/INS) (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM)—or M-Code receiver when available—and Precise Positioning Service (PPS) is a self-contained navigation system that provides information on the following: acceleration, velocity, position, attitude, platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, altitude, body angular rates, time tags, and coordinated universal time (UTC) synchronized time. SAASM or M-Code enables the OPS receiver access to the encrypted P(Y) code or M code signal, providing protection against active spoofing attacks.

The AN/APY-8 Lynx Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and Ground Moving Target Indicator (GMTI) system provides all-weather surveillance, tracking and targeting for military and commercial customers from manned and unmanned vehicles.

The Due Regard Radar (DRR) is a collision avoidance air-to-air radar comprised of a two-panel Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) antenna and a Radar Electronics Assembly (REA) that give the UAS pilot the ability to detect and track aircraft across the same Field-of-View (FOV) as a manned aircraft. AESA technology allows the DRR to track multiple targets while simultaneously continuing to scan for new aircraft.

The KY-100Ms provide encryption to enable secure voice communications over the MQ-9B's radios.

The SNC 4500E ELINT system is used to detect, identify, and locate various radar emitters and provide the collected data to operational users for further analysis and exploitation.

The L3 Harris ROVER 6Sx/6Si transceiver provides real-time, full-motion video (FMV) and other network data for situational awareness, targeting, battle damage assessment, surveillance, relay, convoy over-watch operations and other situations where eyes-on-target are required. It provides expanded frequencies and additional processing resources from previous ROVER versions, allowing increased levels of collaboration and interoperability with numerous manned and unmanned airborne platforms.

The Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder provides the ability to track & identify AIS-equipped maritime vessels over VHF.

The Digital Datalink Encryptors provide NSA Type-1 encryption for each High Data Rate (HDR) datalink. The MQ-9B system utilizes multiple independent datalinks to provide communications between the Ground Control Station and the aircraft.

The KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminal (STT) is a two channel, software defined, small form factor Link 16 radio. The SIT provides high assurance secure communications.

The Portable Pre-flight/Post-flight Equipment (P3E) is used by the ground crew at the MQ-9B operating sites to interface with the aircraft for performing maintenance functions. The P3E is a ruggedized computer assembly that interfaces directly with the aircraft via a cable and provides functionality for conducting pre and post-flight checks and to establish the aircraft on the SATCOM datalink for handover to the flight crew in the Ground Control Station.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to additional items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 8, 2023.

#### ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my fellow Members of Idaho's congressional delegation Senator JIM RISCH and Representatives MIKE SIMPSON and RUSS FULCHER, we recognize June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 27,000 people aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in Idaho, while 65,000 family caregivers bear the burden of the disease. In honor of these Idaho families and the millions of other Americans and their loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's, we continue the fight to stop harmful policies delaying access to treatment for Alzheimer's patients.

The Food and Drug Administration's, FDA, accelerated approval pathway has provided a lifeline for countless Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease by advancing access to safe and effective medicines years before these treatments could otherwise come to market. Numerous studies show that drugs that have gone through the accelerated approval pathway reach patients an average of more than 3 years before they would otherwise.

Unfortunately, the current administration has taken unprecedented steps to erode this pathway, deterring lifesaving innovation and delaying access to care by restricting Medicare coverage for an entire class of potential Alzheimer's therapies. This harmful coverage decision carries grave implications for Alzheimer's patients. Every day without access to FDA-approved drugs, more than 2,000 people transition to a more advanced stage of Alzheimer's where they are no longer eligible for treatment, reports the Alzheimer's Association. The administration must reverse course and provide access to these lifesaving pathways as quickly as possible.



We are grateful to leaders from communities across Idaho and our country who are pivotal in advancing Alzheimer's and dementia research and other important efforts that are making progress in fighting this disease and supporting families dealing with this dreaded disease. The advocates' personal experiences with the disease's effects in their own families often fuel and inform their engagement. Their perspectives are deeply valuable as we continue to work to improve drug access and affordability. This includes working to ensure Federal policies enable, not discourage, innovators to quickly bring their life-saving discoveries to market.

Time and again, American ingenuity has proven it can meet the challenges we face, if the Federal Government gets out of the way. This Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is a reminder of the pressing need to better empower patients and doctors to decide the treatments right for them. Throughout this month, as Americans wear purple and participate in other awareness and educational activities and in the years ahead, let's do all we can to alleviate the burden on families across our country by easing access to innovative treatment for Alzheimer's.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING PRECISION OPTICAL GROUP

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Precision Optical Group of Creston, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Following a fishing trip, friends Mike Tamerius and Matt Somers started Precision Optical Group in 1992. Mike had his start in the optical industry working as an optician during his time at Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA, and is a member of the Opticians Association of Iowa and is a certified optician from Metro Tech Community College. Initially starting as a two-person shop, with 100 square feet, the shop expanded operations after only 1 year to a larger building. Over the years, Precision Optical Group has expanded to three locations while maintaining their Creston headquarters. The company acquired the Chicago lab location in 2014. Seeing a need for additional expansion, they acquired the Precise Optical lab in San Angelo, TX, in 2018.

Precision Optical Group is a family enterprise; Mike's son Alex is a sales and marketing specialist with the team. He has a degree in business management from Central College in Pella, IA, in 2018 and has been working there since high school where he started helping in the lab. He also spent time

early in his career helping his aunt Deb, who serves as the purchasing manager.

Between the three labs, they have a team of 140 employees and make 1,700 lenses per day. As the country's largest independently owned wholesale optical lab, they have customers across 48 States and export globally. Additionally, Precision Optical Group is a member of the Creston Chamber of Commerce.

In 2022, Precision Optical Group celebrated their 30th anniversary. Precision Optical Group's commitment to providing quality lenses throughout the globe while maintaining their Iowa roots is clear. I want to congratulate Mike Tamerius and the entire team at Precision Optical Group for their continued dedication to the optical industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

##### REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13405 OF JUNE 16, 2006, WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS—PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, which was

expanded in scope in Executive Order 14038 of August 9, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2023.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons, and the Belarusian regime's harmful activities and long-standing abuses, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 12, 2023.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 1092(b)(1)(A) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission on the Future of the Navy: Mr. Scott O'Neill of Ridgecrest, California.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1476. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)" (RIN3170-AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1477. A communication from the Senior Program Manager, Bureau Veritas Technical Assessment, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Independent Assessment of Child Safety in Military Family Housing"; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Appropriations.

EC-1478. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual National Defense Stockpile Operations and Planning Report"; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Appropriations.

EC-1479. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report to Congress on strategic and critical materials requirements for the National Defense Stockpile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1480. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System President's Budget 2024 annual Selected Acquisition Report (SAR); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1481. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office

of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Operational Contract Support (OCS) Outside the United States” (RIN0790-AK81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1482. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification that the export of the listed items to the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1483. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Policy Statement on Section 9(13) of the Federal Reserve Act” (RIN7100-AG53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1484. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oil Spill Responsibility Adjustment of the Limit of Liability for Offshore Facilities” (RIN1010-AE18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1485. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Slickspot Peppergrass (*Lipidium papilliferum*)” (RIN1018-BE61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1486. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Egyptian Tortoise” (RIN1018-BD04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1487. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Subpart J Product Schedule Listing and Authorization of Use Requirements” (RIN2050-AE87) (FRL No. 4526-01-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1488. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Confidential Business Information Claims under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)” (FRL No. 8223-02-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1489. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills” (FRL No. 9329-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1490. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District” (FRL No. 9882-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1491. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Particulate Matter Control Strategy” (FRL No. 10144-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1492. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; VOC RACT for Miscellaneous Industrial Adhesives and Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts Coatings” (FRL No. 10168-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1493. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Limited Approval and Limited Disapproval; California; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 10645-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1494. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Revision Clean Air Act Section 110 Applicable Requirements for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” (FRL No. 10665-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1495. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; State of Missouri; Restriction of Particulate Matter to the Ambient Air Beyond the Premises of Origin” (FRL No. 10815-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1496. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Domestic Content Bonus Credit Guidance under Sections 45, 45Y, 48, and 48E” (Notice 2023-38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1497. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice: Perpetual Trust Funds” (Notice 2023-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1498. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of

Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1499. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Additional Guidance for the Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit Allocation Program under Section 4” (Notice 2023-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1501. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1502. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Türkiye; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1503. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fair Housing Rule, Consumer Protection in Sales of Insurance Rule; Technical Correction” (RIN3064-AF89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1504. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting seventeen (17) legislative proposals relative to the President of the United States’ Fiscal Year 2024 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1505. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Miami Tiger Beetle” (RIN1018-BF38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 174. A resolution condemning the human rights record of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the brutal killing of Eswatini activist Thulani Maseko on January 21, 2023.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 920. A bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

# INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1921. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1922. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1923. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to new source performance standards from certain stationary sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1924. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 1925. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1926. A bill to amend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act to make Uruguay eligible for designation as a beneficiary country under that Act, to include Uruguay in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E1 and E2 nonimmigrants if nationals of the United States are treated similarly by the Government of Uruguay, and to require a report on the eligibility of Uruguay for the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1927. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a comprehensive unmanned aircraft system integration strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1928. A bill to modify the prohibition on financing in the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNOCK, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1929. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to provide progress reports on the development and implementation of the national transi-

tion plan related to a fluorine-free fire-fighting foam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 1930. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to support the buildout of clean school bus charging infrastructure through community facilities direct loans and grants; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 110

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 110, a bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 133

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to extend the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 134

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 134, a bill to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

S. 305

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 305, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 549

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 549, a bill to require enforcement against misbranded milk alternatives.

S. 626

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to recommend that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation test the effect of a dementia care management model, and for other purposes.

