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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Delbene).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PROTEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, May 11, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUZAN K. DELBENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, 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 11:50 a.m.

### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EMPTY COMMITMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) for 5 minutes

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, President Biden recently claimed that his top priority is fighting inflation. Nobody is buying that narrative, not even for a second.

It is staggering that he genuinely believes that this inflation catastrophe is not of his own making. He acts as if his own failed policies are without sin, that they are truly helping the country

try.
Try and sell that to Americans who are facing an average of \$4.37 per gallon at the gas pump. Try and sell that to Americans who face astronomical prices in grocery stores. You can't.

Madam Speaker, Americans are not fooled by the narratives that have been spun by this administration. The simple truth is that President Biden has no plan to fight inflation. He continues to double down on the failed policies that got us here in the first place.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN F. CLARK Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, as CEO of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, NCMEC, John F. Clark worked tirelessly to protect children across the United States. Although he retired from his position as CEO last month, Mr. Clark leaves behind programs and initiatives that will continue to safeguard America's youth. Since its founding in 1984, NCMEC has worked with law enforcement to locate more than 355,000 missing children. This organization has been a champion for children in danger of sex trafficking, gang violence, and homeless-

For decades, NCMEC has found innovative and reliable ways to enhance child safety. For example, NCMEC's CyberTipline is an important tool to report child exploitation. Over the past 2 years, the tip line received more than 38 million reports and massively expanded the ability of law enforcement to prevent child exploitation.

In 2017, the Committee on Education and the Workforce led the bipartisan Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act. This bill modernized the 1984 Missing Children's Assistance Act. It also identified new ways of promoting child safety in the modernera.

As a grantee benefiting from this law, NCMEC has helped ensure the intent of the committee and Congress to help keep children safe.

Committee members also joined the NCMEC safety pledge, started under Mr. Clark, to raise awareness and share resources about the dangers to children online. Through initiatives like these, NCMEC is providing parents and guardians with the resources needed to prevent child exploitation.

The importance of NCMEC and its private-sector partners cannot be overstated. As former President Ronald Reagan explained at the founding of NCMEC: "No single sector of our Nation can solve the problem of missing and exploited children alone. But by working together . . . we can accomplish great things."

During Mr. Clark's time as CEO of NCMEC, he developed new ways to help exploited children, even during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite overwhelming odds, Mr. Clark and NCMEC continued to protect children from exploitation when they were even more vulnerable.

Mr. Clark's dedication to protecting children extends beyond his time at NCMEC. During his 5-year tenure as Director at the U.S. Marshals Service, he was pivotal in administering the Adam Walsh Act, which directed USMS to pursue child sex offenders. He also oversaw the implementation of the National Sex Offender Targeting Center, further underscoring his commitment to the safety and security of America's youth.

Thanks to his work, thousands of families have been reunited, and because of his dedication, more children have been saved from exploitation than ever before.

For a lifetime of such extraordinary public service, Mr. Clark deserves all the honor we can bestow. With deep appreciation, I say again: Thank you, John Clark, for all your selflessness and hard work, and congratulations on your retirement. America's children are safer thanks to you.

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#### AND STILL I RISE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise today, Madam Speaker, to defend a woman's right to choose, to defend the law of the land, to defend Roe v. Wade. And I rise to do so because it is the woman's choice, not the man's.

I happen to be a male. It is not my choice. I defend a woman's right to make that choice, whatever it may be, and Roe v. Wade has to be a part of it, or the right to choose should be a part of it.

So, today, I would like to share a brief vignette to make my point. Let us assume that you are a person of means. You have resources, and you are adamantly, vehemently, totally, and absolutely opposed to abortion.

Let us assume that abortion is banned across the land, and let us assume that your daughter is raped—ban on abortion, your daughter is raped. You are vehemently, adamantly, totally, and completely opposed to abortion.

But you have the right to change your mind, and you have the right to use your resources to go to some distant place on vacation, take a road trip, and come back after you have exercised your right to choose, or your daughter has exercised her right to choose.

No woman who is raped should be forced to bear the child of the rapist. Have we no sense of what a woman goes through?

We should not allow ourselves to be put in a position where poor women without resources will not have the opportunity to exercise the right that wealthier, resourced persons will exercise.

So, I support maintaining the right to choose, and I support maintaining peaceful protest. I believe that John Kennedy was right when he proclaimed: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

I don't like having people protest me as I leave the plane. I don't enjoy having people protest as I walk into supermarkets. But I accept it because I understand that this is a means by which they can express themselves without having to express themselves by more violent means.

John Kennedy is the person who said it: "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

Let's accept peaceful protest. I do not accept any violence in protest. But peaceful protest, as much as it may disturb me, and as much as I may dislike it, I accept it because I understand what the alternative is.

#### CONTEMPLATING SNAP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. Thompson) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last month, the Agriculture Committee welcomed Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean to a long-overdue hearing.

Until last month, the agency of the United States Department of Agriculture that occupies more than 80 percent of the Agriculture Committee's spending had gone unchecked for nearly 4 years.

Each section of title IV, the nutrition title, of the 2018 farm bill made nominal changes to a program that has since exploded to serve more than 42 million individuals, at a current cost of roughly \$9 billion per month.

Now, we need to contemplate SNAP through four principles, particularly as we shift from emergency spending and administration to more targeted and informed programming.

First, we need to further explore how to serve recipients through innovation and flexibility. If the pandemic has taught us one thing, it is there is no one way to serve families in need.

Second, we must think about the best ways to guide recipients to independence through employment, education, and training. While waivers related to work under the former administration were logical, they are now clearly keeping employable individuals idle and disengaged. It is time to talk about reemployment, with a specific focus on those who have left the labor force.

The third principle: We cannot deny program integrity has been compromised. I want to work with the Department to return to and maintain the virtues of SNAP. This includes normal modes of data collection and normal modes of analysis and dissemination of information to ensure the responsible use of program funds.

Last, and perhaps most importantly, we must come together to improve access and promote healthy foods and im-Employment proved nutrition healthcare costs, and general longevity are highly dependent on the foods that we consume. Together with modernized nutrition education initiatives, the nutrition research funding secured in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the existing library of research on healthy eating, USDA is uniquely positioned to improve the nutrition of millions of households, not just those deemed healthy.

I think my colleagues across the aisle can agree with each of these four principles. Where we diverge is how to preserve the program for those in actual need, without regulatory loopholes and fuzzy interpretations of the law, both of which exploit the very intent of the program. Where we diverge is the reality that this one title will cost taxpayers nearly \$1 trillion over the next 10 years.

With this exorbitant spending increase—namely, because of the less-

than-transparent and questionable Thrifty Food Plan update—the Biden administration and the current majority consciously put a colossal financial and political target on any future farm bill, compromising not only the nutrition title but the 11 other titles which support and protect every farmer, every rancher, and every forester, and rural community.

While my colleagues and I will continue to debate this attempt at executive overreach, I asked one thing of Madam Deputy Under Secretary and, frankly, the whole Department, USDA: Be more forthcoming. As the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, I prefer to learn directly from the administration, not from lobbyists, not from reporters, not from the internet.

More recently, the White House announced a conference on hunger, nutrition, and health in September. Now, this could change how we think about health and nutrition, including in the farm bill, but it must be nonpartisan and engage community leaders nationwide. This should be a platform for innovation, objective research, and local approaches.

That hearing should be the first of many that allows the Agriculture Committee to have an honest conversation about what is working and what is not and how we move forward toward the 2023 farm bill.

### FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge that now more than ever is the time for us to come together and fight for reproductive rights for women.

Recently, through a leaked Supreme Court opinion, we learned that the progress we have made on a woman's right to choose over the last 50 years is in serious jeopardy.

The Nation learned that the almost 50-year settled law of Roe v. Wade is in danger of being undone at the hands of radical Republican Supreme Court Justices. Even worse, the Republican Party has made it clear its goal is to criminalize—I repeat, criminalize—abortions.

In short, Republicans seek to punish women and providers of abortion for women exercising their basic human rights to control their own bodies. This is terrifying.

For the first time in our history, our daughters will have less freedom than their mothers. This is unacceptable and un-American.

Republican State legislators across the Nation are already seeking to arrest doctors for offering reproductive care, and some also want to ban all abortions with zero exceptions—nada, zero.

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In Texas, we have essentially been living life without Roe since the passage of S.B. 8, one of the most horrific abortion laws in the country. We have been basically already working with an abortion ban. Some women have already been charged with murder for making reproductive decisions, like Lizelle Herrera from my home State of Texas

If Roe v. Wade is criminalized, it will criminalize abortion to trigger a law in Texas that a provider could be charged with a Federal felony, subject to even a lifetime in prison. Lizelle Herrera, having been stripped of her reproductive rights, this innocent woman, was pitted into such a desperate corner by Republicans in Texas that she was forced to carry out a self-induced abortion.

Shockingly, to make matters worse, a hospital she visited following the abortion called police to report her. She was then arrested and faced a severe murder charge. This poor woman was forced to carry out one of the most personal choices a woman can make in an unsafe manner. On top of that, she faced public humiliation and legal backlash for acting on her own in desperation.

Ultimately, the district attorney dropped the charges and admitted Lizelle should never have been arrested. Madam Speaker, there was actually an exemption in our Texas Penal Code on this issue. Frankly, I have no idea why it was even filed.

I agree with the DA. It never should have been filed.

Madam Speaker, 7 out of 10 Texans believe laws in our State should be less strict. However, the damage has been done. She was publicly humiliated, experienced a traumatic experience at the hands of draconian Republican policies, and was subjected to public humiliation and shame and intense media attention. My heart breaks for Lizelle and other women around the country who have or may experience this.

My colleagues, we must not go back. We cannot go back. We must not allow our country to fall back into those dark days before Roe v. Wade when there were—yes, we don't want to talk about it—back-alley abortions, perhaps unsafe illegal abortions, we know. We cannot go back. We must make sure that we do not criminalize abortion.

At the hands of Republicans, my home State, Texas, has given us a glimpse of what it may come to if this leaked Supreme Court opinion is finalized, and it is not pretty. We must do all we can to protect a woman's right to choose.

If the Republican-appointed Supreme Court Justices have it their way, women will be pitted into desperate corners—just like our Texas resident, Lizelle Herrera was. This is wrong. It is cruel. I won't be quiet about this.

This House has already passed a law putting Roe v. Wade in statute. I urge my Senate colleagues to do the same and make sure that Roe v. Wade is the law of the land as it has been for 50 years, and that we protect a woman's right to make a very personal healthcare decision for herself and her family and her future. We must not go back

#### LEADERSHIP ARKANSAS

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

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, the entrepreneurial spirit of Arkansas has always been one of our greatest strengths. Forward-thinking and smart and visionary minds have helped shape the growth of our communities—I am proud to pay tribute to the next generation of emerging leaders.

I extend my hardiest congratulations to the latest class of Leadership Arkansas. This unique program brings together the best and brightest from across Arkansas to encourage growth and opportunity. From government and education to business and industry, diverse backgrounds and minds are assembled to cultivate the future of the Natural State.

For the last year, these highly motivated Arkansans have diligently worked to further enhance the economic outlook and development of our Natural State. The example of leadership and excellence they have displayed on all fronts is noteworthy.

Madam Speaker, I am submitting the names of the 48 graduating members to be added to the RECORD this morning.

I also salute the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, many members who are currently visiting the District of Columbia as I speak, and the Associated Industries of Arkansas for supporting this incredible program.

To the Leadership Arkansas Class XVI, including my chief of staff, Beau Walker, congratulations, you joined the distinguished alumni before you, and I look forward to seeing how you shape the future of our great State and Nation.

Madam Speaker, the entrepreneurial spirit of Arkansas has always been one of our greatest strengths. Forward-thinking and smart minds have helped shape the growth of our region—and I extend my highest congratulations to community leaders empowering our great state.

Leadership Arkansas brings together our best and brightest from across Arkansas to encourage growth and opportunity. By assembling people with a diverse set of interests and backgrounds, this unique program drives dynamic interactions between cities, industries, governmental units, and the people they serve—generating innovative and novel ideas that will profoundly impact our future. First introduced in 2005 by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Arkansas, the initiative has continually grown.

The 48 members of Leadership Arkansas Class XVI are all distinguished and respected leaders within their communities and professions. The 2022 graduates include: Duncan

Bellingrath, John Burkhead, Randy Bynum, Chrissy Chatham, Kyle Coggins, Steve Crowell, Lisa Davis, Michelle Dodroe, Jennifer Douglas, Amy Fallon, Bert Finzer, Adam Flock, Mary Kate Harrison, Chad Hearne, Kelly Hellbusch, James Hopper, Katie Parsons, Andrew Huntsinger, Paul Jara, Harrison Johnson, Bruce Jones, Daveante Jones, Megan Lahay, Candice Lawrence, Justin Lieber, Neil Linebarier, Erin Marcussen, Shanna Mears, Nycole Oliver, Paul Parnell, Dillon Patterson, John Peterson, Rachael Potter, Tyson Reimer, Ava Roberts, DeWayne Rose, Clint Schaff, Carlos Silva, Elizabeth Small, Anita Smith, Sandy Starnes, Courtney Strickland, Heather Talley, Beau Walker, Kellie Wall, Matt Westbrook, Tandee White, and Keli Wylie.

These highly-motivated Arkansans have worked diligently over the past several months to further enhance the economic outlook and development of the Natural State. I honor their commitment and thank them for their example of leadership and excellence on all fronts. To Class XVI, congratulations. I look forward to seeing how they shape the future of Arkansas and America.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, today, at the start of National Police Week, I stand here to remember the lives of Virginia's fallen law enforcement officers.

As the daughter of a retired law enforcement officer and as a former Federal agent, I know what it means to put on a badge. I know what it means to have a family member leave the house concerned as to whether or not they will return. And for far too many, that fear is realized when a loved one dies in the line of duty.

This week, all across the Commonwealth, Virginians will reflect on the sacrifice of the men and women who serve our neighbors and keep our communities safe. They will honor those who continue to wear the uniform and they will remember those who never returned home from their patrol.

For Virginia's spouses, siblings, parents, and children who have lost a loved one in the line of duty, this week is particularly difficult. Today, on the House floor, I am honored to remember the officers who have fallen in 2021, and so far this year in 2022.

Sergeant Frederick Henry "Butch" Cameron, Jr., of Fairfax Sheriff's Office; Police Officer Dominic Jared Winum of Stanley Police Department; Sergeant Jose Rivera of Suffolk Police Department; Police Officer George Gonzalez of the United States Department of Defense, Pentagon Force Protection Agency: Police Officer Bonnie Nicole Jones, Danville Police Department; Corporal Charles Wayne Catron, Carroll County Sheriff's Office; Captain James Anthony Sisk, Culpeper County Sheriff's Office; Police Officer Michael D. Chandler, Big Stone Gap Police Department; Sergeant Malek Majzoub,

Portsmouth Sheriff's Office; Police Officer John Painter, Bridgewater College Police Department; Campus Safetv Officer J.J. Jefferson, Bridgewater College Police Department; Police Officer Caleb D. Ogilvie, Covington Division of Police; Police Officer Trey Marshall Sutton, Henrico County Police Department.

Today, we remember these names on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, but they are already forever etched in the hearts of Virginia's law officers, especially the men and women who knew them best and served alongside them, and their families who mourn them and miss them. Our hearts are with them as they remember their loved ones, reflect on their service, and we honor them.

On behalf of a grateful Commonwealth and a grateful country, I stand here to thank them for their heroism, sacrifice, and their service. Our hearts are with their family as we honor these fallen officers today and every day.