S. 867

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for grants for State firearms dealer licensing programs, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 980, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to exempt industrial hemp from certain requirements under the hemp production program, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups.

S. 1034

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program for projects for commercial motor vehicle parking, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to modify the requirements associated with small business loan data collection, and for other purposes.

S. 1193

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1231

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1231, a bill to prohibit disinformation in the advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1266, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1271, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to trafficking of illicit fentanyl

and its precursors by transnational criminal organizations, including cartels, and for other purposes.

S. 1329

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1329, a bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to carry out activities to support Armenian Genocide education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1384

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to make improvements to the small community air service development program.

S. 1453

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1453, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

S. 1542

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1542, a bill to improve services provided by pharmacy benefit managers.

S. 1573

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1573, a bill to reauthorize the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act.

S. 1669

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1669, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1732

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1732, a bill to require application stores to publicly list the country of origin of the applications that they distribute, and to provide consumers the ability to protect themselves.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit electric

vehicle original equipment manufacturers from participating in the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1802, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a fund for the conduct of collaborative defense projects between the United States and Israel in emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1811, a bill to ensure treatment in the military based on merit and performance, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1839

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to improve Federal population surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes.

S. 1859

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1859, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes.

S. 1896

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1896, a bill to reauthorize the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr.

BRAUN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1910, a bill to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1910, supra.

S.J. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 25, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Adverse Effect Wage Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Nonimmigrants in Non-Range Occupations in the United States".

S. RES. 106

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 106, a resolution condemning Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's democracy and rule of law.

#### STATEMENT ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1921. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1921

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as "Children Don't Belong on Tobacco Farms Act".

#### SEC. 2. TOBACCO-RELATED AGRICULTURE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

Section 3(l) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(l)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking "in any occupation, or (2)" and inserting "in any occupation, (2)"; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", or (3) any employee under the age of eighteen years has direct contact with tobacco plants or dried tobacco leaves"; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking "other than manufacturing and mining" and inserting ", other than manufacturing, mining, and tobacco-related agriculture as described in paragraph (3) of the first sentence of this subsection,".

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the

following member of my staff be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress: Steven Szucs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Gwyn Shelley, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges until June 13, 2023.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Allen nomination postcloture; further, that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m. and, following the cloture vote on the Vera nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that at 2:15 p.m., notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Bernstein nomination; that the Senate recess from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the all-Senators briefing; further, that if cloture has been invoked, at 5 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Vera and Bernstein nominations in the order listed; finally, that the cloture vote on the Pitts nomination occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, during Wednesday's session; and that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

NANCY ANDERSON SPEIGHT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2024, VICE ERNEST W. DUBESTER, TERM EXPIRED.

NANCY ANDERSON SPEIGHT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2023. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. MARY V. KRUEGER  
BRIG. GEN. ANTHONY L. MCQUEEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A CHAPLAIN UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. JACK J. STUMME

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

OLIVER E. BARFIELD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

ASHLEY L. SHULL  
SEAN M. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be colonel

RONALD MARK ALLIGOOD  
KURT RYAN ANDERSON  
KEVIN LEE ARCHER  
CHAD ALAN ASPLUND  
CHRISTINE L. BANKS  
CHRISTOPHER DARNELL BANKS  
KELLY LYNN BEAN  
PATRICK BRIAN BECK  
NICK WILLIAM BIGGS  
REBECCA LYNN BISSETTE  
DAVID CHARLES BLOMGREN  
CHAD JAMES BRIGGS  
JOHN DAVID BUSKE  
NATHANIEL BOONE CALDON  
JOHN PAUL CARLSON  
GERALD RALPH CLARK  
BRIAN THOMAS COOPER  
JACOB LANIER CORBETT  
KEVIN PATRICK DACY  
DONALD WESLEY DAVENPORT  
MICHAEL JOHN DUNLAP  
BRIAN MEARN'S FAIR  
PAUL JOSEPH FIASCONARO  
JOSHUA AARON FOGLE  
NATHAN ANDREW FOSB  
CHRISTOPHER JOHN FRANCIS  
TERESA RENEE FRANK  
DALE ANDREW GADBOIS  
SEAN BENJAMIN GARELL  
KENDA MARIE GARRETT  
STEVEN DAVID GUYTON  
STEVEN PATRICK HARRIGAN  
STEVEN KEITH HAY  
TIMOTHY JAY HOYLE  
DIECE ANN HRITZ  
TIMOTHY CHARLES HUCHEL  
RYAN RONALD JONES  
CHRISTOPHER LYNN KANNADY  
ANTHONY KENT KRUEGER, JR.  
DEREK JAMES LEARY  
DONALD GERALD LEBLANC  
JONATHAN SIU YUN MA  
KATHLEEN MAHONEY  
JUAN GUILLERMO MARULANDA  
MICHAEL J. MCDEEMOTT  
BRIAN WILLIAM MILLER  
JAMES MICHAEL MURPHY  
MICHELLE LYNN NEUGENT  
CAMERON P. NORDIN  
MARY PETERSEN ORTIZ  
KIPP TYSON PARKER  
RICHARD DAVID PULICE  
RONALD JOSEPH QUAM  
WADE MAXWELL RHYNE  
BENJAMIN WILLIAM ROBBINS  
LAURIE EILEEN RODRIGUEZ  
CHRISTINE ROMASCAN  
RAYMOND ANTHONY SACKMANN  
NICHOLAS FRANCIS SAMMONS  
DANIEL MCBRIDE SCHEPERS  
MICHAEL ANTHONY SCORSONE  
CURTIS J. SHAFFER  
FRANK JOSEPH SHOAF  
ANDREW DONALD STJEAN  
SETH DAVID STORMS  
GLEN WAYNE SUTTON  
STEPHEN LATRA THOMAS  
ROBERT ABRA TIMMONS  
WESLEY HOWARD WATSON  
JOE FORREST WILDMAN  
JAMES HENRY WILLIAMS II  
KRISTOPHER SCOTT WOLFRAM

MATTHEW DAVID WOOLUMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be colonel

BRIAN CHARLES ANDERSON  
SETH CRAIG ANDERSON  
JASON ALBERT ARNDT  
LAWRENCE MERRICK ARNOLD II  
RYAN LEE AVERY  
JEFFREY KENNETH BAILEY  
ERIC ANDREW BALINT  
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LLOYD ROBERT J. BLESSINGTON  
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MATTHEW CRAIG BRENNER  
BRENDA FAYE BRINKLEY  
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ERIK KEITH BROWN  
WILLIAM PENN BROWN  
CHRISTOPHER NEIL BROWNELL  
JOHN EDWARD BROWNELL  
ROBERT HALL CAMPBELL  
SETH THOMAS CARMODY  
PAMELA SHARLENE CARROLL  
JAMES DAREN CHATHAM  
ANDREW ROBERT CHILCOAT  
KELLY PATRICK CHURCH  
BROCK CHRISTIAN CIMA  
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WILLIAM J. COX, JR.  
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SHAUN GARRETT CRUZE  
ALISA DAVIS  
JOSEPH JOHN DEEDS  
SAMUEL LOUIS HOB DEGENERES  
THOMAS RICHARD DEGRAFF III  
MICHAEL CLARK DOAN  
BRIAN PAUL DOYLE  
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WALTER RYAN EHMAN  
MATTHEW DAVID EMERSON  
KHANH MINH ENSIGN  
ROSS ELIOT EVENHOUSE  
DAVID LOUIS FECSO  
JOSEPH ANDREW FERDA  
MELANIE ANN FERGUSON  
MATTHEW PHILLIP FERRINGER  
KEVIN FITZGERALD  
DOUGLAS FRASER FRANKLIN  
ROBERT ARTHUR FRENCH  
STEVEN WAYNE FULFIER  
KRISTINA LEE GARUTI  
ROBERT LEE GEARY, JR.  
ALBERT THOMPSON GERMANY  
ANTHONY GIAMELLO  
CESAR GONZALEZ  
ANDREW JAMES GRAY  
DIANA KIMIE GREGORY  
ROBERT CARL GRIFFIN  
JEREMY DAVID GROAT  
BRIAN RICHARD GROSSWEILER  
ROBIN ELIZABETH GRUBB  
CRAIG KEITH GURAL  
RYAN KEITH HARVEY  
JESSE LEBLANC HASENKAMPF  
JAMES WIDTFELDT HAWKES  
AMANDA KELLY HILL  
JONATHAN FREDERICK HOUGH  
JERRI LYNN HOWERTON  
KATHERINE ELAINE IRISH  
ELIZABETH SUE JOHNSON  
JACOB CHANDLER JOHNSON  
JASON MICHAEL JOHNSON  
STEPHANIE LOMAX JOHNSON  
EDWARD LOWRY JONES  
JOHN KEITH KELCH  
PAUL MICHAEL KELL  
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHE KELLEY  
LINDA WILLIAMS KIESER  
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AARON JAY KLIMAN  
VICTOR ERIC KNILL  
JANAY ALEXANDRA LAKE  
MARCUS KELLY LANDRUM  
ALEXYS XAVIER LANG  
CHAD EDWARD LARSON  
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STEPHANIE DARLENE MYERS  
ANDREW JAMES NASH  
ADAM JAMES NICHOLS  
ROY THOMAS NIEUKIRK, JR.  
LANCE ERIC NIEWENHUIS  
MARJORIE LEA NORTON  
ASHLEY EVE NOWAK

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW PALMER  
DANA MICHAEL PARMENTER  
SHAHIN DANIEL PENA SERRANO  
HEATHER LYNN VIRGIL PERANDO  
SASHA MARIE PERRONNE  
STEPHEN RAY PETERS  
JOSEPH JAMES POTESTIVO  
JENNIFER ELIZABETH POULTER  
SANDIE MARIE PYNES  
JAMES ANTHONY REED  
LONNY LEE REESE  
SEAN MICHAEL RENBARGER  
VERONICA MARIE REYES  
LIONEL DEWAYNE RILEY  
JOSE DANIEL RIVERA  
WYATT KNIGHT RIVES  
HECTOR LUIS ROMAN  
JOHN MICHAEL ROMSPERT  
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MATTHEW PARRISH SANDS  
DOUGLAS DALE SCHAFER  
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NATHANIEL KENT SMITH  
CAMERON MICHAEL SPRAGUE  
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JEREMY HOWARD STONER  
TIMOTHY MICHAEL STROUSE  
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BETHANY ANNE TORMA  
SCOTT MATTHEW TREADWELL  
NICHOLAS PAUL TRUDELL  
EDUARDO RENE VALLE  
JASON ANTHONY VAN WAGNER  
AUTUMN MARIE VERNON  
TODD LAWRENCE WALTON  
CHRISTOPHER HEIN WEISSHAAR  
MICHAEL ELTON WEITZEL  
NICHOLAS DAVID WELLY  
JAMES MORRIS WHITELEY  
CEDRIC LOH SHIN WONG  
RANDALL WAYNE WRIGHT  
GEORGE ROBERT WYSE  
HEATHER LYNN YAMAMOTO  
MICHAEL SEICHI YAMAMOTO  
YVETTE TRAHAN YARBROUGH  
JERRY WAYNE ZOLLMAN, JR.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

PAUL A. STELZER

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MA-  
RINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

BRADLEY C. FROMM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MA-  
RINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be colonel*

LERON E. LANE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant commander*

ANDRES S. PISCOYA



## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO E.J. BORAH—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, E.J. Borah of Santa Barbara, California. Born in Arlington, California in the 1930's, E.J. Borah possesses an unwavering commitment to education, advocacy, and civic engagement.

Since graduating with her teaching credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, E.J. has left a lasting impact on countless students. In 1968, she earned her masters in education and became a highly regarded reading specialist, helping several students throughout her career in Ventura County, Seattle, Washington, and Orange County.

E.J. is not only passionate as an educator, but has dedicated her time and talents to bring change through social justice. As a woman of color, E.J. has experienced firsthand the need for equal representation and has been a vocal advocate for underrepresented communities.

E.J. has also taken action by serving as a parks commissioner for the City of Fullerton in the 1970s and continues to be involved by participating in voter registration and get-out-and-vote initiatives for over 15 years.

Wherever there is a public event or festival, you can almost always find E.J. with her voter registration materials, avidly advocating for individual participation. E.J. is a passionate leader in the community, and is involved in several organizations. She recognizes the importance of representation and takes an active leadership role in local civic organizations and activities to advance the interest of women, particularly women of color.

E.J.'s contributions to society have been recognized with several accolades. She was named the Woman of the Year by the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara in 2012 and honored as the Annual Suffrage Day Honoree by Women for Orange County in 1998. E.J. is a shining example of a strong, proud, and dedicated woman of color who has tirelessly worked to make a positive difference in her community and beyond.

I am honored to recognize E.J. for her continued commitment to educate, advocate, and take a leadership role to engage others in her community to bring impactful changes for all. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, E.J. Borah, for her incredible service to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SETH MAGAZINER**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 245 and YEA on Roll Call No. 246.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community First Foundation for earning the Rotary Club of Golden Ethics in Business Award.

The Community First Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations in the community, having raised over \$53 million to support projects and businesses throughout Jefferson County. In addition to caring about the well-being of our community, they are also dedicated to creating a supportive and collaborative environment for their employees. As they focus on individual career development and team-building, the Community First Foundation has demonstrated their commitment to doing good both in Jefferson County and in their own organization.

It is my honor to congratulate the Community First Foundation on achieving the Ethics in Business Award and thank them for their excellent work in the community.

TRIBUTE TO LAURA SELKEN—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Laura Selken of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Laura Selken, has dedicated her time, talents, and skills to several community organizations. Laura has taken leadership positions at all the organizations she is a volunteer for and is always one to take the initiative when a task needs to be completed.

Laura is passionate about advancing and promoting women's education and women's rights. She understands the power of social

media and puts her ideas into action by creating eye-catching social media publicity and e-newsletters for all the groups she's involved in. In addition to planning and organizing thoughtful programs and events that help to educate the Santa Maria Valley community at large on the status and experiences of women locally, nationally, and globally.

You can always quietly see Laura involved in organizing events such as the hybrid, online and in-person, event on women in Iran for International Women's Day 2023 to Chairing the American Association of University Women (AAUW)—Santa Maria's 2023 Tech Trek program, to sponsor five rising eighth grade students who reside in North Santa Barbara County and identify as girls to spend a week taking STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) courses at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Laura Selken is dedicated to making it possible for historically excluded voices of the Santa Maria Valley, particularly the voices of young women of color, to be heard. In fact, whether online, in person, or both, Laura is often the one making sure that the audio and video technology are functioning optimally so that everyone at an event feels seen and heard. She is never one to shy away from learning or teaching others new technology, or anything new and innovative, and thus inspires those of us who work with her to do the same.

Laura Selken often does not receive the recognition she deserves for all of the time and energy she gives to ensuring the progress and success of women's organizations in the Santa Maria Valley. The commitment and passion she invests in the community is invaluable.

I am honored to recognize Laura Selken for her continued commitment to volunteerism education, social justice, and advocacy throughout the Santa Maria Valley. Her contributions have provided opportunities for young girls throughout the Santa Maria community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Laura Selken, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Farm Bureau, which is celebrating one hundred years of advocacy for agriculture and providing youth education and career opportunities in Lake County.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves both rural and urban individuals who are interested in the production of a plentiful and safe food

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supply. They provide continued support for agriculture in Lake County which includes farmers, ranchers, and agriculture-based companies. The Bureau also helps young people pursue agricultural education and careers, as well as community education in local agriculture industry and practices. To best advocate for agricultural interests, the Bureau collaborates with local, state, and federal political leaders, government officials, news media, and other organizations.

The Lake County Farm Bureau serves on state and local advisory groups including the Lake County Cannabis Task Force for Ordinance, the Lake County Advisory Committee, the Big Valley GSPAC Committee for Sigma Compliance, the Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Committee, and the FWS Clear Lake Hitch Conservation Strategy Committee.

By effectively advocating for our agriculture community and furthering education on agricultural issues, the Lake County Farm Bureau has greatly strengthened our district. The Bureau aids locals by advising on business practices and teaching educational courses, Lake County Farm Bureau has consistently represented an important perspective on matters affecting the agriculture industry at local, regional, state, and federal levels.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Farm Bureau is deeply appreciated for their 100 years of service and commitment to our agriculture community. Their advocacy has helped California grow by supporting those feeding our communities.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2023

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2023. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the local D.C. trial court, the D.C. Superior Court, based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, this bill would clarify that the term sex, which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

D.C. has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the D.C. Home Rule Act, D.C. does not have the authority to amend the non-discrimination law that applies to D.C. jurors. Therefore, until D.C. is given control over its local courts, an act of Congress is required to clarify that LGBTQ+ jurors are protected from discrimination.

As the Supreme Court said in *Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Company*, “discrimination within the courtroom raises serious questions as to the fairness of the proceedings conducted there. [B]ias mars the integrity of the judicial system and prevents the idea of demo-

cratic government from becoming a reality.” Similarly, the Court, in *Batson v. Kentucky*, which was a juror discrimination case based on race, said, “The harm from discriminatory jury selection extends beyond that inflicted on the defendant and the excluded juror to touch the entire community. Selection procedures that purposefully exclude black persons from juries undermine public confidence in the fairness of our system of justice.”

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMENS ARMED SERVICES ACT AND TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF WOMEN VETERANS

#### HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Act, and the long tradition of the woman veterans who have honorably and courageously served this great Nation.

Since the founding of our Nation, women have always played a pivotal role in our country's military. It wasn't until the Women's Armed Services Act was signed into law by President Harry Truman on June 12, 1948 that women were allowed to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

So today, on the 75th anniversary, I am proud to stand here to thank all past and present women who have served and sacrificed as military members and veterans.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Big Flats American Legion Skinner Ernest Memorial Post 1612 in Big Flats, Chemung County, New York, hosted the second annual Chemung County Women Veterans Recognition Day to honor and remember the sacrifice and service of women veterans. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Big Flats Legion and all those involved in coordinating the event and their dedication to celebrate and honor their fellow female veterans and service women.

It is my humble honor to ask my colleagues to join me in remembering these brave, dedicated, and courageous women who previously served, currently serve, and those seeking future service to our country.

#### HONORING ABIGAIL DAUS

#### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Abigail Daus for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Abigail is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and has achieved great things there and throughout her life, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Stu-

dents like Abigail—who strive to make the most of their education develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Abigail's hard work, determination, and perseverance and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Abigail Daus on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

#### TRIBUTE TO CASIE KILLGORE—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Casie Killgore of Santa Barbara, California.

Raised in Santa Barbara, Casie Killgore has always been committed and involved in her community. As an educator, Casie has dedicated her career in making a difference and leaving an impact in her student's lives. She started her career as a sixth-grade teacher in the early 2000s and has been the Principal at Franklin Elementary School for nearly 15 years.

Casie is a leader who cares about providing the best support for her students, parents, and staff. She is always thinking of innovative ways to support her students and how to bring programs on campus to support what is best for her students and for the families.