#### FARM BILL IMPACT SERIES: NEXT GENERATION

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

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the farm bill in 2023. I rise today to deliver the ninth installment of my farm bill impact series, where I am highlighting the various aspects of the farm bill that deserve this Congress' awareness and support. For this legislation to be effective, it must support both the efforts of today's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers, as well as those of the next generation.

When the farm bill is up for reauthorization, Congress takes the opportunity to engage young people and new and beginning farmers and ranchers on the legislation, which I am eager to do as soon as possible. We have great organizations in this country that prepare the next generation of American men and women to feed, fuel, and

clothe the world.

I am thinking of groups like the National FFA Organization, 4-H, programming from Agriculture Future of America, MANRRS, and the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers with members between the age of 18 and 35. Farm bills of the past have supported USDA's Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program, and the 2018 farm bill even created an Agricultural Youth Organization Coordinator position at USDA to bring youth to the table for important discussions on issues like access to land, credit, and more.

Our country's future food securityand therefore national security—rests on the shoulders of these young people, and they have valuable insights to share with lawmakers. I look forward to hearing from the next generation on American agriculture and incorporating their thoughts into the 2023 farm bill.

Farming is a multigenerational calling. In the agriculture business, one generation often passes assets down to the next, which lets young people continue farming and working the same way that their parents and grandparents worked before them.

I grew up on a farm like this—in a house that my great-great-grandfather ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalogue—my parents still live in that house and operate the farm. My brother will carry our family farm into the next generation, so my family is experiencing this exact transition right now. I don't want to see young farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers forced to sell their family farms to pay a death tax. I want to see them empowered to carry on the tradition of their ancestors.

When a young person works on their family farm, often they slowly take on responsibility and risk. They work for their parents and the operation until the time comes when they may take over the land, equipment, and livestock. When that happens, the Federal Government should not jump in and tax you on the value of your inherited land and assets.

This principle is called the steppedup basis. It has long been precedent in the tax code, and it ensures that owners of small farms don't get taxed out of existence. Today's generation of farmers are aging—the average age of a farmer in Kansas is 67, and they are prepared to transfer nearly \$9 trillion in assets to the next generation that will follow in their footsteps. Congress needs to make sure this asset transfer process is fair, instead of using it as an opportunity to gouge farmers with more taxes.

That is why back in September, I introduced an amendment in the House Agriculture Committee that would preserve the tax code's stepped-up basis provisions, exempting agricultural producers from paying capital gains taxes when land or equipment passes from one generation to the next.

Back in March, I introduced a bipartisan resolution, along with 51 of my colleagues, that supports the preservation of the stepped-up basis, opposes any efforts to impose new taxes on family farms or small businesses, and recognizes the importance of generational transfers of farm and small business operations.

Also in March, I stood right here and talked about President Biden's budget which eliminated proposal. stepped-up basis and added what I called the farm killer tax, which is not a game changer but a game ender for the American family farm.

President Biden's proposal would impose capital gains taxes on farms that have been held in families for 90 years. Think about that. In 1940, the average cost of Kansas farmland was \$50 an acre. Now, irrigated land in Kansas is over \$4,000 per acre. Imagine the capital gains tax implications on that history of ownership. The people who feed, fuel, and clothe all of us do not deserve this kind of treatment.

The farm killer tax and eliminating the stepped-up basis would make it impossible for the next generation of young agricultural leaders to follow in their parents' and grandparents' footsteps. The day-to-day trials of operating a successful farm are challenging enough without having to worry about paying devastating capital gains taxes.

Investing in the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers is investing in the future of this country. This investment must remain strong in the 2023 farm bill if America is going to remain food secure and self-determining as a Nation.

That is why we need to think carefully and critically about the degree to which we support the next-generation programs within the 2023 farm bill and why we must protect the stepped-up basis and oppose any and all new burdensome capital gains taxes on farm-

I will be back to the floor soon to deliver the next installment of my farm bill impact series and highlight more programs and titles within the bill that Congress must understand and support to ensure that agriculture thrives in

#### YEMEN WAR AND A WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I stand in solidarity with the people of Yemen to call for an immediate end to any and all U.S. support for the Saudi coalition.

Indiscriminate bombing of civilian targets, including hospitals, schools, and water treatment plants, as well as the blockading of Yemeni ports-committed largely with U.S. weapons and logistical support—have resulted in what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis with millions of Yemenis pushed to the edge of famine.

I welcome news that Yemen's warring parties have agreed to a 2-month nationwide truce, and to halt all military operations in Yemen, lift fuel restrictions, and open the airport.

Unfortunately, Saudi Arabia has yet to lift its air and sea blockade, and as a result, has put the truce and the fate of millions of Yemenis in doubt. To strengthen this fragile truce and to further incentivize Saudi Arabia to stay at the negotiation table, I urge my colleagues to please cosponsor and vote in favor of Representatives JAYAPAL and DeFazio's upcoming War Powers Resolution to end the United States military participation and the Saudi-led coalition's war on Yemen.

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At its core this war is about satisfying the egos and ambitions of dictators and regional powers at the expense of mass murder and suffering of millions of Yemenis all across that country. There is absolutely no reason for this, and this should end today.

GET THE LEAD OUT CAUCUS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the bipartisan Get the Lead Out Caucus, which I started along with my good colleagues, Congressman MEIJER, Congresswoman DINGELL, and Congresswoman Blunt Rochester. Since launching our caucus earlier this year, we have grown our membership to almost 30 Members of Congress from districts all over our Nation.

Water contamination by lead service lines can be found in every single congressional district in our country. Lead in water is a public health crisis, Madam Speaker, and the solution is only to fully eliminate lead service lines altogether and replace them with safe copper and plastic pipe.

Clean, affordable drinking water is a human right. So, please, I urge my colleagues to join us. Join us in our effort in the Get the Lead Out Caucus to demonstrate a show of force and solidarity that we can and must get lead out of our water once and for all.

CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I recognize the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance for their outstanding service on behalf of the communities of Michigan's 13 District Strong as they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance was founded to serve the needs and goals of the neighborhood residents, businesses, and organizations. They have worked to create pathways to greater community engagement and to build future leaders through its youth programming and create a better quality of life for all.

Cody Rouge Community Alliance Action has been able to successfully connect thousands of residents to critical resources with the support of the Cody Rouge Faith Alliance. This alliance includes a multitude of instrumental churches in our community as well as neighborhood associations.

So please join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of Cody Rouge Community Alliance on behalf of Michigan's 13th Congressional District. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR SHIREEN ABU

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Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, earlier we heard our President at the White House correspondents' dinner say something very powerful that I will share in this Chamber.

President Biden said:

"We honor journalists killed, missing, imprisoned, detained, and tortured; covering war, exposing corruption, and holding leaders accountable."

He further told the journalists:

'The free press is not the enemy of the people—far from it. At your best, you're guardians of the truth."

Today folks woke up this morning all across the world to the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh.

Madam Speaker, let us have a moment of silence as we heard the shocking news of this journalist over 20 years, a Palestinian American killed.

So, Madam Speaker, please, a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will observe a moment of si-

HONORING MS. MADELINE IN REC-OGNITION OF HER SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE SENIORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee BURCHETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I don't know if some of the folks in the back there—we have got two more spaces down in front—if you all can't find a place to sit, come on down.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Ms. Madeline, who recently received the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for her outstanding work helping homebound seniors.

Ms. Madeline is celebrating her 25th year in the AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program and has donated 25,000 hours to our community as a senior companion through the Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging.

Homebound senior citizens face a real danger of becoming isolated from their communities. Volunteers at the senior companion program work hard every day to address this issue by visiting with homebound folks and providing them with regular social interaction. Ms. Madeline has helped 43 homebound seniors through her work in this program. She has done shopping and meal prep, provided medication reminders, and she has been a friend to folks who really needed one.

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Award is given to outstanding volunteers around Tennessee in recognition of their service to their communities. I am proud of Ms. Madeline for receiving this award, and it is well-deserved. Congratulations to Ms. Madeline. I thank her for being a reliable companion for dozens of east Tennessee seniors.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JAMES ATKINS, SU-PERINTENDENT OF GRAINGER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of James Atkins, the superintendent of Grainger County Schools who passed away on March 27, 2022, at 59 young years.

James spent his career working for the Grainger County School system, and in 2019, he took on the role of superintendent after the retirement of his predecessor, Edward Jarnagin.

As superintendent, he pledged that he would never be too busy to talk to an employee, parent, or student. He knew that the purpose of our school system was to educate and raise up successful students. The kids' wellbeing was always his priority.

Thanks to Superintendent Atkins' careful planning during the COVID-19

pandemic, Grainger County Schools was named Best for All District by the Tennessee Department of Education. This recognition was granted to schools that responsibly used Federal COVID-19 funds to keep students on track.

As much as James valued his job and the Grainger County Schools system, his family came first. He loved his daughter, Whitney, and his new granddaughter. Carly, with all his heart. They brought him incredible joy, and he was devoted to them.

I wish to extend my condolences to Whitney; Carly; James' mother, Linda; his brother, Jerry; the good folks at Bethel Mission Baptist Church; and the many others who greatly miss him.

Rest in peace, brother.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARTHA BUCHANAN

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend, Dr. Martha Buchanan, on retiring from her role as director of Knox County Health Department.

Dr. Buchanan said she was 9 years old when she decided she wanted to become a doctor. After years of studying hard, she earned her doctor of medicine from East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. She then became a family practice physician which helped her gain experience with fundamental practices that are used in public health.

In 2004, Dr. Buchanan joined the Knox County Health Department as the assistant public health officer. Two years later she was promoted to public health officer. In 2010, she took on the role as the department's director. She has served in that role for the past 12 years.

Dr. Buchanan has certainly earned her retirement from public life, but she will continue to work. She plans to start her own consulting company to help businesses develop strategies to help them stay prepared for health-related emergencies.

I thank Dr. Buchanan for her dedication to Knox County's public health policy for so many years. I wish her the best of luck as she starts this new chapter in her life.

It is not in my notes, Madam Speaker, when I was Knox County mayor, she would always come into our staff meetings and tell us about which restaurants they were going to have to close down. Dadgummit, 2 weeks in a row, both the restaurants that she closed down were restaurants that I had just eaten at the day before. Ironically, I never got sick. So I am not sure about all that.

HONORING SERGEANT RICK LEE, AMERICAN HERO

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I also rise to honor Sergeant Rick Lee, an American hero who served during the Vietnam war.

Sergeant Lee enlisted in the Army on January 19, 1966. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and received his advance individual training at Fort Rucker to become a helicopter mechanic.

After initial training, he was sent to Bien Hwah, Vietnam, as a member of the 118th Assault Helicopter Company. He was promoted to a crew chief and worked on Huey helicopters after 3 months and was eventually promoted to E-5 sergeant. He flew on a wide variety of missions from troop transport to supplies drops, and on many of the missions he was also the door gunner. In 1967, he returned to the United States and served at Fort Steward, Georgia, until he was discharged in January of 1969.

Sergeant Lee was originally from Minnesota, but while stationed at Fort Steward he was invited to go home with a member of his unit to Sevierville where he met a beautiful young woman who would later become his wife. They were married in March of 1968 and have been together for 54 wonderful years. They have three sons who are his pride and joy.

Sergeant Lee also loves the Lord with all his heart, and his faith in God is incredibly important to him. He has been a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church for 21 years. Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Madam Speaker, like Sergeant Lee, and I rise to honor him as Tennessee's Second District's May 2022 Veteran of the Month.

### NOBODY IS FREE UNTIL EVERYBODY IS FREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the one in four women across this country who have had an abortion and every person who will ever seek abortion care; your neighbor, co-worker, family member, those whom you work with, Madam Speaker, and, yes, those whom you worship with, too.

I stand with the mother of three working double shifts to make ends meet, who just could not manage the physical demands of another pregnancy; the student who made the decision to finish their degree and begin their family on their own terms—no shame, no stigma, and no regrets; and the young parents who received the heart-wrenching news that they have miscarried and will need abortion care immediately.

I rise today to proclaim: I see you, I love you, and I stand with you. Carry no shame for your healthcare choice.

The only shame is that there are forces at work to deny you it. And while my heart is heavy, my spirit is resolved and determined.

Madam Speaker, there are many who have arrived at this moment with newfound outrage at the prospect of this reversal of law. But many of us have been in the trenches of this fight for a long time, and we are not surprised. Reproductive justice organizers, Black, Brown, indigenous, disabled, and

LGBTQ-plus folks have been sounding the alarm, raising their voices, and putting our bodies on the line in protest as anti-choice lawmakers across the country wage a full-fledged assault on our reproductive rights and freedom.

For too long, the right to control our own bodies, the right to determine our own fate, and the right to decide if and when we have a child is up for debate in the Halls of power.

Madam Speaker, we have been called hysterical, and we have been called fearmongers, and when I talk about who will disproportionally bear the brunt of this, we have been called racebaiters.

This is no drill, and I take no joy in saying: I told you so.

I have stood on the steps of City Hall in Boston. I have organized on the Boston Common. I have stood at the State House in Boston, and I have stood on the steps of the Supreme Court chanting: "Nobody is free until everybody is free. Liberate abortion."

Madam Speaker, nobody is free until everybody is free. SCOTUS has offered empty words in their leaked draft ruling and then threw up barricades and fences knowing full well that the majority of people who call this Nation home vehemently disagree.

SCOTUS claims that our human rights are invalidated by their opinions of what is and isn't rooted in our Nation's "history and traditions."

A quick history lesson: our Nation's history and traditions denied my very personhood. Our Nation's history and traditions bought and sold my ancestors. Our Nation's history and traditions exploited the bodies of people who look like me.

Our full humanity, our bodily autonomy, and our collective liberation hang in the balance.

Madam Speaker, the Court fails to live up to its ideals and its purpose. The idea of equal justice under the law has been a rallying cry but not a reality for many. The anti-abortion movement in America is rooted in organized white supremacy, and overturning Roe v. Wade would only perpetuate cycles of poverty and trap our most vulnerable in systems of oppression.

None of this is abstract. There is a history of medical apartheid in this country against Black, Brown, immigrant, indigenous, and disabled folks. And right now we find ourselves living in a Black maternal morbidity crisis where Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than White women—to die.

We have suffered a history of forced sterilization and experimentation on Black, Brown, and disabled bodies without our consent. And now there exists a systemic prospect of folks being forced to carry a pregnancy against their will—forced birth—in the same country where we deprive families with universal healthcare, childcare, and paid medical and family leave.

Abortion bans would put legal, safe, and necessary abortion care out of reach for millions, especially our most vulnerable. So Congress must act. This Democratic-controlled House, Senate, and White House—the majority—must mean more than a talking point, and we must legislate as if lives depend on it, because they do.

To my Senate colleagues on the other side of this Capitol, I ask of you—no, I demand—that you act. We have the voice. We have the power. We have a mandate. It is time for action. Anything else is insufficient.

Abolish the Jim Crow filibuster. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which I am a proud original cosponsor of, and enshrine the fundamental human right to abortion care in Federal law once and for all. I cannot stomach one more lecture about the preservation of civil liberties when you seek to deny me the very freedom and agency over my own body.

Nobody is free until everybody is

#### HONORING ROSS BOOKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ross Booker, a 20-year-old tow truck operator and volunteer firefighter who tragically lost his life on March 6 after being struck by a vehicle. He was in the process of assisting Champaign police officers in removing debris from an accident scene.