Her leadership has helped to create resources like the Franklin Neighborhood Center. Always thinking of her students, Casie has also partnered with organizations throughout the community to provide the support required to assist her students accomplish their future goals and inspire them to continue their education.

Having her community interest in mind, Casie has stepped up to provide resources on campus for students to learn essential life skills and create options for her students. Casie is committed to motivating her students and prepare them for success by providing programs such as Language Arts, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, STEAM programs and so many more.

Her campus has become a trusted resource for so many families that continue to return to the school for its programs, even after the students have graduated and moved on to other schools.

Casie believes in investing in the students, the school, but also in the entire Eastside neighborhood. Casie's dedication extends beyond the school, bringing resources to support the community and the families who call the Eastside their home. She has nurtured trust with the families who know their children will get the education they deserve and will have access to the opportunities to reach their future goals.

Her service goes beyond her work in education, as she serves as a board member on

Central Coast nonprofits including Old Spanish Days, the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation's Education Outreach program, and the Mariachi Festival.

I am honored to recognize Casie's dedication and commitment in developing and providing opportunities and resources for the students, school staff, and the families at Franklin Elementary School and surrounding community. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Casie Killgore, for her exceptional service and commitment to her students and her community.

#### HONORING ANGELA BALTEZORE

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angela Baltezare in honor of her retirement and contributions to our arts community.

Ms. Baltezare was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa and moved to Woodland, California in 1968. After graduating from Woodland High School in 1975, Ms. Baltezare attended Santa Clara University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre. She then attended San Diego State University where she earned her teaching credential. Following the completion of her education, Ms. Baltezare taught theatre arts at Woodland High School from 1999 until 2001.

Ms. Baltezare's participation in the Woodland Opera House began while she was in high school and performed Dames at Sea on the Opera House stage in 1975. Her work with the Opera House continued years later when she became education director, a position she held from 2002 until 2014. Then in 2014, she was promoted to her current position of executive director. In these positions, Ms. Baltezare built a comprehensive theatre and dance program, further developing theatre arts in Woodland.

When the Opera House's education program began to flourish, Ms. Baltezare assisted the expansion process of the Theatre by adding an additional location. Subsequently, the education program has grown immensely with Ms. Baltezare's guidance and enrolls approximately 350 students. In addition to her achievements with the Opera House's education program, Ms. Baltezare has made a marked impact on the Theatre itself. When Ms. Baltezare first performed at the Opera House as a high school student, the building was in disrepair with no air conditioning or seating. Now the Theatre has implemented many improvements including a state-of-the-art sound system, two museum rooms, and a new HVAC system to increase production quality and patron comfort.

Ms. Baltezare's goal of increasing production quality has encouraged participation of actors stretching several regions in Northern California. Focused on growth, she also expanded the production season to include Rising Stars Youth Theatre, allowing young actors to shine on the Opera House's historic stage.

Mr. Speaker, Angela Baltezare is deeply appreciated for her decades of service and com-

mitment to theatre arts. Her efforts have helped the Woodland Opera House grow and improve.

#### HONORING JOSHUA VOORHIS

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joshua Voorhis for being granted the National Rise to the Future Award by the USDA Forest Service.

Joshua has been a District Ranger for the South Park Ranger District for over ten years. During his time in this role, Joshua has implemented and supported stewardship programs focused on the protection and improvement of local watersheds, as well as conserving endangered wildlife species. He is a highly motivated and outstanding manager, working closely with his staff to plan and execute projects to protect our environment.

Joshua's efforts to restore the South Platte Watershed showcased his exceptional leadership skills and dedication to public service. Those who have had the privilege of working with Joshua attest to his dependable management style and unwavering commitment to conservation efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Joshua Voorhis for his dedicated service to our national parks as well as the citizens of Colorado.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF PUERTO RICO

### HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico as it commemorates its 100th Anniversary.

Established on September 19, 1923, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico was born in a time of great economic, political, and social transformation. This organization had its genesis in the seed of military service of Puerto Ricans in the armed forces of our great Nation that was planted on March 28, 1899. On that day, eight Puerto Ricans from the town of Lares were the first to enter the United States Army in the detachment of Puerto Rican Volunteers that eventually became the 65th Infantry Regiment, our beloved Borinqueneers. Their oath of military service was the precursor of a long chain of Puerto Ricans who followed in their footsteps serving in our Nation's armed forces.

That seed grew and the strong tree of military service that took root gave its first flowering in 1917 when 60,000 Puerto Ricans responded to the Nation's call during World War I. From them, aroused the veterans that founded the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

Those World War I veterans and Legionnaires, took the task of ensuring that the Vet-

erans of World War II, and subsequent conflicts, had upon their reintegration into the society the maximum support of a grateful Nation. Against all odds, the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico assumed the role of leading many fights in favor of veterans at the national and state level.

They promoted the creation of the Veterans Hospital which, today is the Veteran Administration Caribbean Health Care System. They laid the foundations to create the Puerto Rico's Veteran's Bill of Rights and did not give up in their effort to include the Puerto Rican Veteran in all the programs and benefits that were granted to their peers in the states.

The post World War II transformation that our Nation faced transformed the American Legion in Puerto Rico, not only due to the increase in veterans who returned and entered their posts, but also due to the entry of women legionnaires into the organization.

On April 1945, once discharged from military service in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, soldiers Priscila Colón and Aida Martinez Rellova became the first female veterans to join the American Legion Post Number 1 in San Juan. Vega Alta Post Number 52 elected veteran Dolores Vázquez as their commander in May 1952. They and many other female Legionnaires laid the foundations that enabled the American Legion, Department of Puerto Rico to have veteran Carmen I. Rosario Diaz as its first female Commander.

The torch of veterans' rights has never failed to shine in Puerto Rico thanks to the willingness of veterans of the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and many other conflicts who assumed the responsibility of leading the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico and relentlessly advocated for veterans.

As new generations of Legionnaires rise to lead the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico, I encourage them to draw inspiration from the last 100 years of selfless service by the American Legion Department of Puerto Rico.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SETH MAGAZINER

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

#### HONORING MR. JAMES D. DAHLING ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mr. James D. Dahling of Norfolk, VA.

After serving for twenty years as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD), the only freestanding children's hospital in Virginia, Jim Dahling will retire on June 20, 2023.

Jim joined CHKD in 1994 as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He previously served as Senior VP of Richmond Memorial Hospital and held senior management positions at Texas and Minnesota hospitals. Jim became CHKD's Chief Executive Officer in 2003.

As a result of Jim's visionary leadership, CHKD solidified its reputation as an internationally acclaimed pediatric hospital. During his tenure, CHKD built the first and only Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Hampton Roads, the region's only pediatric outpatient surgery center, the state's sole pediatric inpatient rehabilitation unit, and the region's first pediatric urgent care center. In response to the growing community concern about a lack of pediatric mental health services in Hampton Roads and across Virginia, Jim led the construction of an innovative 60-bed mental health hospital and outpatient center. The initiative marks a historic expansion of CHKD's mental health services for children, bringing nearly twenty child and adolescent psychiatrists and dozens of other mental health providers to Hampton Roads to address the region's youth mental health crisis.

The Hampton Roads region is home to one of the largest concentrations of active-duty military in the country. CHKD is one of the nation's leading providers of healthcare to military dependents, and Jim has led more than two decades of tireless and growing commitments to providing outstanding medical care to the children of our servicemembers. For that, we owe CHKD and Jim a debt of profound gratitude.

Amy Sampson, a trusted member of CHKD's leadership team and the Board's unanimous choice, will succeed Jim as President and CEO. Amy already has a long and distinguished career at CHKD. Serving for over 30 years in a variety of roles, including strategic planning, government relations, marketing and communications, philanthropy services, community outreach, experience services, the donor milk bank, the call center, and volunteer services. Of Amy's many accomplishments, she has been instrumental in developing CHKD's mental health initiatives, spearheading efforts to secure federal, state and local government approval and financial backing for CHKD's \$224 million pediatric inpatient psychiatric facility. I am excited about the vision, energy and enthusiasm Amy brings to the CEO role, and I know she will continue Jim's and CHKD's outstanding record of service to our region's children.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Dahling embodies CHKD's mission—"Health, Healing, and Hope for All Children"—and his vision will live on in the spirit of those working tirelessly to provide the highest quality of care to Virginia's children. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. James Dahling for his nearly thirty years of service to CHKD and the Hampton Roads region.

#### RECOGNIZING ANTOINE WALKER

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Antoine

Walker as he ends his twenty-two year career as Information Technology Director on the Committee on Ways and Means, Democratic Staff. He began his career in 2001 and over the years has done a remarkable job ensuring that the Members and Staff of this distinguished Committee have had a safe and effective work environment.

Antoine grew up with an Army father and French mother. They moved from place to place, but he spent most of his youth in Florida. He came to us from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a Systems Administrator for then Ranking Member Charles B. Rangel, and he now retires as Information Technology Director. Antoine has had a fine record of public service. He has managed and maintained the Committee's multiple servers, provided hands on assistance to Members and Staff of the Committee, and worked hand in hand with the Recording Studio and House Information Resources to ensure our Committee operated seamlessly not only day to day, but also ensuring that the Committee continued to function during the Historic Covid Pandemic. In fact, because of Antoine's meticulous management of the Committee's Continuation of Operations Program, we were the first Committee to hold a successful virtual hearing and set the precedent for the rest of the U.S. House.

I would like to recognize Antoine for being an invaluable asset to the Committee on Ways and Means. His attention to detail, sense of humor and all-around good disposition have endeared him to his many colleagues and friends. His self-defense classes, held in one of our hearing rooms during recesses, went a long way in captivating his coworkers. He holds a 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and 3rd degree black belt in Jujitsu.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Antoine Walker and all that he has accomplished for the Committee. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

#### HONORING GIADA ROSCH

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Giada Rosch, a high school student from Arvada, Colorado for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Two years ago, Giada created and donated fifty sensory resource bags to the Arvada Fire Department to support local citizens with sensory challenges. She also formed a sensory training program for local businesses and non-profit organizations to help them learn how to make appropriate accommodations for community members with sensory needs. While developing these resources and educational programs, Giada secured more than \$500 in donations to contribute to the creation and expansion of her program.

Her dedication as an advocate for the one in six people nationwide who experience sensory discomfort has made Giada an agent of change in the Arvada community. Her training programs have educated several hundred community leaders and contributed to the accessibility of her hometown. Giada's dedication and passion for helping her community

exemplify the spirit and resiliency of a Girl Scout, which is why she has been awarded the 2021 Girl Scouts Gold Award.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional district, I thank Giada Rosch for her dedicated service and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SONYA AND MIKE CAMPBELL

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the dedicated service of Sonya and Mike Campbell, longtime owners of the Hanover True Value Hardware Store. For over 50 years, Sonya and Mike faithfully served their community with a helping hand and an easy smile. Their store has been an institution of downtown Hanover, and over the decades they helped so many to improve their homes, yards, garages, and offices. Mike and Sonya are embarking on their well-earned retirement this year, and their presence in Hanover and the Upper Valley Region will be sorely missed.

Sonya began working at the True Value store in 1976 as a teenager, at the same time I was attending Dartmouth College in Hanover. In 1991, Sonya bought the store and became the owner. She remained the owner for more than three decades, maintaining the hardware store that locals came to love and rely on with her family by her side. The strong family ties are part of what makes the store so authentic to Hanover and the Upper Valley community—it is run by people who care about their neighbors and want to help in any way they can. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of visiting Sonya and Mike's store many times, and during each visit they reminded me of the values of hard work and kindness in the community.

Sonya and Mike's dedication to their community runs deep, and there are few in Hanover and the Upper Valley who have not felt their positive impact. From serving as a long-time resource for the town's older residents—fixing flashlights, replacing keys, and helping with household repairs—to working with the local newspaper, the Valley News, to provide free copies of the paper to Hanover High School graduates so they had a record of the news on the day they graduated, Mike and Sonya are always looking for ways to help their neighbors.

I wish them well in their retirement and know that their presence in downtown Hanover will be sorely missed.

#### HONORING COAST GUARD COMMANDER KIMBERLY YOUNG-MCLEAR

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Kimberly Young-McLear, a Commander in the United States Coast

Guard, on the occasion of her retirement from Federal service.

In December 2019, during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, Commander Young-McLear testified before our Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Reform in a joint hearing titled, "Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation." The hearing was the culmination of an 18-month investigation into how the Coast Guard mishandled Commander Young-McLear's allegations of harassment and bullying based in part on her race, gender, and sexual orientation and failed to protect her from prohibited retaliation. The hearing, along with the issuance of a joint staff report on the results of the investigation, prompted the Coast Guard to implement several recommendations to improve its anti-harassment policies, investigative processes, and civil rights manual. Commander Young-McLear's courage in coming forward led directly to these critical changes to root out harassment and bullying and drive accountability within the Coast Guard.

In the years since, Commander Young-McLear has continued to be an advocate before Congress and resource for victims and whistleblowers across the government, while steadfastly serving the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Commander Young-McLear has served with distinction in several roles at DHS, including as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, as a professor at the Coast Guard Academy, and as Senior Advisor at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Among her many contributions, Commander Young-McLear developed and delivered over 10 academic courses to more than 800 Coast Guard cadets across business, marine science, and cyber systems majors; played a key role in developing the Coast Guard's first Cyber Strategy and CISA's first Strategic Plan; and successfully advocated for policies enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equality across the Department.

Commander Young-McLear's bravery, perseverance, and integrity provide a model for civil servants across government. Her valuable contributions throughout her 20-year career have informed Congress' oversight and legislative work, including that of the Committee on Homeland Security, and improved the Coast Guard's ability to execute its mission by reinforcing the need for all servicemembers to act with honor and integrity.

I am proud to have worked with Commander Young-McLear during her tenure at the Coast Guard. I rise to honor her service and wish her well.

**CONGRATULATING COLONEL ERIC A. MCCOY ON COMPLETING HIS ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT**

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Eric A. McCoy, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was commissioned as a Sec-

ond Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps on May 15, 1998. He is a distinguished military graduate of Morgan State University. Colonel McCoy's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health, a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Master of Science in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes the U.S. Army Ordnance Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains' Career Course, U.S. Army Combined Arms Staff and Services School, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to his assignment at Anniston Army Depot, Colonel McCoy served as the Director of the Subsistence Supply Chain, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Meritorious Unit Commendation. He is authorized to wear the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Army Staff Identification Badges.

Colonel McCoy commanded a 15,319 acre organic industrial base installation with an annual budget of over \$750 million and 2,284 building/structures. As ANAD commander, he was responsible for force sustainment through the depot's repair, overhaul, and modification of combat vehicles, artillery systems, howitzers, bridging, small arms, components and subassemblies, locomotives, and rail equipment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Col. Eric A. McCoy on completing his assignment as the 37th Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

**HONORING DON LOMBARDI**

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Lombardi of West Metro Fire Rescue for being awarded the International Association of Fire Chief's Metropolitan "Metro" Chiefs Division Russell E. Sanders Lifetime Achievement Award.

Fire Chief Don Lombardi has been with the West Metro Fire Protection District since 1991, one of the largest fire districts and EMS providers in the state of Colorado, serving a population of nearly 300,000 citizens, covering 108 square miles. A graduate of the University of Colorado, as well as the Executive Fire Officer Program with the National Fire Academy, Chief Lombardi leads the agency's efforts to protect Colorado from household fires and wildfires across the state.

In addition to his work on West Metro Fire, Mr. Lombardi has co-authored recent Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit legislation and has served as chair of the Colorado Firefighters Heart and Cancer Benefit Trust and the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' executive board. As wildfires driven by climate change continue to threaten the lives and communities of Coloradans, leaders like Don

Lombardi ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Western Denver Metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, I congratulate Don Lombardi for receiving this award and thank him for his leadership and public service for the Colorado community.

**RECOGNIZING LICKING WILDCATS BASEBALL TEAM**

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team on becoming the Missouri Class 3 State champions.

On June 1, 2023, the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team made it to the championship game for the first time since 1994, and for the first time since 1989 they brought home the championship. It is clear from the scale of celebrations that followed the victory, which included an impromptu parade with an escort from the Sheriff's Department immediately following the game, and their appointment as the grand marshal for the Rodeo Parade, that the effects of this victory rippled through their community.

The Class 3 State Champions, Derek Mendenhall, Karson Walker, Cole McCloy, Keyton Rinne, Cole Wallace, Malachi Antle, Kannon Buckner, Garrett Gorman, Brently Morris, Silas Antle, Kale Cook, Logan Gorman, Austin Stephens, Jordan Ritz, Rusty Buckner, Keyton Cook, and Kellar Davis, led by Assistant Coaches Cole Roark and Chris Harris and Head Coach Harv Antle, deserve to be praised for all the hard work and dedication that led to their state championship Victory.

This achievement is a testament to the excellent leadership of the coaching staff and the skill, drive, and passion of all the players on the team.

It is my great pleasure to honor the Licking Wildcats Baseball Team for their momentous state victory.

**SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS**

**HON. CHIP ROY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe Women Veterans Day on June 12th and thank all the American women that have directly and indirectly served with our Armed Forces.

Seventy-five years ago, in 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act was passed.

On June 17, 2023, my constituents in Kerrville will gather to salute the military service of female veterans in my district.

Over the summer, I will highlight 20 accounts of military service from Texas's 21st Congressional District, including veterans:

Lt. Colonel Edith Shacklette Haynes, Captain Earlynn Black Harding, Private First Class Rae Tausig Weisbruch, Petty Officer 3rd class Virginia Lewandowski Saip, Specialist Mary Redmon Casillas, Staff Sergeant Ruth Neely

Cremin, Staff Sergeant Shirley Adams Hill, Technical Sergeant Leslie North, Airman Katherine Anderson, Colonel Vicki Taylor Marsh, Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl McCall Bunyard, Corporal Lillian Southern Stovall Beard, Storekeeper Second Class Diann Sutton, Major Dolores A. Putnam, Technical Sergeant Jennifer Dwyer Dewey, Sergeant Nikki Johnson Caines, Colonel Susie Jones McCalla, Captain Deborah A. Dombeck, Lt. Colonel Kimberly Rhoades, Petty Officer 3rd class Kristy Putman Harris, Petty Officer 1st class Keri D. Camella.

On behalf of 21st Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank our veterans, including these incredible women, that have served our country with honor and distinction. A grateful Nation thanks them.

#### RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY ADULT DAY CENTER FOR 100,000 HOURS OF SERVICE

##### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Mount Washington Valley Adult Day Center for their 100,000 hours of service to New Hampshire's elderly. The MWV Adult Day Center continues to serve as a shining example of the compassion and companionship that care communities strive to provide for residents. This organization understands the importance of treating New Hampshire seniors with the respect and care they deserve, and the struggles they face as they age.

The MWV Adult Day Center holds close the importance of dignity, and the ability to provide joy in kind care, friendly faces, and an understanding of the loss and discomfort that comes with age. Their work honors the vital contributions of the elderly during their working lives, and the prominent, long-standing roles they play in their communities. They ensure New Hampshire seniors are treated with the respect and care they deserve, and emphasize the importance of developing social connections in retired life.