Ross graduated from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in 2020, earned his FFA American Degree, and attended Parkland College for diesel mechanics. He was a volunteer firefighter with the St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District and set out to live a life of service, and serve he did. Even now, Ross continues to serve through the gift of organ donation.

Ross' firefighter family remembers him as a young man whose passion was inspirational to others. Friends describe Ross as an old soul filled with compassion, hard work, respect, and love for his family and friends.

To honor Ross' life, please slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. In Illinois, it is the law. We call it Scott's Law in honor of another firefighter who was tragically struck and killed in 2000.

My prayers are with Ross' parents, David and Marita; his brother, Anthony; and all of his friends and family throughout the communities he made better with his service. He will be truly missed

RECOGNIZING BLAKE RODERICK'S RETIREMENT

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Blake Roderick. There is not a more noble career than one devoted to serving others. Blake Roderick did exactly this through his time at the Pike-Scott Farm Bureau.

Starting in 1981, Blake began a career dedicated to serving and guiding farmers in Illinois. Now, after 40 years, Blake announced he will be retiring this year.

Blake served as executive director, and during his tenure, he successfully protected farm bureau members' private property, helped his members prepare and recover from floods, served as the editor of The Farm Post, and oversaw the merging of the Pike and Scott Farm Bureaus into the present Pike-Scott Farm Bureau.

For his work with the farm bureau, he has received multiple Liberty Bell awards that recognize farm bureau staffers and leaders for their work in serving their members and for their work in policymaking.

I congratulate Blake on a long and accomplished career. Blake has served his members and his community well. His leadership and expertise will be missed.

Blake, it was great to get to know you back in the late 1990s, and I wish you a happy retirement. You have truly earned it.

#### HONORING DAVID P. HAUCK

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the long, impactful career of David P. Hauck, the Capitol's first Director of Accessibility Services, who, through his determination, kindness, and commitment to ensure that the Capitol is open to individuals of all capabilities, established and led the joint Office of Congressional Accessibility Services for the last 14 years.

At the end of this month, Dave is retiring after over 27 years of public service, but his impact across this campus will last for generations to come.

Over those nearly three decades, Dave and his OCAS team have become an institution on the Hill, assisting countless offices and impacting exponentially more individuals, including Members of Congress, dignitaries, staff, and visitors from every corner of America and all over the world.

Beyond the day-to-day education and guidance that Dave carries out with a can-do attitude, during his career, he has been consulted on every major event, including 30 joint sessions of Congress, seven Presidential inaugurations, and the lying in state or lying in honor of numerous great Americans.

He has approached every request with kindness, commitment, and a dedication to truly help in any way he

Originally from Minnesota, Dave began his career on Capitol Hill as a part-time elevator operator on the Senate side while finishing up his graduate studies at American University. Shortly after, he became the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's hearing coordinator under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Bertie Bowman in a Congress very different than what we have today.

Yet, Dave has never skipped a beat. From advising on post-9/11 security

changes across campus, to witnessing the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, to assisting with the design of the Capitol Visitor Center, he has established an office and built a team that provides a full slate of accessibility services and education.

His legacy could not be clearer. He has played a keystone role in ensuring that we remain the people's House.

I wish to share my gratefulness for the many ways Dave has helped my team and those of fellow Members and express my sincere congratulations to him on his retirement from Congress. He will truly be missed, but he has established a strong, capable team that will no doubt carry on the essential and impactful work of ensuring that all Capitol campus events are accessible to all.

### SUPPORTING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE) for 5 minutes

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

Last week, the Nation got a shocking glimpse into the nightmare scenario many of us have feared for months. The dangerous draft Supreme Court opinion would overrule nearly 50 years of legal precedent by overturning Roe v. Wade.

This decision would not only reverse Roe, but it mocks it and all those who have defended this fundamental right for half a century.

Should this ruling become final, it will represent the culmination of a decades-long effort by Republicans to undermine the basic human rights of millions of Americans, their privacy, and their bodily autonomy. It breaks my heart that my daughter might soon have fewer rights than I did at her age.

While the draft from the Court would send the question on abortion access back to the States, where over half of women and girls of reproductive age could face immediate bans or limits to this basic medical care, I have no doubt that anti-abortion activists will not stop there.

Republican Governors and State legislators are moving swiftly to pass new abortion bans and restrictions so that they are ready for a final ruling in a few weeks.

Even more terrifying, the Republican leader in the Senate acknowledged that, should they gain control of Congress, they will pursue a nationwide abortion ban. This would be an alarming new level of government interference in the private lives of Americans.

The disdain and disrespect for women are palpable throughout the draft decision, and we cannot allow our country that was founded on freedom and liberty to fall backward.

Americans see this draft for what it is: blatantly political. Nothing in my

lifetime would threaten the legitimacy of the Court more than finalizing this decision.

Justice Sotomayor called this out during oral argument when she said: "Will this institution survive the stench that this creates in the public perception that the Constitution and its reading are just political acts? I don't see how it is possible."

Reading this document reminded me of a mother in my district. She has two healthy children and then became pregnant with a third. The pregnancy was challenging and ultimately threatened her life. She was put in the impossible position of terminating the pregnancy for her own health.

Fortunately, she lived in Washington State, where we have a law that protects the right to an abortion. If she lived in a State without abortion access, her only option would have been to take time off work, find childcare, and make a costly journey to a State where she could get this procedure. This is a burden that many women of color, low-income women, and women living with domestic violence simply cannot bear.

I ask everyone to put yourself in this woman's shoes and ask yourself what you would do if a pregnancy threatened your life. I also ask you to put yourself in the shoes of a woman who became pregnant after being raped and is still expected to carry the baby to term, as would be the case in many States should this decision go forward. These are the decisions I fear too many women in this country will soon be forced to make.

My colleagues on the other side who have pushed for this outcome for decades call themselves pro-life, but I couldn't disagree more. A pro-life party would support children and their mothers; pro-life would support more affordable and accessible childcare; pro-life would support paid family and medical leave.

They have voted time and time again to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits women from being charged more for the same health coverage or insurance companies from deciding a pregnancy is a preexisting condition. Every single one of my Republican colleagues voted against expanding the child tax credit, which in just 6 months lifted 3.7 million children out of poverty and was a historic tax cut for middle-class families. It is their actions that have brought us to this moment.

Finally, this is also an economic issue for women and families. As Treasury Secretary Yellen said recently: "Eliminating the right of women to make decisions about when and whether to have children would have very damaging effects on the economy and set women back decades."

This is a woman's decision. I will keep fighting until we pass the Women's Health Protection Act and enshrine this constitutional right into law once and for all.

#### DANGEROUS BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS ON UKRAINE

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to warn of a dangerous bipartisan consensus that is walking us into war with Russia.

In the days following Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, Senator Rob Portman said: "I haven't seen this kind of unity since 9/11." It is a nice statement, but what does it really mean?

Unity always seems to come before the worst decisions we make. Our drive to unity often overruns our reason and discernment. The post-9/11 consensus gave us the Iraq war, the PATRIOT Act.

The COVID lockdowns and mandates came from unity bundled by fear. Defund the police took off because dissent wasn't allowed. You were shouted down as a racist, just as now questioning our actions in Ukraine makes you a traitor.

Do we have amnesia in this House? Is memory loss a consequence of the gerontocracy of Congress? Just a year ago, we lost a war against goat herders waving rifles. Now, we are rushing to fight a nation that possesses 6,000 nuclear warheads.

Representatives now recklessly assert that we are at war. Congressman MOULTON said last week: "We are not just at war to support the Ukrainians. We are fundamentally at war, although somewhat through a proxy, with Russia."

The clandestine services are supposed to be the quiet professionals. Seems now they can't stop bragging to news outlets about how America helped Ukraine assassinate Russian generals and sink Russia's flagship.

How exactly is this supposed to end? It is as if the administration is probing Putin's nuclear red line.

A game of chicken between nuclear powers is insane, and this from Joe Biden, who campaigned to be America's calming sedative. From Russia, I worry about nuclear weapons, not broken tanks.

Last night, this House approved \$40 billion for Ukraine as American families go without baby formula. To put that in context, Biden's budget calls for \$15.3 billion for Customs and Border Protection, so apparently, Ukraine is more than twice as important as our homeland.

Two weeks ago, we voted on the Ukraine lend-lease act. I was 1 of just 10 Representatives to vote "no," and here was the response from MSNBC: "GOP's 'Putin wing' balks at supplying weapons to Ukraine."

So, you are a supporter of Putin if you think it is a bad idea to give the White House blanket permission to send "any weapon, weapons system, munition, aircraft, vessel, boat, or other implement of war" to Ukraine while surrendering our rights to repayment.

We are sending so many weapons to Ukraine that we are depleting our own stockpiles, and we aren't just sending bullets and rifles. Now, we are sending howitzers that can fire up to 15 miles. This means weapons we supply and train Ukrainians to use could potentially strike Russian territory.

These weapons aren't just ending up in the hands of the Ukrainian military, either. One official said weapons drop "into a big black hole."

Many of these are ending up in the hands of the Azov Battalion. Forty House Democrats called them a neo-Nazi foreign terrorist organization just 3 years ago. Now that they are killing Russians, are these avowed ethnonationalists apparently not so bad?

Democrats go on a daily snipe hunt for white supremacy here in America, yet they are fine giving rockets to actual white supremacists in Ukraine.

Taking the position that we arm anyone to the teeth who will shoot at Russians has actually not always worked for America. It is Javelins to neo-Nazis today; Stinger missiles to the mujahideen in Afghanistan yesterday.

In Syria—another conflict that Washington had consensus on—we supplied jihadist terrorists in their fight against Assad. Assad, like Putin, is an evil man, but does that mean the American taxpayer must arm his enemies without any further inquiry? I don't think so, and I would imagine most Americans don't think so. But that is why we never have real debate on these issues.

The swamp would rather talk about saving democracy than our actual dangerous reality. If we are at war, like Congressman MOULTON says, then why not vote on an Authorization for Use of Military Force, or are we just going to operate in Ukraine like we have in Yemen and throughout the world? Forever, undeclared wars.

I suspect many in this body won't want a vote or a debate because regime change in Russia is their actual objective, not defending Ukraine. To achieve this goal, they are willing to send billions to Kyiv that will line the pockets of corrupt officials, just like we did in Afghanistan. We are sleepwalking into a war, and the American people are left in the dark.

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ACCESSING ABORTION CARE WITH-OUT GOVERNMENT INTER-FERENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today as women across this country face the most devastating blow to our rights and our freedom in decades.

For nearly 50 years, Roe v. Wade has been the law of the land, but the Supreme Court is poised to strike down

Roe, and 28 states are ready to strip away everyone's right to access abortion care without government interference.

I grew up Catholic. I have a deep understanding of the moral and personal dilemma that the decision to have an abortion can present. But that decision should be a woman's, not the government's. Five Justices should not be able to overrule our will, our rights, and our healthcare decisions.

The House passed legislation to protect everyone's access to abortion care, and the Senate must do the same. In 1990, in fact, Nevadans came together and voted by a 2-to-1 margin to protect a woman's right to choose.

But Washington Republicans don't care. If they take the majority, they will ban abortion nationwide and overrule our State's law. They are out of touch, out of line, and out to take control of women.

This hyperpartisan Supreme Court won't stop at clawing back rights from women. Our Nation's highest court is opening the doors to rip apart individual rights and liberties across the board. Marriage equality, privacy rights, access to contraception, and more, it is all on the line. These are the stakes, and that is why we cannot back down.

About 70 percent of the American public supports a woman's right to access abortion care, and we must make our voices heard. We must call out the partisan extremists on the right who are hiding in the wake of this immensely unpopular decision.

The past week in the news has been absolutely devastating, but this is a fight worth fighting. I am not giving up on this country, I am not giving up on democracy, and I am certainly not giving up on a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.

#### HONORING CHRISTIAN J. KOCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JACOBS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation to designate the post office in Honeoye Falls the CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office.

Christian was an American hero who passed away tragically in January of 2021 during a training mission with the National Guard when his Black Hawk helicopter crashed.

Christian joined the U.S. Army shortly following 9/11 as an infantryman and became a helicopter pilot in 2008. He was a veteran of both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he flew MEDEVAC missions and saved countless lives. In the wake of Hurricane Florence in 2018, Christian and his unit rescued 87 people, along with numerous cats and dogs.

In his civilian life, Christian served as a helicopter pilot for the New York State Police. Shortly before he passed, Christian was honored by the Red Cross of Western New York for his role in rescuing an 11-year-old boy who had become trapped in a deep gorge.

Christian was truly a selfless servant. As his sister-in-law told the local news following his passing: "There are many, many people walking this Earth right now who owe their lives to Christian."

Above all else, Christian was a devoted family man. He leaves behind his loving wife, Teressa, and his children, Everett, Addison, Ari, and Talia.

Christian was a model citizen. He was the kind of American we all should strive to be. He leaves behind a profound legacy of selfless service to our Nation and a deep impact to his community, our community. Our Nation mourns him as a hero.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this brave veteran for his service and sacrifice to our Nation and pass the legislation to designate the Honeoye Falls Post Office as the CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office.

### PROTECTING SENIORS FROM SCAMMERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bipartisan, bicameral legislation, H.R. 5914, the Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act, which will help stop financial scammers from targeting vulnerable older Americans.

According to a report from the Senate Special Committee on Aging released last Congress, senior scams cost older Americans nearly \$3 billion a year, often hitting their retirement nest eggs, not to mention the pain and anxiety you can't put a dollar figure on.

Additionally, a survey from the Investor Protection Trust found that last year about 7 million Americans reported being a victim of financial exploitation. What is worse is that only 1 in 24 cases of elder exploitation actually gets reported.

Millions of seniors across the country, including in my district in northern New Jersey—even my own mother of blessed memory—have been the victims of financial scams, and far too many have been cheated out of their retirement savings.

I remember my mom called me and claimed that I had messed up her tax return, and my mom wasn't exactly shy about that. Luckily, we figured it out and stopped that "IRS agent" in his tracks. Obviously, it was a fraudulent IRS agent. But how many others paid?

My bipartisan bill will create a new Senior Investor Protection Grant program to support State enforcement agencies and task forces charged with protecting and educating seniors on financial fraud. They will be able to hire additional investigative staff, invest in equipment and training for law enforcement, and better educate seniors on financial scams.

I am confident that with this work at the State level, with law enforcement and with more outreach to local communities and seniors, we can more fully fight back against these hucksters who are scamming our seniors.

My Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act is a key part of my senior security strategy, to make sure we are doing everything we can to end financial scams targeting our seniors, including stopping the unending stream of robocalls and unwanted text messages. It also builds on my bipartisan, bicameral legislation, the Senior Security Act, which the House passed last year, as well as my ongoing work to put an end to the annoying robocalls targeting our seniors.

It is time we acted. Older Americans have given so much to our great country. We should always have their backs and help protect them from predators who want to take advantage of them. It is incumbent on us to protect them from scammers and abuse and to make sure we do everything we can to stop robocalls. We have passed legislation in this Chamber to do just that.

It is time we make sure the Federal Communications Commission acts to hold all of those phone companies who are part of all of these robocalls accountable. It is time. That is what my Senior Security Strategy is all about and what this bipartisan legislation that the House will be voting on is also all about, protecting our seniors. They need a cop on the beat, and we are here today to do something about it.

I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of my bipartisan bill to stop bad actors from cheating older Americans out of their hard-earned retirement savings and stand by our seniors when they need it most.

#### ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FIRST, AMERICANS LAST

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, when a Federal judge struck down the Centers for Disease Control's 15-day extension of the mask mandate on public transportation, Americans celebrated this action as a welcome win for freedom. This decision was long overdue and was welcomed by almost everyone, except those in the Biden administration who immediately announced they would be appealing this decision.

After hearing this announcement, I was perplexed. After all, President Biden had just recently announced that he would be lifting pandemic restrictions on our southern border by rescinding title 42 enforcement. The American people got the message loud and clear: illegal immigrants first, Americans last.

Madam Speaker, 2.4 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the border since President Biden took office, 221,303 just in the month of March of this year. This is all before President Biden announced title 42 would be rescinded, which is sure to lead to an even larger influx of illegal immigrants as we wait to see the April numbers from Border Patrol.

Madam Speaker, it is past time to put the politics aside and put this country first. We must secure our border by finishing the wall and enforcing our laws. I urge President Biden to reverse his decision to rescind title 42 and put America First.

RECOGNIZING MRS. OPAL BOHANNON

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Opal Bohannon as she celebrates 95 years of life. She is a beloved mother, grandmother, Cookeville native, and one of the best cooks in all of Tennessee. Mrs. Bohannon made her entire State proud when she was named the "world's grand champion down-home beef stew chef" at the Music and Molasses Festival in 2007.

Opal is the oldest of 10 children. She learned how to cook by helping her mother in the kitchen, as so many do, and she got good at it. Her beef stew not only won awards, but it was also a dinnertime staple in her family for more than 60 years. Mrs. Bohannon went on to hone those cooking skills by working in the Cookeville High School cafeteria for 15 years before retiring in 1989. Her culinary gifts were featured in the Tennessee Home and Farm magazine and even recognized by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2008

Throughout her life, Mrs. Bohannon exemplified what it means to have a servant's heart. She regularly brought her blue-ribbon stew to friends, neighbors, and church potluck dinners for guests to enjoy. She frequently volunteered for the Putnam County Fair. While she spent countless hours in the kitchen, it is clear her real talent in life has been bringing joy to others.

Madam Speaker, I hope Mrs. Bohannon has a great 95th birthday and many more great years to come.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE LAW IN ACTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. Brown) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, access to affordable high-quality internet is not a privilege in today's day and age. It is a necessity and a right.

Yet, the sad truth is that too many families in my district and across America simply cannot afford it. In Cleveland, more than 30 percent of all households lack access to high-speed internet.

That is why the bipartisan infrastructure law created the new Affordable Connectivity Program. The program provides a \$30 per month internet discount to Americans whose household income is at or below twice the Federal poverty level or those enrolled in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, or a number of other programs, making them eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program. Now, around 4 in 10 households qualify for this new discount. That is nearly 40 percent of American households.

Just this week, President Biden announced a new partnership with 20 leading internet providers to offer \$30 plans. Combined with the internet discount, these offerings will make internet effectively free for millions of Americans. This is the infrastructure law in action.

WISHING VELETER MAZYCK A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I also rise today to wish my chief of staff, Veleter Mazyck, a very happy birthday. I pray that it is filled with all of the people and things she loves most and that it may be as amazing as she is. We wish her many, many more.

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### RAMIFICATIONS OF AMERICA'S ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. Lamalfa. Madam Speaker, it is a fairly common phrase amongst truckers and other people that use things that if you have got it, a truck brought it. That is really very, very true in all of our lives because it underlines really the importance of diesel fuel to everybody and everything that we use

For example, a farmer doesn't get the seed, the fertilizer, the inputs unless a truck has brought that to their farm; they are bringing the fuel for the tractors, they are bringing the seed, they are bringing the fertilizer.

Then when the farmer is done growing that, the truck hauls it away to the processing center. Then the processing center mills that rice, mills that wheat, turns that product into something that is then trucked to the store shelves, where you go get it.

This ripples through all aspects of the things that we use, things that are produced in this country: By a miner, by a timber faller, what have you. There is a supply chain and an energy chain that runs all the way through. It is essential that we understand that at this time when the Biden administration is making it more and more difficult, nearly impossible to produce new petroleum products in this country.

Instead, we are hell-bent on this direction of saying we are going to electrify everything. Okay. That sounds nice on its surface, but what is the real cost? What is the real effect?

Electrifying all vehicles by X year, that is the goal. They are trying to push that in California. Well, in my home State of California, for example, we can hardly keep the lights on as it

At the same time, they are trying to tear out dams, like up on the Klamath River, that produce hydroelectric power, which is  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ -free, since everybody is into that. They want to remove that. They are also scheduled to take out the nuclear power plant down near San Luis Obispo, which produces by itself 10 percent of the electricity that Californians use. One power plant, 10 percent. They want to just take that offline and make up 10 percent somehow by eliminating those two nuclear reactors.

Now, thankfully, there are folks starting to look at that a little bit differently as the crisis becomes more and more obvious to more people in my home State of California, but energy across the country as well. My understanding is our Governor has finally woken up to the idea that maybe we need to keep Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

And now the Energy Secretary in the Biden administration has looked at that a little bit, too. Maybe a little common sense will come around on shutting down that plant, and maybe we can apply that to hydroelectric plants since they seem to want to tear every dam out, whether it is in northern California or up in the State of Washington, at a time when electricity is becoming a bigger crunch in my home State.

Indeed, they are constantly telling us, turn off the lights, turn up your cooling in the summer so your house is warmer. Don't run your appliances until 9 or 10 p.m. or way early in the morning. These are all nice steps we can take, but we have been put in this place because of lack of planning because of too much regulation on being able to generate more power.

This all has its roots in what the Biden administration policy is by getting rid of the dams or making it so difficult through the FERC relicensing process. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission adds all these pieces that have nothing to do with generating power, making sure it is safe to do so. They have to deed away a piece of property for some environmental purpose or send kids to camp or something like that that has nothing to do with generating power. All it does is make your power more scarce or more expensive.

But we are going to learn all these things, aren't we? As the government takes away power, takes away the ability to make power, the prices go up, and we have more blackouts. For crying out loud, because of our forestry policy or lack of, we can't trim the trees around the power lines like we need to in order to ensure the power can stay on all the time.

What we have in California now is these so-called public safety power shutoffs if the wind blows because a tree branch might blow into a power line and cause an outage, which makes a great big fire; such as the Dixie fire we had last year in northern California, right under a million acres because a healthy looking tree fell into a power line. Now, they love to blame utilities on that, but really forest policy plays a major role in these blackouts and these fires.

We have to do much more because if we want to have an energy policy, we want to have electricity that comes from somewhere, then we have to have the ability to transmit it safely, and not just shut it off like some Third World country because the wind blows. I mean, it is ridiculous.

We need a petroleum policy in this country that continues to supply what we have and make our system, our supply chain work. It isn't working very well right now, because in my home State, \$5.50 gasoline is common, \$6 diesel is common. It wasn't that way just  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, and it doesn't have to be that way. Sound policy will deliver us from these high prices.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes a.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 protempore (Mr. MRVAN) at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

Holy God, evening, morning, and noon Your people in Ukraine cry out in distress. Hear their voices from the wreckage of their homes and cities. Give heed to those ravaged by war's destruction. Listen for them from the pits of their hiding places.

Rescue them from the battle waged around and against them. Attend to the children who have lost their parents and tremble in fear. Comfort the men and women who grieve the death of their loved ones and are anxious in their forced separation from their families. Uphold the country's leaders and all who battle relentlessly in defense of their homeland and who defend their country's future against all who dare to oppose its sovereignty and seek to destroy its peace.

Eternal God, You have reigned forever and ever, bring Your justice to bear against the wicked. Answer the cries of the oppressed. Sustain those who cast their desperate cares before You. Let not the righteous be shaken.

Let all who call to You this day trust in You and find hope in Your salvation. In Your matchless name we pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMALFA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED), the whole number of the House is 429.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### WESTERN NEW YORK NATIONAL CEMETERY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, for years, western New York has been home to one of the largest veteran populations in the United States

Our community fought for an official solemn resting place for veterans and their families close to home. In 2017, construction began on the Western New York National Cemetery. Early on, there were warnings that the gateway to the cemetery posed traffic hazards. Since then, automobile accidents have occurred, some ending in tragedy.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs released a report suggesting ways that safety could be improved at the cemetery's entrance, where, right now, oncoming traffic often exceeds 60 miles per hour.

We are calling on the VA to listen to the voices of the community and to respond swiftly with a solution. Action is necessary to protect the grieving families of fallen western New York heroes.

#### NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the men and women in the nursing profession today.

This week is National Nurses Week. Every year from May 6 through May 12 we celebrate the work and contribution nurses make in the healthcare field. National Nurses Week ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, the founder of modern-day nursing.

Prior to serving Congress, I spent nearly three decades in the healthcare profession. There I worked closely with nurses and saw firsthand the care and the compassion that they showed their patients.

Nursing is a science and an art, reserved for those who are the most caring, giving, and passionate about helping others. Nurses help their patients and families with comfort, compassion, guidance, and care.

Mr. Speaker, we should always thank our nurses for their hard work and dedication. Please join me in recognizing the nursing community this week. We should be grateful for their commitment to caring for others, especially during these trying times.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our Nation's law enforcement officers and to recognize their sacrifice.

Today marks the first day of National Police Week, and our fallen heroes and their families are weighing heavily on my mind.

Six years ago in my district, Palm Springs Police Department Officers Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega were tragically shot and killed in the line of duty. In their memories, I authored the Heroes Lesley Zerebny and Gil Vega First Responders Survivors Support Act to ensure that their families receive the financial support they need.

Last fall, when the Protecting America's First Responders Act became law, we took a momentous step toward fulfilling this mission. With portions of my bill included, we fixed bureaucratic loopholes in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program that cost families up to tens of thousands of dollars.

Now, we must build on this success and pass my bill in its entirety to fully honor our fallen heroes. This police week, I urge my colleagues to follow words with action and follow praise with pragmatic solutions that will improve the lives of fallen first responders' families.

### HISTORY OF THE SHENANDOAH CAVERNS

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, Virginia's Sixth District is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes and natural wonders in the country.

One of the most breathtaking attractions western Virginia has to offer, Shenandoah Caverns, is just a short 2-hour drive down I-81 from our Nation's Capital.

While building the Southern Railroad through Shenandoah County in the 1800s, the rail company asked landowner, Abraham Neff, for permission to dig a rock quarry for stones to help continue the project. While exploring the quarry, Mr. Neff's sons discovered the caverns after climbing 275 feet down an opening that had been exposed.

The family eventually sold the property to Hunter Chapman, who hoped to show the world the marvel that had been uncovered. In 1922, Chapman got his wish when Shenandoah Caverns officially opened, attracting generations of locals and tourists alike.

Since then, for the past 100 years, the caverns have provided stunning views, incredible geology, and extraordinary crystalline formations to all who visited. Shenandoah Caverns is truly remarkable, and I congratulate its current owner, Kathy Hargrove Kelly, on the business' centennial.

#### JOBS REPORT

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, another terrific jobs report came out last week, showing that over 428,000 jobs were created in April.

Since President Biden took office, over 8.3 million jobs were created, the most in U.S. history. This was partly a result of the American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats. President Biden and Democrats are working for a better America for the people.

What are MAGA Republicans working on? Government-mandated pregnancy. Extreme MAGA Republicans want to ban abortion nationwide. There is a clear difference between Democrats and MAGA Republicans.

### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week we celebrated National Small Business Week and recognized the great contributions of small business owners and their employees in our towns.

Small business owners create local jobs and drive U.S. innovation. A 2019 report from the Small Business Administration shows that small businesses account for 44 percent of all activity in

the U.S. When you spend money in a local business, a majority of that dollar stays right in your town and stays local.

Unfortunately, they are being hit especially hard by the current economic crisis created by the Biden administration and their failed policies. They are facing severe supply chain disruptions and shortages, leaving their shelves empty—in the United States of America unhelievable

Energy costs are making it difficult for them to get their products and keep their lights on. Inflation and rising prices make it very hard for small mom-and-pop shops to even keep their doors open.

According to a National Federation of Independent Business survey, 99 percent of small business owners reported that rising energy and fuel costs are negatively impacting everybody across the board.

Over 80 percent are now reporting that they had to raise their prices for consumers for everybody just to stay affoat.

The bare shelves of Biden policies are hurting small business owners and consumers. There is no solution until we get back to a sound economic basis of doing business.

#### ABORTION SCIENCE

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the left loves to tell us to follow the science. Well, here is some science: At 6 weeks, an unborn child has a beating heart, and by 15 weeks, unborn children can suck their thumbs, have fully formed noses and lips, eyes and eyebrows, and they can feel excruciating pain—now clearly seen from the modern ultrasound.

Forty-nine years ago, the Supreme Court failed to honor the most basic human right in its Roe v. Wade decision. I applaud the Justices that bravely stood up to the radical abortion industry and defended life. I also applaud President Trump; he gave the American people a court that delivered a pro-life win for the Nation.

Please join me in praying for the Justices, all the unborn children in America, for women who have been deceived by the abortion industry, and for the end of Roe v. Wade.

#### RECOGNIZING JAN LYONS

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Lyons, a great Kansan and this year's winner of the 2022 Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Jan is certainly a deserving recipient of such an honor. As a young person, she got started raising her own Angus cattle with a few of her dad's cows. In the 1970s, Jan and her husband, Frank, started the Lyons Ranch Angus cow herd south of Manhattan, Kansas, with some of the females originating from her father's herd.

Today, Lyons Ranch consists of Jan and Frank, their daughter Amy and her husband, Carl, along with their sons and their wives. Jan's daughter, Debbie, also manages a cattle operation with her husband. Jan is the matriarch of a true family operation, which is why I am delighted to honor her here today.

Jan was the first woman president of the Kansas Angus Association. She was also the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. With all of this on her plate, Jan has still found time to serve as a 4-H leader in Riley County where she teaches young people about the importance of agriculture.

Jan has received a great deal of praise for being a trailblazing woman in agriculture. In response to this praise, Jan once said, Women have always been in agriculture—they just haven't always been the spokespeople. I would like to think that I am just a good rancher and a good leader, not a good woman rancher.

Well, Jan, you are a great rancher and an outstanding leader. Congratulations on your well-deserved award and thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of Kansas agriculture.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week, in recognition of the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every single day in order to protect and serve.

I rise to express my profound gratitude to our law enforcement officers for their incredible bravery and sacrifice, especially those in the Suffolk County Police Department, Nassau County Police Department, NYPD, and Port Authority Police Department—and to recognize one hero in particular.

In April 2021, Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Racioppo engaged a suspect who crashed his car after driving erratically down South Ocean Avenue in Patchogue. The driver exited his car, attacked and stabbed Officer Racioppo, nearly costing him his life.

Thankfully, Officer Racioppo made a full recovery and was promoted to detective shortly after. He is being honored this week by the National Association of Police Organizations, along with another Suffolk County Police Officer, Taylor Herbst, and two NYPD officers, Robert Holmes and Alejandra Jacobs.

Congratulations to those officers and may God bless them and watch over them and all of our brave men and women in blue.

#### HELP THE DOWNWINDERS

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, S. 4119 is a clean and simple extension of the existing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. It represents an incredible and increasingly rare achievement here in Congress: a bipartisan solution to a nonpartisan problem.

Between 1945 and 1962, the United States conducted over 100 aboveground nuclear weapons tests, releasing harmful radiation material into the air and literally blanketing parts of the United States, including Utah, with poisonous dust.