Through therapeutic services that provide guests with support groups and socialization, and a wide array of creative, personalized activities, MWV Adult Day Center maintains the mental, physical, and social well-being of its seniors. It fosters vital connections among New Hampshire's senior population that are necessary to form systems of support and comfortably engage with a new community. As the importance of senior connections and care options grows in rural centers, the Adult Day Center remains integral in providing inclusive care, affordable pricing, and consistent ease of access to Granite Staters. The MWV Adult Day Center's upcoming Evening to Remember celebration of 100,000 hours of service is a crucial milestone in a continued mission to further committed care for New Hampshire seniors.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend them all for their dedication to providing our seniors with the resources they need to live comfortably and happily, and the tireless com-

passion that drives their service. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING SDI PRESENCE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

##### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to highlight SDI Presence, a Chicago-based IT consultancy and managed services provider, for its distinguished service to the community. Through its ongoing engagement with Chicago's educational institutions and initiatives, SDI has helped create a pipeline for students from underserved communities to prepare for rewarding careers in the city's emerging technology sector.

SDI Presence, led by Executive Chairman and founder David Gupta and CEO Hardik Bhatt, has played a pivotal role in new apprenticeship and mentorship programs that support the city's vision of cultivating talent as diverse as the communities it serves.

One of these programs, aptly named DiverseTech, is an innovative partnership between leaders in the private sector IT space, including SDI Presence, and the City of Chicago. DiverseTech fulfills a critical role in the human infrastructure of Chicago's economy by preparing students and recent graduates to fill some of the city's most in-demand IT jobs. The partnership recruits apprentices from historically underrepresented communities, leveraging the talent of our region's community college system. This year alone, DiverseTech will train, guide, and mentor at least 25 apprentices in areas such as cybersecurity and digital services to meet the growing IT needs of city government and Chicagoland's advanced technology sector.

Additionally, through a unique partnership with Chicago's Kennedy-King College, SDI has supported the college's Tech Launchpad program, a pipeline drawing talent primarily from the city's South and West sides. With gifts from SDI and access to the firm's unparalleled apprenticeship network, Tech Launchpad has grown rapidly, extending its reach with plans to help transform the lives of more than 600 students in the next two years.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to recognize and extend our collective gratitude to SDI Presence for its contributions to the people of our area. I look forward to seeing the impact of its work across the Chicagoland region and the Nation as the graduates of its programs go on to become a new generation of America's tech leaders.

#### HONORING MS. MARY BEGLEY

##### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary Begley for her 28 years of service as principal of Arlington Science Focus Elementary. Ms. Begley has demonstrated unwavering dedica-

tion and commitment to the success and well-being of students, teachers, and staff.

Principal Begley has consistently exhibited exceptional leadership, fostering a positive learning environment and promoting academic excellence. She has shown exemplary professionalism, integrity, and compassion in all interactions with students, parents, and the wider community.

Principal Begley has played a vital role in the growth and development of Arlington Science Focus since its inception, implementing innovative educational programs and initiatives that have positively impacted student achievement. Principal Begley has cultivated a supportive and inclusive school culture, fostering a sense of belonging and promoting diversity and inclusion. Principal Begley has been a hands-on source of inspiration and motivation, encouraging students and staff to strive for excellence and reach their full potential.

Principal Begley has been instrumental in establishing strong relationships with parents, collaborating with them to create a collaborative and nurturing learning environment. Principal Begley has been the recipient of numerous awards for her work, including Arlington County Principal of The Year; the National PTA's Outstanding Principal; the Greater Washington Reading Council's Administrator of The Year; and the Jaycee's Woman of The Year, among many other distinguished honors.

U.S. Representative DON BEYER of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, including the Arlington Science Focus school community, expresses his deepest gratitude and appreciation to Principal Begley for her outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication to the school.

I recognize Principal Begley's significant contributions to the success and growth of the school and acknowledge her tireless efforts to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all. I extend warmest wishes to retiring Principal Begley for a well-deserved retirement, filled with joy, good health, and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

The Arlington Science Focus community pledges to carry forward the values, principles, and achievements fostered by Principal Begley, ensuring the continued growth and success of the school.

Once again, I ask that we recognize and thank Ms. Begley for such an impactful tenure and wish her the best in her retirement.

#### HONORING HIKE DOGGIE, INC.

##### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hike Doggie, Inc. for earning the Rotary Club of Golden's Ethics in Business award.

Hike Doggie, Inc. provides an important service to our community by providing a way for busy dog owners to ensure their pets are getting quality time outdoors to improve their health and quality of life. As dogs need the time and space to exercise and socialize with other animals, Hike Doggie, Inc. has created an avenue to let dogs of all sizes and breeds explore the great Colorado outdoors while allowing their owners a break to run errands,

pick up their kids from school, accomplish work tasks, or anything else they need to take care of in a busy week. It was clear to the Rotary Club of Golden that they care deeply about their customer experience—providing enthusiastic service and connecting with each customer and their dog. Additionally, they treat their employees with that same care and respect, helping to build a cohesive and passionate team.

It is my honor to congratulate Hike Doggie, Inc. on achieving the Ethics in Business award and to thank them for the excellent service they provide to our community.

HONORING MELINDA M.  
MENDELSON

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Melinda M. Mendelson for her dedication to serving the community of Napa County.

In 2006, Ms. Mendelson organized the Napa County community to address the lack of access to affordable health insurance and healthcare for children. Her enthusiasm for healthcare accessibility led to the establishment of the Community Health Initiative, formerly known as the Children's Health Initiative, which is a coordinated outreach and retention effort designated to improve families' participation in health coverage programs. Eighteen years and 28,000 Californians later, Community Health Initiative continues to navigate affordable health insurance and benefits in Napa, Solano, Santa Clara, and Los Angeles Counties.

Ms. Mendelson's advocacy goes beyond healthcare through her support for educational development. She worked for ten years as the Director of Development for private and public universities. Notably, the application of Ms. Mendelson's expertise led to a twenty percent increase in contributions for the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Ms. Mendelson was also a member of the English Center for International Women at Mills College in Oakland, CA. In addition to these persistent advocacy involvements, Ms. Mendelson further participated in the Napa community through the Napa Valley Vintners Auction, Napa Valley Art Council, and Napa Valley Opera House.

In 2014, Ms. Mendelson formally retired. However, Ms. Mendelson continues to display her commitment to public service and the local community through advocacy and support.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Melinda M. Mendelson has contributed to the Napa Valley community and beyond.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
JERRY OSTER

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Oster on

his 49 years of broadcasting in South Dakota. Mr. Oster is retiring from his current position as News Director of WNAX in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he has become known across five states as the voice of the station.

Following his graduation from USD-Springfield, Mr. Oster took hold of the opportunity to start in the broadcast industry at the young age of 23. With his career spanning nearly five decades, Mr. Oster has covered some of the state's biggest stories and personalities.

It is now at the age of 70 that Mr. Oster has decided to retire. Throughout his career, Mr. Oster has dedicated an incredible amount of time, talent, and service to the state of South Dakota and to his loyal listeners, whom he says are the reason he stayed in the industry for as long as he has.

Mr. Oster leaves behind a legacy of reaching out and making a difference in the lives of his listeners. A legacy modeled after his inspiration, former SDSU football coach John Stiegelmeier and his "Make a Difference" Book.

I am proud to stand today and recognize Mr. Oster's dedication to his community in South Dakota and thank him for his hard work. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. M. ROY WILSON'S SERVICE TO THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. M. Roy Wilson, the president of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan at the end of his tenure. His contributions to the lives of students and staff at Wayne State and universities across the Nation are worthy of commendation.

Prior to joining Wayne State, Dr. Wilson served as the deputy director for strategic scientific planning and program coordination at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health. Previously, Dr. Wilson was vice president of health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at Creighton University, president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and chancellor of the University of Colorado-Denver while simultaneously serving as chair of the board of directors of the University of Colorado Hospital.

Under the leadership of President Wilson for the last decade, Wayne State has seen an era of growth and prosperity. Before my time in Congress, I served as Chair of the Wayne State Board of Governors, where I was able to see firsthand President Wilson's hard work in many different areas. In 2018, Wayne State won the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Degree Completion Award, which recognizes innovative and successful approaches to improve degree completion and ensure educational quality. Improvements were particularly seen among first-generation, low-income and minority students. As a result of efforts to promote the recruitment and retention of those who represent our global community and create the best clinical experience within our cities, the School of Medicine saw

a tenfold increase in the number of traditionally underrepresented students from 2014 to 2020.

President Wilson's tenure also saw a drastic improvement to Wayne State's campus. In 2018, Wayne State opened the new Mike Illitch School of Business in downtown Detroit, made possible by a generous donation from Mike and Marian Illitch. That same year, groundbreaking took place for two major projects: the Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex for theatre, music, dance, and the arts, and the renovation of an unused science library into the STEM Innovation Learning Center, an instructional learning environment for undergraduates that opened in Fall 2021. The university established a partnership with the Detroit Pistons to construct a new \$25 million arena for Wayne State's men's and women's basketball teams, which opened in fall 2021. The arena also serves as the home of the new NBA G League affiliate in Detroit. Lastly, the university invested \$4 million to upgrade and refresh Wi-Fi across campus to improve connection reliability and speed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the lifetime of work that Dr. Wilson has accomplished. Though his legacy will certainly live on at Wayne State University, this is simply the most recent chapter in a long and successful career in education for Dr. Wilson. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in any future exploits.

TRIBUTE TO DR. VAN DO-REYNOSO—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso of Santa Barbara, California.