RECA, championed by the late Senator Orrin Hatch, was a lifeline to thousands of downwinders whose lives were lost or forever changed because of this exposure. Unless Congress acts, the program will expire in 2 months. That would leave downwinders like Sara Penny of Cedar City, Utah, behind. Her story was cataloged in the "Downwinders of Utah Archive."

Sara Penny was born in 1953, the same year the "Dirty Harry" bomb was tested in Nevada. She said: "We knew we could die any day from about 5th grade. Our piano teacher's daughter . . . died of leukemia. A steady stream of deaths followed."

Her grandfather died of leukemia. Her aunt died of breast cancer. Her cousin had a bone marrow transplant from his brother but died anyway. Her high school classmate died early from a brain tumor. Her cousin got breast cancer.

Her story is tragic, but it is not unique. Too many downwinders are still suffering. Just last week, I heard from constituents who were starting the process of applying for RECA benefits—these are individuals who lived in the shadow of radiation released into our beautiful Western skies.

We have a chance to make right what the Federal Government got wrong when it conducted these nuclear tests in our backyard. We can't walk away from RECA.

For Sara and all downwinders, please join me in voting "yes" on S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022.

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PRIVATE SECTOR IS STEPPING UP

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the private sector continues to provide critical aid to Ukraine and its surrounding areas. Sadly, many stories of these good deeds are seldom reported on by the media.

Eli Lilly, one of America's top pharmaceutical companies, has been shipping insulin to Ukraine to aid its citizens in their time of need. Further, Eli Lilly also committed to providing additional deliveries of medicines, including cancer treatments and COVID-19 treatments.

Mr. Speaker, these simple acts underscore how important of a role private-sector companies play in both the domestic and international communities.

I thank Eli Lilly and the many other companies across the country that are stepping up to the plate and making a difference. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

### LEAKED DRAFT OPINION OVERTURNING ROE

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, last week's draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade laid bare what is at stake this year for American families. First, most importantly, Roe is still law. This was a draft. Don't cancel your appointment.

Proud science States like Illinois are going to fight this every step of the way. But, ultimately, horrifyingly, that may not matter because American women are facing a retrogression of fundamental legal rights that is unprecedented in modern history because this is not the end. This is just the beginning.

The State-level assault on reproductive freedom has already begun. Next, Republicans plan to ban abortions federally. Then they say they want to go further: our right to contraception; to marry who you love despite their gender or the color of their skin.

Only two things can stop this: the Women's Health Protection Act and a Senate that defends reproductive freedom. We won't stop fighting until we have both.

## ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 1103

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Ms. Kaptur. COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Ms. Garcia of Texas.

Mr. RUIZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### 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 the yeas and nays are ordered.

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

#### RECA EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4119) to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

#### S. 4119

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 "RECA Extension Act of 2022".

### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(d) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—
- (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting "The Fund shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022."; and
- (2) by striking "22-year period" and inserting "2-year period".
- (b) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.—Section 8(a) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by striking "within 22 years after the date of the enactment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000" and inserting "not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022, would extend the life of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, which is also known as RECA, a trust fund that needs to be extended by this bill for 2 years after the date of the bill's enactment. Action is urgently needed because the RECA trust fund is currently set to expire on July 10 of this year.

The bill would also extend the time to file a RECA claim to within 2 years after the date of enactment.

Originally passed by Congress in 1990, RECA established a program administered by the Department of Justice to pay one-time compensation to individuals harmed by atmospheric testing of U.S. atomic weapons and to certain uranium mine workers who were harmed as they labored to produce the necessary raw materials for U.S. atomic weapon developments. During its over 30-year history, the RECA program has been improved and supported on a bipartisan basis.

It is my hope that Congress will eventually adopt bipartisan legislation that will further extend the life of the program and expand eligibility to those who have been left out. For now, however, it is important that we extend the RECA trust fund for another 2 years while discussions on these measures continue.

This legislation was introduced by Senator MIKE LEE, and it passed the Senate by unanimous consent. Hopefully, we can send it on to the President's desk here in the House.

I thank Representative GREG STANTON, a longtime champion of the RECA program, for his leadership. Through his efforts, the Judiciary Committee—my Subcommittee on The Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties—held a hearing and marked up legislation strengthening the RECA program, which helped pave the way for this bill.

I also thank Representative TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ who has been an active champion on this issue for her efforts to preserve and expand the RECA program. I also thank our former Member, now a Senator, Senator LUJÁN, who brought this to my attention originally. He has been a champion on this issue, too, for the people of New Mexico and the people affected all throughout the Western United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on S. 4119, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, or RECA, to provide restitution to individuals who got sick from exposure to radiation as a result of the atomic bomb testing between 1945 and 1963. The goal of Congress in 1990 was to provide compensation to people whose health ailments were caused by the U.S. Government's activities.

This intention can be seen in the onetime nature of the payments and in the specific geographic, time, and disease requirements for compensation. Congress last extended and expanded RECA in 2000 and directed that the fund sunset in July of 2022. As that date has drawn closer, there have been bipartisan and bicameral conversations about potentially extending and expanding RECA.

This bill is a clean, 2-year extension of that statute. It does not change the terms; it simply maintains the status quo to provide more time for these conversations to take place. As Congress continues to consider RECA, we must keep in mind the evidence before us.

In 2005, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine completed a congressionally mandated study and concluded that Congress should not simply expand eligibility in RECA based on geography alone. As this study explained:

In most cases it is unlikely that exposure to radiation fallout was a substantial or contributing cause to any developing cancer.

No one here disputes that if the Federal Government recklessly took actions that led to our citizens getting cancer, we should provide compensation for that harm. That is why Congress passed RECA in 1990 and why it was extended in 2000. However, this program should not become an endless program in the name of unclear evidence and political expediency.

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON).

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman Cohen for his leadership on this issue. Arizona and New Mexico get along very, very well, particularly on this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022.

Since 1990, RECA has provided payments to more than 37,000 individuals who have suffered health consequences due to the Federal Government's atomic weapons development and testing programs. We know an extension of RECA is necessary. There are still families filing claims for their fair share of restitution, and according to a recent publication of the CDC, many more individuals will develop cancers and illnesses linked to the radiation exposure in the years to come.

But we also know that since its inception RECA has inexplicably excluded far too many downwinders from the program. Some Americans—like uranium millers, miners, ore transporters, and those present at weapons testing sites—were exposed to radiation directly through their work, while others were exposed downwind just going about their daily routines as fallout from atmospheric testing blanketed their homes and communities.

When the lines of eligibility were drawn for downwinders to access RECA funds, there existed a major flaw. Two counties-Clark County, Nevada; and Mohave County, Arizona-were only partially included. Although Mohave County has the highest age-adjusted rates of invasive cancer and the highest mortality rates from cancer of any county of Arizona, only the northern portion of the county is downwinder-eligible. And in Nevada only the northeastern-most townships of Clark County are included, despite it practically sharing a border with the Nevada Testing Site where most of the atmospheric weapons testing occurred.

Tragically, families in the lower portions of Mohave and Clark Counties have lost spouses, parents, siblings, and loved ones to radiation illnesses, and it is an absolute shame that they

have been left behind by their Federal Government.

Since I was elected to Congress, I have worked to remedy this decadesold injustice. It has been one of my top priorities, and my bill, the Downwinders Parity Act of 2021, would extend RECA eligibility to the rest of these two counties and deliver justice to many Americans who have been left behind.

I am disappointed that this bill does not include more downwinders, but I am hopeful that with this 2-year extension we will have enough time to find a way forward to expand downwinder eligibility.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on S. 4119.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from the great State of New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL).

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the RECA Extension Act of 2022. This legislation is a critical step in making certain that those men and women who have been harmed by the development and testing that occurred at the dawn of the nuclear age are compensated and assisted by the government that put them in harm's way.

My constituents—the uranium miners, mill workers, uranium ore transporters, and those who lived downwind of atmospheric nuclear tests deserve our thanks, deserve our compassion, and are now in need of our assistance.

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act was scheduled to expire on July 10 of this year.

The legislation before us extends the program unchanged for 2 years. This extension gives us the opportunity to amend this law to be more in keeping with the latest scientific data that indicates that there are additional classifications of workers and diseases that need to be included, as well as additional geographic areas that need to be added for those exposed to radiation from atmospheric nuclear weapons testing, including a significant population of my constituents in New Mexico.

We should not view this extension as the chance to take a break from working on the shortcomings of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, but as a chance for us to work together in a bipartisan way to make things right, to change the damage and suffering of Americans who have been harmed by the radiation exposure due to government negligence.

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Mr. Speaker, just last month, I held a meeting in Grants, New Mexico, where nearly 50 community members shared their stories. Many of these men and women were post-1971 uranium workers or downwinders who are not yet eligible for RECA benefits.

Listening to their stories hit home that there is still a lot of work left to be done to make sure these people are made whole.

The time to get around the table to reform RECA is now—not in 2 years, not in a year, but now. I invite all Members of Congress to join me now in this work. Let's work out a legislative compromise to right these wrongs for the people of this great Nation.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) to control the remainder of the time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Utah will control the time.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. Leger Fernandez).

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman Cohen for his and his staff's tireless efforts on behalf of RECA.

Last week, Congressman OWENS and I led a bipartisan group of Members to request a vote on S. 4119. I am grateful to Speaker Pelosi and Leader Hoyer for bringing it before us today.

In 1945, the U.S. Government detonated the first atomic bomb at the Trinity test site in New Mexico. The U.S. would go on to conduct more than 200 aboveground nuclear tests throughout the century.

Uranium miners, many of whom are Latino or Native American in my home State, worked without the necessary health and safety protections and are still falling sick from radiation exposure.

Downwinders everywhere who lived in communities around certain test sites continue to suffer from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, and other deadly diseases directly linked to uranium and nuclear radiation.

Too many have fallen sick from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, and other deadly diseases because of the radiation exposure. This is an environmental injustice issue of the most explosive kind.

This injustice necessitated the enactment of the bipartisan RECA in 1990 to provide some compensation for these individuals. As we have all heard today, RECA is set to expire this summer, and we must not let that happen because more than 30 years later, too many downwinders and uranium workers continue to fall ill because of the government's nuclear testing program. They still deserve justice under the law.

In fact, just last week, CDC scientists authored a letter that showed a substantial number of uranium miners could still develop diseases after July that would qualify them for RECA compensation.

That letter points out that some of the cancers are 4,040 percent higher than the standard population. Imagine that. It can only be attributed to the uranium mines and exposure.

S. 4119 will extend RECA as it currently exists for 2 years.

I must note that, yes, every schoolchild knows where the first atomic bomb was exploded, and it was

in New Mexico. But for some inexplicable reason, New Mexico was left out as those places where downwinders needed and were eligible for compensation.

As noted by almost every speaker this morning, we must use this time to quickly work on making sure that RECA is corrected so that it applies to all those who are harmed by atomic testing, including in those counties in Arizona, those places in Utah, and those places in New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, I include the letter titled "Health burdens of uranium miners will extend beyond the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act deadline" in the RECORD.

[From Occup. Environ. Med., May 2022]

HEALTH BURDENS OF URANIUM MINERS WILL EXTEND BEYOND THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT DEADLINE

The US Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) is a government compensation programme, which provides partial restitution to individuals whose health was affected by nuclear weapons testing or uranium industry employment, RECA covers US uranium miners employed between 1942 and 1971 who developed or died from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, silicosis, pneumoconiosis or pulmonale related to lung fibrosis. RECA is set to terminate this year. The filing deadline for living claimants or spouses of deceased claimants is 10 July 2022. To access evidence of whether uranium miners will continue to develop compensable diseases after the termination of RECA, was examined mortality rate trends within the US Colorado Plateau uranium miner cohort.

The US Colorado Plateau cohort includes 4137 underground uranium miners employed for at least 1 month and with one or more medical screenings between 1950 and 1960. Underlying cause of death was ascertained through 2016 using the US National Death Index. Person time began in 1960 when reference mortality rates were available. Person time ended at date of death, date lost to follow-up or the end of follow-up (2016). The cohort does not include millers or ore transporters. Details on cohort inclusion criteria, vital status, mortality ascertainment, outcome definition and standard population rates reported in a previous study.

We calculated standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) and corresponding 95% CIs overall and by decade of calendar period (1960-1969, ..., 2000-2009, 2010-2016) for silicosis, interstitial pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and pneumoconiosis, which are compensable for uranium miners under RECA. SMRs were adjusted for age and calendar period (5-year groups) and racialisation (white or American Indian). Regional standard mortality rates for all outcomes were based on data from New Mexico and Arizona for American Indian Miners

From 1960 to 2016, there were 64 IPF deaths, 49 pneumoconiosis deaths and 52 silicosis deaths in the cohort. Overall, the IPF mortality rates were 380% higher than the standard population (SMR 4.8; 95%CI 3.7 to 6.1) pneumoconiosis mortality rates were 3860% higher than the standard population (SMR 39.6; 95%CI 29.3 to 52.3), and silicosis rates were 4040% higher than the standard population (SMR 41.4; 95%CI 30.9 to 54.3).

For all three causes of death, rates were higher in more recent calendar periods. IPF rates were lowest in 1960–1969 (observed=2, SMR=2.0; 95%CI 0.2 to 7.1) and highest in 2010–2016 (observed=12, SMR=68.7; 95%CI 35.4 to 120.0) but remained substantially elevated

in the 2010–2016 period (observed=13, SMR=56.4, 95%CI 30.0 to 96.4). Silicosis mortality was also elevated in later calendar periods, with the highest SMR in 1980–1989 (observed=17, SMR=75.7; 95%CI 44. to 121.2). In 2010–2016, silicosis mortality rates remained substantively higher than the standard population (observed=6, SMR=61.5; 95%CI 22.4 to 133.8)

While the majority of US uranium mining activities ceased by the mid-1990's, the health effects of uranium mining persist. An important public health implication of our SMR analysis is that former uranium miners in the US continue to die of IPF, silicosis, and pneumoconiosis at a far higher rate than the comparable general population over our period of study; SMRs are elevated overall, increase with advancing calendar period and persist over time. This analysis suggests that former uranium miners will develop RECA-eligible diseases after RECA ends.

The inferences from these SMRs extend bevond the Colorado Plateau cohort. The Colorado Plateau uranium miner cohort represents only a small sample of the total US uranium miner population. The uranium industry employed tens of thousands of workers,1 perhaps as many as 30,000 workers minded uranium under-ground.4 So, the Colorado Plateau cohort represents only about 5%-15% of the total uranium miner population. This figure does not include the population of uranium millers, surface miners and ore transporters, who are also eligible for RECA funds. Based on the SMRs by calendar period and estimates of the total uranium miner population, it is expected that we will continue to observe many IPF, silicosis, and pneumoconiosis deaths in this group of workers after the planned termination of RECA. Although only 11% of the cohort was still alive at the end of 2016 and the median age of surviving miners over 80, there are younger RECA-eligible miners not in our Colorado Plateau cohort. The latest year of hire in the cohort was 1960, while RECA-eligible miners could have been hired through 1971. It is difficult to accurately estimate the number of miners that would be affected by the termination of RECA, but the approximations above indicate that a substantial number of miners could still develop compensable diseases.

This analysis was limited by using cause of death data rather than disease incidence data. Although these respiratory diseases are highly fatal, there are likely more miners in the cohort who developed these diseases but did not have deaths attributed to them. And. based on the long latency and induction periods of these respiratory diseases we expect additional incident cases to occur. This analysis is also limited because mortality followup only extends through 2016. But even if SMRs started to decrease subsequent to 2016, they would still likely be in excess compared with the standard population after 10 July 2022 when RECa terminates given that these SMRs have been substantially elevated since at least 1970, and for IPF, the number of observed cases appears to have increased since that time.

This analysis is based on uranium miners first employed between 1950 and 1960, but more contemporary miners are also at elevated risk of respiratory disease. Although they may be exposed at a lower intensity. these miners were still exposed to radon, silica dust and other agents that increase the risk of developing RECA-compensable diseases. A recent study from the large international Pooled Uranium Miner Analysis showed that miners first hired 1965 or later experience elevated lung cancer (observed=856, SMR=1.34; 95%CI 1.26 to 1.44).5 Clinical data also indicated that workers employed after 1971 have a high burden of respiratory disease.6

The examination of non-malignant respiratory mortality rates in the Colorado Plateau cohort indicates that uranium mining conditions still cause a considerable health burden to workers that will continue into the foreseeable future. RECA has been amended in the past to be more consistent with scientific results, although these amendments were delayed. This study finds that there will likely be more uranium miners who develop occupational disease after the planned termination of RECA benefits.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. I urge my colleagues to similarly support the passage of the RECA extension as was done in the Senate.

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS).

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, 77 years ago at White Sands, New Mexico, we tested the first atomic bomb. This was followed by nearly half a century of aboveground tests, mostly at a Nevada test site not far from my district.

During this time, thousands of men and women were exposed to harmful levels of radiation, and they continue to experience health difficulties to this day.

Congress established RECA in 1990 to provide one-time payments to many of these harmed individuals. With RECA set to expire July 1, I support Senator LEE's bipartisan bill to extend the program. But I hope we can also soon bring to the floor H.R. 5338, which passed out of the Judiciary Committee in December.

Led by Congresswoman Leger Fernandez, this bill would expand the eligibility of RECA to cover additional diseases and additional communities like the uranium miners. It would also increase benefits to account for inflation.

We need to step up to help these warriors just as we leave no other warriors on the battlefield.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I extended some remarks a little earlier that I am going to repeat, but I wanted to just say, first of all, this has been a remarkable experience for me to see the bipartisanship that we have been able to come together with.

I thank Congresswoman LEGER FERNANDEZ. I really appreciate the support, reaching out, what we have been able to do to get this done.

I think, most importantly, even those who might not agree, we saw in this process who can respectfully agree to disagree. We still moved this forward, so we have something that is not only bipartisan but bicameral. We have had support in the Senate, and I just can't say enough how much I appreciate the opportunity to experience this.

It is going to be good for the citizens throughout the Western part of our country, and I look forward to being able to take this a little bit further as we continue to have this conversation over the next coming months and years.

S. 4119 is a clean and simple extension of the existing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. It represents an incredible and increasingly rare achievement here in Congress: a bipartisan solution to a nonpartisan problem.

During 1945 and 1962, the United States conducted over 100 aboveground nuclear tests, releasing harmful radiation material into the air and literally blanketing parts of the United States, including Utah, with poisonous dust.

RECA, championed by the late Senator Orrin Hatch, was a lifeline for thousands of downwinders whose lives were lost or forever changed because of this exposure.

Unless Congress acts, the program will expire in 2 months. That will leave downwinders like Sara Penny of Cedar City, Utah, behind. Her story was cataloged in the "Downwinders of Utah Archive."

Penny was born in 1953, the same vear the "Dirty Harry" bomb was tested in Nevada. She said: "We knew we could die any day from about fifth grade. Our piano teacher's daughter . . . died of leukemia."

Her grandfather died of leukemia. Her aunt died of breast cancer. Her cousin had a bone marrow transplant from his brother but died anyway. Her high school classmate died earlier from a brain tumor. Her cousin got breast cancer.

Her story is tragic but not unique. Too many downwinders are suffering. Just last week, I heard from constituents who were starting the process of applying for RECA benefits. These are individuals who lived in the shadows of radiation released in our beautiful Western skies.

We have a chance to make right what the Federal Government got wrong when it conducted these nuclear tests in our backyard. We just cannot walk away from RECA.

For Sara and the downwinders, please join me, please join us, in voting "yes" on S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022.

I again thank Congresswoman LEGER FERNANDEZ. It has been an honor to work with her, and we will get this pushed through. I look forward to it.

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, we reiterate that the trust fund expires on July 10 with the need for this vital program to remain present in law. The Representatives from Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada have all made that clear, as have others.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important legislation. Now that the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) has taken the chair, I yield back the balance of my time and ask for a positive "aye" vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TITUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Cohen) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 4119.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1097, I call up the bill (H.R. 2499) to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employees duty, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee print 117-41, modified by the amendment printed in part C of House Report 117-320, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

#### H.R. 2499

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 "Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. CERTAIN DISEASES PRESUMED TO BE WORK-RELATED CAUSE OF DIS-ABILITY OR DEATH FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.

(a) Presumption Relating to Employees in FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES.—Subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 8143a the fol-

#### "§8143b. Employees in fire protection activities.

"(a) CERTAIN DISEASES DEEMED TO BE PROXI-MATELY CAUSED BY EMPLOYMENT IN FIRE PRO-TECTION ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For a claim under this subchapter of disability or death of an employee who has been employed for a minimum of 5 years in aggregate as an employee in fire protection activities, a disease specified on the list established under paragraph (2) shall be deemed to be proximately caused by the employment of such employee.

"(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIAL LIST.—There is established under this section the following list of diseases:

- "(A) Bladder cancer.
- "(B) Brain cancer.
- "(C) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- "(D) Colorectal cancer.
- "(E) Esophageal cancer.
- "(F) Kidney cancer.
- "(G) Leukemias.
- "(H) Lung cancer.
- "(I) Mesothelioma.
- "(J) Multiple myeloma.

- (K) Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
- "(L) Prostate cancer.
  "(M) Skin cancer (melanoma).
- "(N) A sudden cardiac event or stroke while, or not later than 24 hours after, engaging in the activities described in subsection (b)(1)(C).
  - "(O) Testicular cancer. "(P) Thyroid cancer.
  - "(3) ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall periodically review the list established under this section in consultation with the Director of the National Institute on Occupational Safety and Health and shall add a disease to the list by rule, upon a showing by a petitioner or on the Secretary's own determination, in accordance with this paragraph.

'(B) BASIS FOR DETERMINATION.—The Secretary shall add a disease to the list upon a showing by a petitioner or the Secretary's own determination, based on the weight of the best available scientific evidence, that there is a significant risk to employees in fire protection activities of developing such disease.

'(C) AVAILABLE EXPERTISE.—In determining significant risk for purposes of subparagraph (B), the Secretary may accept as authoritative and may rely upon recommendations, risk assessments, and scientific studies (including analyses of National Firefighter Registry data pertaining to Federal firefighters) by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the National Toxicology Program, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

(4) PETITIONS TO ADD TO THE LIST.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person may petition the Secretary to add a disease to the list under this section.

"(B) CONTENT OF PETITION.—Such petition shall provide information to show that there is sufficient evidence of a significant risk to employees in fire protection activities of developing such illness or disease from their employment.

'(C) TIMELY AND SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS. Not later than 18 months after receipt of a petition, the Secretary shall either grant or deny the petition by publishing in the Federal Register a written explanation of the reasons for the Secretary's decision. The Secretary may not deny a petition solely on the basis of competing priorities, inadequate resources, or insufficient time for review.

'(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- "(1) EMPLOYEE IN FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVI-TIES.—The term 'employee in fire protection activities' means an employee employed as a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, rescue worker, ambulance personnel, or hazardous material worker, who-
  - "(A) is trained in fire suppression;

"(B) has the legal authority and responsibility to engage in fire suppression;
"(C) is engaged in the prevention, control,

and extinguishment of fires or response to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk, including the prevention, control, suppression, or management wildland fires; and

"(D) performs such activities as a primary responsibility of his or her job.

"(2) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means Secretary of Labor."

(b) RESEARCH COOPERATION.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall establish a process by which a Federal employee in fire protection activities filing a claim related to a disease on the list established by section 8143b of title 5, United States Code, will be informed about and offered the opportunity to contribute to science by voluntarily enrolling in the National Firefighter Registry or a similar research or public health initiative conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(c) AGENDA FOR FURTHER REVIEW.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall(1) evaluate the best available scientific evidence of the risk to an employee in fire protection activities of developing breast cancer;

(2) add breast cancer to the list established under section 8143b of title 5, United States Code, by rule in accordance with subsection (a)(3) of such section, if the Secretary determines that such evidence supports such addition; and

(3) submit a report of the Secretary's findings under paragraph (1) and the Secretary's determination under paragraph (2) to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

(d) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to claims for compensation filed on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

### SEC. 3. SUBROGATION OF CONTINUATION OF PAY.

- (a) Subrogation of the United States.— Section 8131 of title 5, United States Code, is amended.—
- (1) in subsection (a), by inserting "continuation of pay or" before "compensation"; and
- (2) in subsection (c), by inserting "continuation of pay or" before "compensation already raid"
- (b) Adjustment After Recovery From A Third Person.—Section 8132 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—
- (1) by inserting "continuation of pay or" before "compensation" the first and second place it appears:
- (2) by striking "in his behalf" and inserting "on his behalf";
- (3) by inserting "continuation of pay and" before "compensation" the third place it appears; and
- (4) by striking the 4th sentence and inserting the following: "If continuation of pay or compensation has not been paid to the beneficiary, the money or property shall be credited against continuation of pay or compensation payable to him by the United States for the same injury.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. 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 materials on H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, across the country, roughly 15,000 firefighters employed by the Federal Government currently work to fight wildfires, respond to hurricanes, protect military and Veterans' Affairs facilities, and keep our communities safe.

Like all firefighters, Federal firefighters face enormous health risks in order to carry out their heroic work. On any given day, a Federal firefighter will be exposed to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, diesel smoke, toxic chemicals, and other serious hazards.

This routine exposure can have lifelong health consequences for fire-fighters. Research confirms that fire-fighters are far more likely than other workers to contract leukemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and lung, brain, and digestive cancers.

Simply put, firefighting is critical but dangerous work. The least we can do to support firefighters who become injured or sick on the job is to help them secure the compensation and medical care they need for themselves and their families. Unfortunately, we are falling short of fulfilling that obligation to Federal firefighters.

Today, 49 States help firefighters access workers' compensation by providing a presumption that certain diseases are work-related, yet no such protection exists for Federal firefighters. The gap in access is not only fundamentally unfair to Federal firefighters; it also leaves them with the steep challenge of proving, on their own, that their illnesses are work-related.

The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2021, led by the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL), takes critical steps to address the problem and strengthen Federal firefighters' access to workers' compensation.

By updating Federal law, this bill would provide Federal firefighters with a presumption that certain illnesses are work related. Importantly, it plans for the future by allowing anyone to propose additions to the list of presumed illnesses, and it authorizes the Department of Labor to use the rulemaking process to make those additions.

We must swiftly pass this bill to provide Federal firefighters who are injured or become sick on the job, and their families, with the support they have always deserved.

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I stand in opposition to H.R. 2499, the Federal Fire-fighters Fairness Act of 2022.

Federal firefighters deserve our utmost respect and admiration for risking their lives every day. Republicans strongly support assisting Federal firefighters and ensuring they have access to medical benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, FECA, but we are against removing critical oversight measures.

H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, creates a presumption that Federal firefighters diagnosed with certain types of heart disease, lung disease, or cancer contracted the disease at work. FECA has never included such a presumption. The Department of Labor has always determined Federal employees' compensation claims on a case-by-case basis.

This bill throws out crucial program integrity measures, weakening the federal workers' compensation program. Critical oversight measures are important to protect taxpayers against nonmeritorious claims and mismanagement.

Currently, all FECA claimants must attest that their disease or illness was the result of their employment and must provide supporting medical evidence to the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, OWCP. Without a process to determine whether the disability or illness is work-related, there is nothing to prevent coverage of nonoccupational medical costs from being shifted from the private insurance market to the Federal Government and taxpayers.

H.R. 2499 also plays favorites among Federal workers by picking and choosing which workers automatically receive Federal workers' compensation. For example, if a Federal Border Patrol agent contracts skin cancer from sun exposure due to his or her duties, that agent would go through FECA's claims process. But if a Federal firefighter contracts lung cancer from smoking, he or she is automatically entitled to benefits under this legislation.

The Federal Government should not treat workers differently based on their occupation. We should continue to allow cases to be judged by supporting evidence, not a predetermined list of illnesses. Yet the Democrats' bill gives blanket authority to the Secretary to determine, without oversight, whether a disease poses a significant risk to firefighters. The list of diseases presumed to be caused by employment could expand indefinitely for Federal firefighters while all other Federal employee claims are processed on a case-by-case basis.

Further, OWCP recently announced changes to improve the claims process for Federal firefighters to ensure their needs are met through a special claims unit.

An amendment authored by Representative FRED KELLER proposes making this streamlined claims process permanent. Unfortunately, I'm not optimistic that Democrats will support this commonsense amendment.

Additionally, H.R. 2499makes changes to FECA without the benefit of data from the National Firefighter Registry. Congress authorized the creation of the registry in 2018 to study and identify cancer risks for firefighters. The registry begins enrollment this year, and Congress should rely on this important data to ensure legislation is following the science and addressing firefighters' needs. Without this important data, H.R. 2499 will not reflect the best available science.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL), the sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the author of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, to urge my colleagues to support this commonsense, bipartisan measure.

Madam Speaker, I wonder how many people in this Chamber or watching on C-SPAN today would be able to tell you the difference between a Federal firefighter and a State or municipal one.

I know that when communities in my home State of California call on fire-fighters to head to the front lines of increasingly dangerous wildfires, they certainly are not worried about what uniform or badge they are wearing.

For example, in 2017, when what was then the largest wildfire in California history, the Thomas fire, struck my district, Federal, State, and local fire-fighters alike left their families behind during the holiday season to fight tire-lessly on the front lines, saving countless lives and property.

Madam Speaker, all of these firefighters face the same challenges and risks. But, unfortunately, there is a glaring inequity in how our firefighters are supported, and that is why we are here today.

Federal firefighters face significant hazards while on the job as they protect life and property, as well as our national interests on military installations, Federal research laboratories, veterans' hospitals, and public lands. Now, in the face of the climate crisis, Federal and municipal firefighters alike face year-round fire seasons and fires that are getting more destructive and harder to contain.

In the course of their heroism fighting these fires, firefighters are often exposed to smoke, toxic substances, high heat, and stress, putting them at an increased risk to develop occupational diseases like cancer and lung problems.

But unlike their State and local counterparts, Federal firefighters must provide the specific incident in their employment which caused their disease if they become sick, even if they fought the same fire as their local counterparts fought.

We have already addressed this issue at the local level. In 49 out of 50 States, municipal and State firefighters who develop health problems that are associated with their firefighting, those illnesses are presumed to be connected with their service. California was actually the first State to pass such a law back in 1982. But today, no such protections or benefits exist for more than 15,000 Federal firefighters across the United States. This is wrong and fundamentally unfair. That is what this bill does, fixes that challenge.

More than 200 Democrats and Republicans in this Chamber have already agreed that we should extend that same parity to our Federal firefighters by cosponsoring my bill. When disaster strikes, firefighters have our backs and keep us safe. It is high time we do the same for all of them.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader of the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the sponsor of this bill who just spoke, who has left the floor, and other cosponsors of this bill, for their work.

Madam Speaker, there are thousands of Federal firefighters. There are thousands of Federal firefighters who face danger every day, thousands of Federal firefighters who get out of their bed at some point in time during the day—if they work in the day, or work at night, sleep in bunks in the firehouse—who are there to protect us.