Dr. Van Do-Reynoso is an exemplar of public service, both as a professional and as a volunteer, and as a health equity professional who has led the Santa Barbara region in advocating for the needs of all, but especially of those on the margins. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to this country from Vietnam at the age of 9, with an older sibling and no English. Nonetheless, she quickly adapted, receiving first a degree from UC Santa Cruz, then a Master's from UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. in Public Health from UC Merced.

Dr. Do-Reynoso has made health equity her mission; it was the reason she went into public health, and ultimately why she worked for and received her doctorate, all while raising three girls and holding increasingly demanding 'day jobs' as she rose through the ranks in public health, serving in both Madera and Tulare Counties.

She ultimately ended up as the Public Health Director for Santa Barbara County, taking on a demanding, large department that serves a wide range of communities.

Santa Barbara County has one of the highest child poverty rates in the state, as well as

large numbers of migrant workers who speak neither English nor Spanish. Dr. Do-Reynoso came to ensure that these residents received quality services.

In 2020, when the pandemic hit, Dr. Do-Reynoso rose to the challenge, leading the department response to a once-in-a-century global pandemic. She did far more than just ensure that the County responded to the need for education and services; she spearheaded the creation of the Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force, which ultimately pulled together over 100 governmental and non-profit agencies to address health inequities and reach the most at-risk and endangered residents of the region.

She quickly came to be the face of equitable public health on the Central Coast. Dr. Do-Reynoso recently moved over to CenCal, to serve as Chief Customer Experience Officer. Given her openness to others, her collaborative work style, and her commitment to inclusivity, her sendoff at the last Board of Supervisors was a tribute to the love and respect that all feel for her as a leader, colleague, and friend.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her exemplary leadership during a global pandemic and ensuring the resources and information was available to everyone in the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, for her incredible service to her community.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. KELLY RICHERS

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kelly Richers for his 35 years of service to the California education system and to congratulate him on his retirement as the Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District. Mr. Richers' long-standing career as an educator and administrator in the Wasco Union Elementary School District began in 1986 at Norris Middle School in Bakersfield, where he taught Science. Over the next two decades, Mr. Richers was Vice Principal and Principal at various schools across the district, first as the Vice Principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, then as the Vice Principal and later Principal of Palm Avenue Elementary School, and lastly returning to Thomas Jefferson as the Principal in 2007. During his tenure, student outcomes across all schools improved immensely. In 2009, Mr. Richers became the Director of Categorical Programs and Special Projects for the school district. In this role, he coordinated a Migrant Resource Teacher program, implemented Parent Notification Letters, and established several community partnerships for the district's families. Throughout his four years as Director, Mr. Richers was focused on providing students and families of the district with the programs they needed to be successful. Mr. Richers was promoted to district Superintendent in 2014, where he oversaw a student body of more than 3,500 students, 500 personnel, and a yearly budget that exceeded \$50 million. He supervised the passage of

bonds totaling \$36 million, the construction and renovation of several new school buildings, and the addition of special education buses and school nursing staff. As Superintendent, he has routinely demonstrated his commitment to Wasco Union Elementary School District's mission of excellence for all. Throughout his career, Mr. Richers has received many accolades for his leadership across the district. He was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of School Administrators and in 2009, was selected as the California Middle Grades Principal of the Year. Mr. Richers' immense contributions to the school district will have a lasting impact on the Wasco community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Kelly Richers' service as an educator in the Central Valley. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ELIGIBILITY TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to provide the District of Columbia comprehensive eligibility for funding under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program. The program is authorized under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.

The program was intended to provide grants to both states and municipalities to ensure the comprehensive management of post-consumer wastes and plastics and to prevent the continued contamination of our nation's waters by these materials. In its implementation of the program, the EPA created two separate grants—one for states and one for municipalities. The EPA made D.C. eligible for the state program, as required by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, but not the municipality program, even though it should have been eligible for the municipality program, too. The EPA has misinterpreted the definition of municipality in the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and is depriving D.C. of funds to which it is entitled.

Making D.C. eligible for both grants—both as a state and as a municipality—is consistent with the overall intent of the program and would enable D.C. to utilize funding both for the development of a comprehensive strategy to improve post-consumer materials management and recycling, and for implementation of specific collection and treatment measures to remove these wastes from the wastewater stream.

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act defines the terms "state" and "municipality" for the purposes of the program. Section 2 of the Act defines the term "state" as specifically including D.C. Section 302(c) of the Act utilizes the definition for "municipality" in section 502 of the Clean Water Act, which includes "a city, town,

borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body . . . having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes." D.C. falls under the definitions of both terms and therefore should be eligible for both grants under the program.

Given that D.C. operates as the functional equivalent of a joint city, county and state, D.C. is analogous to a municipality that has jurisdiction over publicly owned treatment works under section 302(c) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, as well as being explicitly defined under section 2 of the Act as a state. Exclusion of D.C. from either portion of the program is inconsistent with the comprehensive nature of post-consumer waste management under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and would leave D.C. poorly positioned to address the challenges of post-consumer wastes in our Nation's waters.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL VALOR

#### HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of El Valor, a multicultural non-profit organization whose mission is to support children, people with disabilities, and their young families to achieve excellence and participate fully in life throughout the Chicagoland area and Cook County, Illinois.

El Valor was founded in 1973, when Guadalupe Reyes could not find quality care for her son with mental and physical disabilities. It was this need for a place that was welcoming and supportive for the most marginalized members of our community that led to the inception of El Valor.

Over the past five decades, El Valor has been a home and place of belonging. From early childhood education programs in English and Spanish to adult programs for individuals of all abilities, and professional development opportunities for rising community leaders, El Valor supports people in achieving their full potential.

I am honored to commemorate El Valor on their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations (!Felicidades!).

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN MINCK—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Kathleen Minck of Arroyo Grande, California. A retired teacher who has dedicated her life to service. Kathleen has been a leader



and advocate for several outstanding causes affecting those in her community, as well as those affected by hardship around the world.

Following a 32-year career as an educator within the Lucia Mar School District, where she promoted tolerance and diversity among her students, Kathleen traveled overseas to help build schools in Thailand and Kenya, while serving as a Human Rights Observer in Cuba and Venezuela. This work earned Kathleen the Peace & Justice Human Rights Award from the California Teachers Association in 2013.

Since its inception in 2017, Kathleen has served on the board of the Diversity Coalition of SLO County, an organization focused on building diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community through advocacy and education. As Education Chair, Kathleen has spotlighted such issues as the Holocaust, immigration, Japanese internment, civil rights, and other important topics, through programs specifically aimed for children.

Through Kathleen's work with Diversity Coalition of SLO County, she strives to educate people about human rights at a young age, before their belief systems are fully formed. Kathleen has used her years of experience in childhood education to plan and execute over 30 school speaking events with the coalition, introducing students and teachers to speakers whose lives have been perniciously affected by hate and bias.

Kathleen is also a board member of SLO4Home, a non-profit group devoted to helping refugees from Ukraine, Syria, and Afghanistan relocate to the Central Coast. Through SLO4Home, Kathleen has been directly involved with helping two Afghan families transition their lives to California.

Providing dignity and compassion during difficult times is an attribute that Kathleen possesses through her work as a volunteer at Wilshire Hospice. Losing her twin sister to brain cancer at the age of 7 has left a special spot in her heart for pediatric cancer patients. Prior to the pandemic, Kathleen made weekly trips to Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara to read to children with cancer and bring them gifts as a personal passion-project of hers.

I am honored to recognize Kathleen for her continued commitment to fostering acceptance and empathy among our Central Coast youth and for her continued efforts in aiding those in need. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Kathleen Minck, for her incredible service to her community.

#### HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Fairfield's Travis Air Force Base upon celebrating 80 years of diligent service to the United States military and the American public. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the vital role that Travis Air Force Base plays in the critical duties of the United States Air Force and the immense presence it has in the Solano community.

Originally founded on May 11, 1943, as Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, the Base began as only a single airstrip and a few temporary buildings. Despite its small footprint, the Base spearheaded the essential mission of servicing and ferrying tactical aircraft from California to active war zones across the Pacific.

Travis Air Force Base quickly became integral to the crucial missions of the United States military and became the West Coast's largest aerial port by 1945. During World War II, Travis Air Force Base met a challenge of colossal scale, directly facilitating the mission of airlifting troops to Asia and then supporting the return of war-weary servicemembers.

Today, Travis Air Force Base is widely known as the "Gateway to the Pacific," as it handles more cargo and passengers through its aerial port than any other military air terminal in the United States. The Base continues to support humanitarian airlift efforts around the world and played a critical role in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in history, Operation Allies Refuge, which ultimately saved over 124,000 lives. I have listened to countless stories from the valiant servicemembers of Travis Air Force Base that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated in the United States Air Force.

The critical role that Travis Air Force Base has in the greater Solano County community does not go unnoticed. Currently, the Travis team includes over 15,000 active-duty servicemembers, civilians, and reservists, every one of whom is a vital and valued member of the Solano community. Travis Air Force Base's dedication to the United States military and Americans around the world is not only impressive, but essential to the safety of families across the country.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Travis Air Force Base upon its 80th anniversary and extend my sincere gratitude for the Base's sacrifices and contributions in the defense of this great country.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs  
To hold hearings to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

SD-138

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To receive a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure,

and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, S. 1862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide explicit authority for the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to work with international partners on cybersecurity, S. 61, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms and services for illicit activities, and S. 1835, to require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a campaign program to raise awareness regarding the importance of cybersecurity in the United States.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine S. 359, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the GAO's 2023 report on opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication and achieve financial benefits.

SD-562

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving substance use disorder care for veterans in rural America and beyond.

SR-418

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the current dynamics in U.S.-China relations.

SVC-317

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine planning for older Americans and people with disabilities in all phases of emergencies.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "FAA Reauthorization Act", and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer's Project, S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act, S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, S. 1844, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, S. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program, S. 1855, to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and other pending calendar business.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 1094, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, and the nomination of Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, Department of Justice.

SH-216

JUNE 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 284, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to include on the engravings on the Taras Shevchenko Memorial in the District of Columbia the name of Vincent Illuzzi, Sr., who carved the statue, S. 351, to designate 6 creeks in the State of North Carolina in honor of the lives lost in a plane crash in Carteret County, North Carolina, on February 13, 2022, S. 384, to establish the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 432, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 507, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, S. 527, to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, S. 562, to establish the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley and Roberts Temple National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 594, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 608, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, S. 886, 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, S. 924, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 961, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the "Salem Maritime National Historic Park", S. 1059, to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, S. 1097, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, and S. 1277, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2037–S2053*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1921–1930. **Page S2050**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 174, condemning the human rights record of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the brutal killing of Eswatini activist Thulani Maseko on January 21, 2023, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 920, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. **Page S2049**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–14) **Page S2048**

**Allen Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. **Pages S2037–40**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 153), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2045**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 13, 2023; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that at 2:15 p.m., notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; that if cloture has been invoked, at 5 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California,

and Jared Bernstein, in the order listed; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. **Page S2052**

**Ho Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S2040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S2040**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2040**

**Choudhury Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S2040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S2040**

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**Rikelman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julie Rikelman,

of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S2040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S2040**

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Nancy Anderson Speight, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024.

Nancy Anderson Speight, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2029.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2052–53**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2048**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2048–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2050–51**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Page S2051**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S2048**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Pages S2051–52**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—153) **Page S2045**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2052.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 52 public bills, H.R. 4000–4051; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68–70; H. Con. Res. 51; and H. Res. 493–494, 496–500, were introduced. **Pages H2806–09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2811–13**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3796, to provide for the extension of taxes funding the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–105);

H.R. 3798, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to inform employers of flexible health insurance benefits, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–106);

H.R. 3799, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual health insurance coverage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–107); and

H. Res. 495, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘stabilizing braces’”; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–108).

**Page H2806**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2794**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H2795**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Block Grant Assistance Act of 2023: H.R. 662, amended, to amend the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 to improve disaster relief funding for agricultural producers. **Pages H2803–05**

**Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Representative Sewell to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years. **Page H2805**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2805**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

*Calling for the immediate release of Evan Gersbkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023:* H. Res. 377, amended, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gersbkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023; **Pages H2795–97**

*Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan:* H. Res. 272, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan; **Pages H2797–H2800**

*Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Act:* H.R. 3099, amended, to establish in the Department of State the position of Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords; and **Pages H2800–03**

*Changing Age-Determined Eligibility To Student Incentive Payments Act:* S. 467, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies. **Page H2803**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m. **Pages H2805–06**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Belarus is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–47). **Page H2805**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES RELATING TO “FACTORING CRITERIA FOR FIREARMS WITH ATTACHED ‘STABILIZING BRACES’”; REINS ACT OF 2023; SEPARATION OF POWERS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023; GAS STOVE PROTECTION AND FREEDOM ACT; SAVE OUR GAS STOVES ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘Stabilizing Braces’”; H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023” [Rule Markup Only]; H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023” [Rule Markup Only]; H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act” [Rule Markup Only]; and H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Gas Stoves Act” [Rule Markup Only]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 44, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘Stabilizing Braces’”, H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, and H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Stoves Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 44, the Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘Stabilizing Braces’”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member

of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–6 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–7 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule further makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration

of H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Stoves Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration of the vote on adoption of H. Res. 463 is vacated to the end that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cline and Nadler.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal 2024 for space capabilities of the Department of Defense and intelligence community, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Eric M. Smith, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the state of Native American housing, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion, to hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of travel and tourism legislation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and related surveillance authorities, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on USDA's Rural Development Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2024, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 824, the "Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023"; and H.R. 3941, the "Schools not Shelters Act", 4 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of FERC: Adhering to a Mission of Affordable and Reliable Energy for America", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions to Bolster Preparedness and Response for All Hazards and Public Health Security Threats", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee On Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled "Examining the Fiscal Year 24 State Department Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Budget", 10 a.m., 210-HVC.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of Digital Assets: Providing Clarity for the Digital Asset Ecosystem", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for Near Eastern Affairs", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 188, the "Proven Forest Management Act"; H.R. 630, the "Urban Indian Health Confer Act"; H.R. 1240, the "Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023"; H.R. 1314, the "LODGE Act"; H.R. 1450, the "Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act"; H.R. 3371, the "Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act"; H.R. 3389, the "Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2023"; H.R. 3562, the "Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act of 2023"; and a Committee Resolution authorizing the Indo-Pacific Task Force in the Committee on Natural Resources, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on House Administration,* Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Office of Congressional Ethics", 2:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled "Where's the Beef? Regulatory Barriers to Entry and Competition in Meat Processing", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled "The Rise in Organized Retail Crime and the Threat to Public Safety", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled "Oversight of CDC Policies and Decisions During the COVID-19 Pandemic", 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "From Theory to Reality: The Limitless Potential of Fusion Energy", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Assisting Entrepreneurs: Examining Private and Public Resources Helping Small Businesses", 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3935, the "Securing Growth and



Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Care Coordination: Assessing Veteran Needs and Improving Outcomes”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 3936, the “Tax Cuts for Working Families Act”; H.R. 3937, the “Small Business Jobs Act”; and H.R. 3938, the “Build It in America Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, markup on legislation on the FY 2024 IAA, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This markup is closed.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 13 through June 16, 2023

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

At 5 p.m., if cloture has been invoked on either of the nominations of Hernan D. Vera, or Jared Bernstein, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon, in the order listed.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations*: June 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal 2024 for space capabilities of the Department of Defense and intelligence community, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

June 14, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services*: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Eric M. Smith,

USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

June 13, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the state of Native American housing, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: June 13, Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion, to hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of travel and tourism legislation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

June 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “FAA Reauthorization Act”, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: June 14, to receive a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: June 14, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

June 15, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: June 14, to hold hearings to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Joel Ehrenreich, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

June 14, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the current dynamics in U.S.-China relations, 3:15 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: June 15, business meeting to consider S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer’s Project, S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer’s Project Act, S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, S. 1844, to

amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, S. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program, S. 1855, to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* June 14, business meeting to consider S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, S. 1862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide explicit authority for the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to work with international partners on cybersecurity, S. 61, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms and services for illicit activities, and S. 1835, to require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a campaign program to raise awareness regarding the importance of cybersecurity in the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

June 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the GAO's 2023 report

on opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication and achieve financial benefits, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* June 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and related surveillance authorities, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 13, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

June 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, 10 a.m., SD-106.

June 14, Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights, to hold hearings to examine S. 359, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 1094, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, and the nomination of Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* June 14, to hold hearings to examine improving substance use disorder care for veterans in rural America and beyond, 3 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* June 14, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* June 15, to hold hearings to examine planning for older Americans and people with disabilities in all phases of emergencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* June 14, Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology, hearing entitled "A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* June 14, Full Committee, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2024; and the report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2024, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* June 14, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce, hearing entitled "Postsecondary Innovation: Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* June 14, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of NRC: Ensuring Efficient and

Predictable Nuclear Safety Regulation for a Prosperous America”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Proposals that Provide Access to Care for Patients and Support Research for Rare Diseases”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, June 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, June 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Efforts to Counter China’s Coercive Belt and Road Diplomacy”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, June 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Open Borders, Closed Case: Secretary Mayorkas’ Dereliction of Duty on the Border Crisis”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, June 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: The Role of the Election Assistance Commission in Free, Fair, and Secure Elections”, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, June 14, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 788, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2023”; H.R. 1525, the “FAIR Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3446, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, June 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2685, the “Mining Schools Act of 2023”; H.R. 3883, to nullify Public Land Order No. 7921, withdrawing certain land in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from mineral entry; and legislation on the Community Reclamation Partnerships Act, 2:15 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 14, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; H.R. 3027, the “Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3675, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to extend certain contract prepayment authority, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 15, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3397, to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, June 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Death by a Thousand Regulations: The Biden Administration’s Campaign to Bury America in Red Tape”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, June 14, Full Committee, begin markup on H.R. 2980, the “DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 2988, the “DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act”; and H.R. 3559, the “FAA Research and Development Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 15, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 2980, the “DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 2988, the “DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act”; and H.R. 3559, the “FAA Research and Development Act of 2023”, 8:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, June 14, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 491, the “Return Home to Housing Act”; H.R. 3874, the “Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act”; H.R. 3848, the “Housing our Military Veterans Effectively Act”; legislation on the TAP Promotion Act; legislation on the Transcript Assurance for Heroes Act; legislation on the Isakson-Roe Education Oversight Expansion Act; legislation on the Servicemember Employment Protection Act of 2023; and legislation to amend title 38, to establish certain employment and reemployment rights for spouses of members of the uniformed services, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, June 14, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, markup on legislation on the FY 2024 IAA, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This markup is closed.

June 14, Subcommittee on National Security Agency and Cyber, markup on legislation on the FY 2024 IAA, 1 p.m., HVC–304. This markup is closed.

June 15, Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise, markup on legislation on the FY 2024 IAA, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This markup is closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 13

## Senate Chamber

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*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*(Senate will recess from 3:30 p.m., to 4:30 p.m., for an all Senators briefing.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 13

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 44—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘Stabilizing Braces’” (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 1615—Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (Subject to a Rule).

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