In the course of their duties, they safeguard our military bases, our nuclear facilities, and other critical installations across the country. They serve on the front lines of the climate crisis, fighting wildfires that grow more frequent and more intense with each passing year. They protect both our private property and our public lands. Most importantly, of course, Madam Speaker, they save lives.

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In the process, they are often exposed to toxic fumes. We just passed a bill not too long ago that provides for compensation to those members of our Armed Forces who are exposed to toxic fumes. As a result of those exposures, our firefighters can develop deadly diseases and cancers. Nevertheless, our Federal firefighters execute these responsibilities with courage and with dedication.

Federal firefighters are frequently fighting shoulder to shoulder with their State and local counterparts. The Pentagon is a perfect example, where the first responders were county and city of Alexandria, and then subsequently State firefighters and some Federal as well. They were shoulder to shoulder with those folks. The State and local counterparts, however, have benefits and presumptions that our Federal firefighters do not.

As a result, this bill has been introduced, and I am proud to bring it to the floor to help right this wrong and to treat these heroes with the respect they deserve. Currently, our Federal firefighters face an often-insurmountable burden of proof to receive compensation for work-related disabilities.

In just a few days, we are going to be honoring firefighters who have lost their lives over the weeks and months and years of this country's lifetime. We will honor them, but we also need to honor our present firefighters while they are living by responding to their needs and the illnesses they incur as a result of the performance of their duties

This bipartisan legislation would guarantee that our Federal firefighters have access to disability and retire-

ment benefits they have earned through their service. It would do so by establishing automatic presumptions for heart and lung disease and various types of cancers.

Multiple scientific studies have established a link between these illnesses and the dangers firefighters face during their service. That is why 48 States have passed similar laws creating these assumptions for their municipal, county, and State firefighters.

I, again, thank Mr. CARBAJAL for introducing this commonsense legislation. I thank Chairman Scott and his colleagues on the Education and Labor Committee for marking it up expeditiously. Most important, of course, I thank all of our Federal firefighters for continuing to hold the line and go to work facing possible danger in spite of the risks because of their sense of duty and dedication to serving their country and their fellow man, charging toward the flames time and time again.

We saw that so graphically on 9/11 in New York. We saw it at the Pentagon, going into danger's very jaws to save people from almost surely dying and certainly severe injury.

This is the right and proper thing to do for those heroes. They have more than earned these benefits. It is up to us to make sure they get them. I urge my colleagues to vote "ves."

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. Leger Fernandez), a member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act. Right now, 340,000 acres are burning in New Mexico, are burning in my district as a result of the Hermits Peak, Cerro Pelado, and Cook fires. The fires have destroyed hundreds of homes and tens of thousands more are at risk and were evacuated. Our towns and villages are engulfed by the billowing smoke that accompanies these fires. The fires threaten generations of livelihoods and culture as well as our watersheds.

There are no words, no words at all that can convey my gratitude for the nearly 3,000 firefighters currently on the ground in New Mexico working to save our lands, our homes, our lives, and our future.

These firefighters have a long road ahead of them. We are told that the fires will not be contained until the monsoon rains come, which we pray is in July. That is more than 2 months from now. They have already been at it for a month. Two more months that firefighters will spend directly exposed to smoke, stress, heat, and toxic substances.

It is simply wrong that the Federal firefighters are not guaranteed the care and compassion as most State firefighters when it comes to health coverage. Firefighters are more likely than any other worker to contract

lung, brain, kidney, and digestive cancers and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act would remedy this gross oversight and ensure that Federal firefighters, who risk their lives the same as any other, are afforded the same health care protections. Last month, as we considered this bill in committee, I met with firefighters who shared the story of Chris, who spent his last days fighting to get coverage for his cancer so that his family would not be burdened with that medical debt.

Our firefighters should fight fires. They shouldn't have to fight in the last days of their lives to get medical coverage.

I thank the Federal firefighters who are risking their lives to protect the beautiful land I call home. Sadly, my story of loss is shared across the West. We all owe more than gratitude to our Federal firefighters. They deserve not just our gratitude, but our action and our protections. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Congressional Fire Services Institute, which documents the importance of passing this legislation.

CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE, Arlington, VA, March 30, 2022.

Hon. Bobby Scott,

Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor, Washington, DC.

Hon. VIRGINIA FOXX,

Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and Labor, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT AND RANKING MEMBER FOXX: The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) has long been an advocate for issues affecting firefighter health and wellness. Due to the nature of their jobs—including exposure to toxic chemicals, stress, and other extreme conditions in the line of duty—firefighters in the United States are at risk for a number of diseases, such as heart disease, lung disease, and various cancers. It is vital that firefighters who are severely impacted by these devastating health conditions receive proper benefits and compensation.

The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act would advance federal firefighter health and safety by creating a rebuttable presumption that federal firefighters who become disabled by heart disease, lung disease, and certain cancers contracted such illnesses on the job. This legislation will go a long way towards helping federal firefighters and their families, as well as ensuring that federal firefighters are eligible to receive the same benefits as their compatriots employed at the state and local levels.

Forty-nine states have already recognized that these illnesses are occupational hazards of fire fighting and have enacted laws providing presumptive disability benefits to firefighters employed by state and local governments who contract such illnesses. It is important that all of our nation's firefighters have the assurance that they can receive the benefits they need and deserve when their health is on the line.

We look forward to working with you on the Federal Firefighters Fairness  $\operatorname{Act}$ .

Sincerely,

BILL WEBB, Executive Director, Congressional Fire Services Institute. Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We are being portrayed as not being sympathetic to firefighters. Republicans are extremely appreciative of what the firefighters have done. They have been put in an untenable position because of the poor management of the forests out West because of Democrats.

But let me say, contrary to my Republican colleagues' claims, the presumption of eligibility for benefits created by H.R. 2499 is much broader than the majority of State laws. Proponents of the bill claim that 49 States have laws with a presumption similar to H.R. 2499 for State and local firefighters. This is not true.

While some States may have a presumption for a certain disease, the majority do not have a presumption for numerous diseases such as those listed in this bill. Moreover, most States allow an employer to challenge that a condition or illness came from firefighting and not from other causes outside of work. For example, an employer may rebut the presumption of occupational illness if other factors such as smoking or genetic causes were the primary cause of the illness. It is also common for States to require that the firefighter had a healthy physical examination before the onset of the disease.

H.R. 2499 contains none of these commonsense safeguards. The Federal workers' compensation program is just that—workers' compensation. We should not expand the program to provide medical treatment for Federal employees regardless of whether their illness is related to their occupation.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SČOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD), a member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Federal Fire-fighters Fairness Act, commonsense, bipartisan legislation that I am proud to cosponsor.

Despite clear evidence that links firefighting to health risks such as cancer, Federal firefighters face an insurmountable burden to prove their illness stems from service in order to receive benefits.

This bill removes the burden by establishing a presumption of illness for certain conditions for Federal firefighters with 5 years of service. Plainly speaking, what that means is the burden of proof in any legal proceeding means that one side has to prove their case by a certain amount of evidence, usually by a preponderance of the evidence. This bill would shift that burden to the other side to prove that the illness is not related to their service so that the firefighter no longer has that burden.

It is past time for the Federal Government to follow 48 States, including Pennsylvania, that have enacted similar laws.

I also want to draw specific attention to a provision of this bill setting a deadline for the Labor Department to review and act on forthcoming research regarding firefighters' risk of developing breast cancer. There have been too few studies focusing on the unique health risks of the women who risk their lives to fight fires. Female firefighters deserve better.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization in support of the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act.

ASBESTOS DISEASE
AWARENESS ORGANIZATION,
Redondo Beach, CA, March 25, 2022.
Re Support for H.R. 2499, Federal Firefighter
Fairness Act.

Hon. Bobby Scott.

Chairman, Education & Labor Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT: On behalf of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), I write in support of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighter Fairness Act, a bipartisan bill that would extend a rebuttable presumption of occupational illness to federal firefighters for certain health conditions that have been scientifically proven to be caused by the federal firefighters' emergency response duties.

Asbestos is a known human carcinogen. Without a ban, imports continue and asbestos can be found in homes, schools, workplaces, and on consumer shelves throughout the nation. Each year, an estimated 40,000 Americans die from asbestos-caused diseases. During a fire, these nearly invisible toxic asbestos fibers become airborne. As a result, firefighters unknowingly are exposed during the line of duty as they work to save our lives.

In the 2013 NIOSH "Mortality and cancer incidence in a pooled cohort of US fire-fighters from San Francisco, Chicago and Philadelphia (1950–2009)" study, researchers found that:

Cancers of the respiratory, digestive, and urinary systems accounted mostly for the higher rates of cancer seen in the study population. The higher rates suggest that firefighters are more likely to develop those cancers.

The population of firefighters in the study had a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the rate in the U.S. population as a whole. This was the first study ever to identify an excess of mesothelioma in U.S. firefighters. The researchers said it was likely that the findings were associated with exposure to asbestos, a known cause of mesothelioma.

Federal firefighters risk their lives to protect our national interests on military installations, federal research laboratories, homeland security facilities and veterans' hospitals. They have some of the most hazardous and sensitive jobs in the country. While on the job, federal firefighters are routinely exposed carcinogenic smoke, toxic substances, high heat, and stress. The cumulative effect of repetitive exposures place firefighters at an increased risk of developing occupational diseases such as cancers, heart, and lung disease.

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In recognition of causal link, 49 states have enacted laws which provide presumptive benefits to firefighters employed by state and local governments. However, no such law covers federal firefighters, who routinely combat fires and mitigate hazardous materials incidents side by side with firefighters from municipal and state fire departments covered by these presumptive laws.

Securing presumptive benefits is critical to obtaining coverage of occupational illness and disease from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. Absent a presumptive benefit, federal firefighters experience delayed access to critically needed medical care, salary and health insurance benefits. Instead, firefighters must engage in a prolonged administrative process in which they are required to demonstrate with specificity the precise exposure(s) which caused their occupational illness.

As a leader in protecting workers' rights and safety, ADAO urges you to support and advance the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, HR 2499 to help ensure our nation's domestic defenders are provided expedited access to the benefits they need and deserve. Please reach out with any questions you have. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

LINDA REINSTEIN. ADAO President/CEO,

Co-Founder and Mesothelioma Widow.

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I am proud that the House today can stand strong with our frontline firefighters.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI), a member of the Committee on Education and Labor and chair of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022.

Recently, I met with Andrew Robinson, an Oregonian, who served as a wildland firefighter. He fought dangerous fires in the Pacific Northwest. He battled cancer, and then he started the Wildland Firefighter Research and Protection Center to call attention to the health and well-being of firefighters.

I am grateful for Andrew's work and his immense sacrifice, but I remain deeply concerned about the barriers that impede our Nation's Federal firefighting workforce from accessing the rehabilitation. compensation. healthcare benefits they deserve.

This important legislation will create a presumption that Federal firefighters who become disabled by serious diseases, including wildland firefighters, contracted the illness on the job. This change will help brave firefighters, like Andrew, access the medical treatment and wage-loss compensation they have earned and they

We must also support women in the firefighting workforce and build a more inclusive profession that accounts for the unique challenges, to their health and otherwise, that female firefighters experience on and after the job. Only 12 percent of all Federal wildland firefighters identify as women, and this underrepresentation is exacerbated by the lack of research into how firefighting affects women's health. This legislation will improve our understanding of the relationship between fire exposure and diseases, such as

breast cancer and gynecological cancers which very few studies have addressed to date.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation. I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL), my friend and colleague, for his leadership on this important policy, and I thank the chairman for bringing this bill forward through the committee.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association in support of the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022.

NARFE,

Alexandria, VA, April 20, 2022.
DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), which is dedicated to advancing the interests of the more than 5 million federal employees and retirees, as well as their spouses and survivors, I urge you to vote in favor of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2021, when it is considered by the House of Representatives.

H.R. 2499 would create a presumption of occupational illness for federal firefighters, covering ailments like cardiovascular disease, cancers and certain infectious diseases that 49 states already presume to be work-related for their state and local firefighters. Passing this bill would bring federal rules in line with the vast majority of states in recognizing the occupational danger placed on firefighters and solve an inequity placed on the brave men and women who choose this line of work.

Federal firefighters face an onerous process to address their occupationally derived illnesses. The current system requires them to go through the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) and prove that their disease is connected to a specific event and carcinogenic exposure. This is a burdensome and time-consuming task that fails to account for the numerous toxic exposures firefighters regularly encounter. To make matters worse, OWCP has a lengthy review process, upwards of 10 months, that delays employee compensation and medical treat-

Federal firefighters operate in some of the most hazardous environments in the federal service. They respond to threats at military installations, federal research laboratories, veterans' hospitals and other federal sites across the country, and they are exposed to high levels of smoke, heat, stress and toxic elements. The current system fails to adequately take these consistent exposures into account, and it's time for Congress to end this unfair practice. We owe it to them to correct this wrong.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2021 when it comes to the House floor. Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact NARFE's Staff Vice President for Policy and Programs John Hatton.

Sincerely,

KEN THOMAS, NARFE National President.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2499 includes 16 diseases on its list presuming they were caused by employment. Many of these diseases can be caused by a wide range of reasons, including diet, environment, and genetics.

For example, skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the United States. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, and 9,500 people are diagnosed with skin cancer every day. Factors that increase risks of skin cancer include Sun exposure, family history of melanoma, living in sunny or high-altitude climates, and a history of sunburns.

Lung cancer is the second-most-common cancer. Smoking is by far the leading risk factor for lung cancer, and 80 percent of lung cancer deaths are thought to result from smoking. Yet, unlike 21 State laws, H.R. 2499 does not include a tobacco-use provision, which would disqualify employees who use tobacco products.

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Under current law, any employee who contracts skin or lung cancer is eligible for FECA benefits as long as they can demonstrate they contracted their illness through work.

By singling out Federal firefighters. this bill is not fair to postal workers with skin cancer or Federal nurses with lung cancer. This bill throws out integrity measures, weakening the Federal workers' compensation pro-

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Scott for yielding, and I recognize my friend, Ms. Foxx as well.

Madam Speaker, I have been to the funerals. I know the meaning of "in the line of duty." I have seen the suffering. If I can do anything to help persons who rush in as we rush out, who are willing to put their lives on the line for us, I am going to do it.

Madam Speaker, 48 States have done it. The Federal Government is just a little too late. I have been there.

Madam Speaker, I support the legislation, and I would ask my colleagues to do so as well.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Speaker, I include in the RECORD two letters: one from the American Federation of Government Employees in support of the legislation, and a joint letter signed by the International Association of Fire Fighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

AFL-CIO, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Washington, DC, March 9, 2022.

Hon. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT, Chairman, House Education and Labor Committee, Washington, DC.

Hon. VIRGINIA FOXX,

Ranking Member, House Education and Labor Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT, RANKING MEMBER FOXX, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE: On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO (AFGE),

which represents over 700,000 federal and District of Columbia employees including thousands of firefighters across the country, we write to express our strong support for H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighter Fairness Act and urge the committee to vote to approve this bill through markup and onto the House floor for a vote.

This bipartisan bill introduced by Representative Salud Carbajal would bring parity for federal firefighters with their state, county, and municipal counterparts by creating an automatic presumption of disability for workers compensation for firefighters who develop heart disease or certain forms of cancer. This bill would bring fairness and dignity to firefighters protecting and serving the American people. The difficult pathway to secure workers' compensation would be eased for our nation's heroes. They would finally get the financial support they deserve for putting their lives on the line.

Federal firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve the American people. Most federal firefighters are located at military facilities. These federal firefighters have specialized training to respond to emergencies involving aircraft. ships, and munitions. Federal firefighters at the Department of Veterans Affairs serve civilians and veterans including chronically ill and bedridden patients. Federal firefighters provide emergency medical services, crash rescue services, and hazardous material containment, as well as fighting fires. Firefighters are frequently exposed to smoke, asbestos, particulate matter, and various toxic chemicals, all of which can cause cancer. These civil servants and American heroes deserve the highest quality data and best public health solutions to help prevent, detect,

and treat work-related illnesses.

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has conducted studies about the prevalence of cancer among firefighters; however, these studies have had two critical flaws: 1) the sample sizes were too small; and 2) they do not include many minority populations. This limited NIOSH's ability to draw productive statistical conclusions from their data. More comprehensive public health data must be collected to develop solutions to preventing the elevated rates of cancer in firefighters. Despite these data limitations, NIOSH researchers recently completed a study of disease incidence and mortality among 30,000 urban firefighters, which confirmed an elevated risk of dying from mesothelioma, lymphoma, and other forms of cancer.

AFGE strongly urges you to support H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighter Fairness Act and vote to move this bill through the House Education and Labor Committee. For questions or more information please contact Fiona Kohrman.

Sincerely.

Julie N. Tippens, Legislative Director.

> AFL-CIO, IAFC, March 14, 2022.

Hon. Bobby Scott.

Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor, House of Representatives, Washington, DC. Hon. VIRGINIA FOXX,

Ranking Member, Committee on Education and Labor, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCOTT AND RANKING MEMBER FOXX: On behalf of the 326,000 professional fire fighters and emergency medical responders of the International Association of Fire Fighters, including 3,500 federal fire fighters, and approximately 12,000 fire and EMS leaders of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, we write in full support of

H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act and thank you for marking up the bill. This bipartisan legislation would extend a presumption of occupational illness to federal fire fighters for a limited number of health conditions which studies have indicated are caused by the federal fire fighters' emergency response duties.

Federal fire fighters have some of the most hazardous and sensitive jobs in the country. While protecting our national interests on military installations, federal research laboratories, homeland security facilities, and veterans' hospitals, federal fire fighters are routinely exposed to carcinogenic smoke, toxic substances, high heat, and stress. The cumulative effect of repetitive exposures place fire fighters at an increased risk of developing occupational diseases such as cancers, heart, and lung disease.

In recognition of this fact, 49 states have enacted laws which provide presumptive benefits to fire who routinely combat fires and mitigate hazardous materials incidents side by side with fire fighters from municipal and state fire departments covered by these presumptive laws.

Securing presumptive benefits is critical to obtaining coverage of occupational illness and disease from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. Absent a presumptive benefit, federal fire fighters experience delayed access to critically needed medical care, salary, and health insurance benefits. Instead, federal fire fighters must engage in a prolonged administrative process in which they are required to demonstrate with specificity the precise exposure(s) which caused their occupational illness. Cases of cancer are particularly hard to prove-fire fighters must identify the carcinogen to which they were exposed, the duration of each exposure, and the location of the exposure. These requirements fail to recognize the chaotic environment in which fire fighters operate and the cumulative impact of multiple exposures to many different carcinogens over a fire fighter's career. The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act will reduce or eliminate many of the cumbersome and often unattainable requirements currently impeding federal fire fighters from expedited access to the benefits they need and deserve.

Thank you again for your work on this important issue. Labor and management appreciate your consideration of H.R. 2499 and urge the committee to swiftly advance the bill to help ensure all our nation's domestic defenders are provided the care and benefits they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

EDWARD A. KELLY,
General President,
International Association of Fire
Fighters.
FIRE CHIEF KENNETH W.
STUEBING, BHSC, CCP(f),
President and Board
Chair, International
Association of Fire
Chiefs.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, Federal firefighters deserve timely access to critical workers' compensation benefits when they contract an occupational illness. No one is questioning this.

Unfortunately, H.R. 2499 will remove important oversight mechanisms within FECA to create an unequal two-tiered system for Federal firefighters

relative to all other Federal employ-

Further, H.R. 2499 is not grounded in science or, quite frankly, logic. It mandates coverage of certain conditions without sufficient research on their causes and proceeds without the benefit of data from the National Firefighter Registry. This bill also requires the Secretary of Labor to add new diseases to the list of conditions which are presumed to be work-related but are based upon public petitions with no oversight.

Finally, DOL has not indicated any need for a broad presumption of eligibility for Federal firefighters and has directed existing resources to address the needs of Federal firefighters filing occupational illness claims.

My colleagues should support Congressman Keller's amendment, which would permanently streamline the Department's claim process for Federal firefighters and ensure they receive timely access to medical benefits when they have an occupational illness.

This commonsense solution provides firefighters with the assistance they deserve while preserving the integrity of the Federal Employees' Compensation Program.

For these reasons, my colleagues should reject H.R. 2499 so that Democrats and Republicans can work across the aisle to pursue policies that will help Federal workers, including Federal firefighters, receive the benefits they deserve.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the Statement of Administration Policy in support of this legislation.

STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY
H.R. 2499—FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS FAIRNESS

H.R. 2499—FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2022—REP. CARBAJAL, D-CA, AND 203 COSPONSORS

The Administration expresses its deep gratitude and admiration for America's fire-fighters, who brave extraordinarily challenging conditions and dangers to protect our communities, property, and natural resources from increasingly intense and frequent fires. In recognition of their courage and the strong evidence of the physical toll that their service has on their health, the Administration supports passage of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022

When a federal employee sustains a work-related injury or disease, the Federal Employees' Compensation Act provides monetary support, medical benefits, and other assistance to help the employee recover and return to work. The program also provides benefits to dependents if a work-related injury or disease causes death.

H.R. 2499 would support federal firefighters by facilitating easier access to critical resources that will help them and their families recover from the trauma and physical harms brought on by their hazardous line of work. Specifically, the bill lists health conditions, such as several forms of cancer or a heart attack or stroke that occurs shortly after battling a fire, that are deemed to be caused by a firefighter's employment. The bill also includes a process for expanding the list as new diseases are identified and linked to firefighting based on scientific evidence.

The President has prioritized addressing the harmful health effects of environmental exposures, particularly among our nation's veterans. This bill is consistent with the Administration's support for expanding access to benefits and services for those harmed by hazards faced in the line of duty.

Additionally, as part of his broader health agenda, the President remains committed to ending cancer as we know it. This includes significant investments in biomedicine and reigniting the cancer moonshot initiative with a goal of reducing the cancer death rate by at least 50 percent over the next 25 years.

Record-setting temperatures, long-term drought, and volatile weather patterns, exacerbated by climate change, have increased the risks and stress for America's 15,000 federal firefighters. When federal firefighters suffer from health conditions associated with their jobs, they and their families deserve the full array of federal benefits to which they are entitled. The Administration looks forward to working with Congress to enact this bipartisan legislation and continue supporting our federal firefighters.

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

Mr. Speaker, firefighting has always been a dangerous occupation but in the past few years, it has been particularly difficult for our Nation's firefighters. From battling  $_{
m the}$ unprecedented wildfires across the country to grappling with personnel shortages, Federal firefighters have had to continue their lifesaving work with fewer resources and support.

As we are debating this bill today, Federal firefighters are working alongside others to contain the megafire that is engulfing the State of New Mexico. We thank them for their service, but we should honor them with more than just words. If we are to address the challenges that Federal firefighters face, then we must provide Federal firefighters with at least the same protections that firefighters enjoy at

State and local levels.

Simply put, we cannot expect these heroic workers to continue putting themselves in danger for our safety if we cannot ensure that they and their families will have adequate access to compensation and benefits when they need them.

The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act is the solution we need to improve the lives of Federal firefighters and ensure that when they become sick or injured in the line of duty, they will have the support they need to care for themselves and their families.

I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL) for his leadership on this issue, and I urge all Members to join me in standing behind our Federal firefighters.

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, every day our heroic firefighters risk their lives keeping communities across America safe. We absolutely must have their backs.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I led legislation establishing the National Firefighter Cancer Registry to thoroughly study the many occupational hazards and cancer risks that firefighters face.

The link between cancer and firefighting is undeniable. But our nation's more than ten

thousand federal firefighters face a high burden in proving any occupational illness is connected to their job before receiving disability benefits.

I'm proud to cosponsor Rep. CARBAJAL's Federal Firefighter Fairness Act to ensure these brave men and women receive their owed benefits without delay or red tape.

Our federal firefighters work tirelessly to fight behemoth wildfires that grow more extreme each year. The least we can do is protect the benefits they've earned and stand with them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GREEN of Texas). All time for debate has expired.

Each further amendment printed in part D of House Report 117-320 not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 6 of House Resolution 1097 shall be considered 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part D of House Report 117-320, not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT OF VIRGINIA

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 7 of House Resolution 1097, I rise to offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, printed in part D of House Report 117-320, offered by Mr. Scott of Virginia:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 6, lines 10 and 11, insert "and gynecological cancer" after "breast cancer" each place it appears.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of the bill add the following:

#### SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF FIREFIGHTERS FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS AND OTHER CON-TAMINANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that evaluates the health and safety impacts on employees engaged in fire protection activities that result from the employees' exposure to toxic chemicals and other contaminants that could cause human health problems. The report may include information on-

- (1) the degree to which such programs and policies include consideration of the possibility of toxic exposure of such employees who may come into contact with residue from fibers, combusted building materials such as asbestos, household chemicals, polymers, flame-retardant chemicals, and other potentially toxic contaminants;
- (2) the availability and proper maintenance of professional protective equipment and secure storage of such equipment in employees' homes and automotive vehicles;
- (3) the availability of home instructions for employees regarding toxins and contaminants, and the appropriate procedures to counteract exposure to same;
- (4) the employees' interests in protecting the health and safety of family members from exposure to toxic chemicals and other contaminants to which the employees may have been exposed; and
  - (5) other related factors.
- (b) CONTEXT.—In preparing the report required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United States may, as appropriate, provide information in a format that delineates high risk urban areas from rural communities.
- (c) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONSIDER-ATION.—After issuance of the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall consider such report's findings and assess its applicability for purposes of the amendments made by section 2.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA

Page 4, after line 24, insert the following:

"(D) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after making any decision to approve or deny a petition under this paragraph, the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate of such decision."

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MS. TLAIB OF MICHIGAN

Page 6, after line 24, insert the following: (e) REPORT ON AFFECTED EMPLOYEES.—Beginning 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall include in each annual report on implementation of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act program and issues arising under it that the Secretary makes pursuant to section 8152 of title 5, United States Code, the total number and demographics of employees with diseases and conditions described in the amendments made by this Act as of the date of such annual report, disaggregated by the specific condition or conditions, for the purposes of understanding the scope of the problem. The Secretary may include any information they deem necessary and, as appropriate, may make recommendations for additional actions that could be taken to minimize the risk of adverse health impacts for Federal employees in fire protection activities.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA

Page 6, after line 21, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subsection accordingly):

(d) REPORT ON FEDERAL WILDLAND FIRE-FIGHTERS.—The Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health shall conduct a comprehensive study on long-term health effects that Federal wildland firefighters who are eligible to receive workers' compensation under chapter

81 of title 5, United States Code, experience after being exposed to fires, smoke, and toxic fumes when in service. Such study shall include—

(1) the race, ethnicity, age, gender, and time of service of such Federal wildland firefighters participating in the study; and

(2) recommendations to Congress on what legislative actions are needed to support such Federal wildland firefighters in preventing health issues from this toxic exposure, similar to veterans that are exposed to burn pits.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF

Page 6, lines 10 and 11, insert "and rhabdomyolysis" after "breast cancer" each place it appears.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, there are eight amendments in this en bloc amendment:

One by the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN), which includes a review of the science on gynecological cancers to study the potential risk and connection between fire protection activities and the likelihood of developing those cancers.

One offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee), which adds a study regarding the health and safety impacts on firefighters from exposure to toxic chemicals on the job.

One from the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON) that requires the Secretary to notify Congress when approving or denying petitions to add diseases to the list.

One from the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB), to add an annual reporting requirement with data on firefighters with diseases covered by the act and recommendations for additional steps be taken to minimize the risk of adverse health impacts for firefighters.

One by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. Torres), to require the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a comprehensive study of long-term health impacts from smoke exposure and other working conditions on Federal wildlands firefighters who receive workers' compensation benefits.

And another by Mrs. TORRES to include a review of the science of rhabdomyolysis and the likelihood of a connection between firefighting work and that disorder.

Mr. Speaker, these amendments make meaningful improvements to the bill. I urge a "yes" vote on en bloc No. 1, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2499 takes away critical oversight of our Federal work-

ers' compensation program, is overly broad, and plays favorites with Federal workers.

Unfortunately, the Democrat amendments take a bad bill and make it worse. These amendments build upon H.R. 2499's flawed policy by directing the Secretary of Labor to consider adding even more diseases to the bill's presumption. H.R. 2499 allows for the Secretary to add diseases unilaterally to the list of diseases presumed to be contracted by Federal firefighters at work. Under the bill, a Federal firefighter with a disease on the list automatically qualifies for FECA benefits, undermining program integrity.

Currently, all FECA claimants must attest that their disease or illness was the result of their employment and must provide supporting medical evidence to the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. Without a process to determine whether the illness is work-related, there is nothing to prevent coverage of nonoccupational medical costs from being shifted from private insurance to the Federal Government.

H.R. 2499 is essentially handing over the keys to a nearly \$3 billion program to the Secretary of Labor. The Secretary can add an indefinite number of diseases to the bill's new presumption. The last time Congress gave similar authority to a bureaucrat, the administrator unilaterally added over 60 new diseases without any oversight.

Once this bill is passed, Democrats will move on to creating presumptions for a different group of Federal workers. This bill is a slippery slope, which may result in FECA looking more like a Federal health benefit instead of a workers' compensation program. The studies ordered by the amendment could possibly yield useful information, but it is information we should have before we vote on H.R. 2499. Further, the amendment tacitly acknowledges that we need more information before we vote on this bill.

Congress has already agreed that we need more information on the occupational links between diseases like cancer and firefighting. In fact, in 2018, Congress passed the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018, which created the National Firefighter Registry. This registry is expected to begin enrollment later this year and will provide reports on its data and findings soon after.

Congress should not legislate on assumptions. We should wait for the CDC's report so we can follow the science and ensure we are addressing the health needs of our Federal workers

Mr. Speaker, I oppose the Democrats' amendments which are a day late and a dollar short, and I oppose the underlying bill.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. Sherrill), a

member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I am happy today for the opportunity to speak on this critical legislation that will help thousands of brave, hardworking Americans gain access to the workers' compensation and medical benefits that they so deserve.

Our firefighters in New Jersey and nationwide risk their lives each and every day to keep our communities and families safe, something for which we owe a deep debt of gratitude. But sadly, all too often firefighters contract diseases such as cancer and lung conditions from breathing in smoke or toxic fumes while serving. Then begins a challenging process to receive the compensation and medical benefits that they have earned, causing many to lose out on the benefits they are owed entirely.

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Recognizing this injustice, 48 States have enacted legislation to ensure that State and local firefighters are eligible for benefits if they develop these diseases, including New Jersey. But such protections still don't exist for Federal firefighters.

That is why I was so proud to cosponsor this critical bipartisan legislation to finally provide our Nation's Federal firefighters with these long-overdue benefits.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentlewoman an additional 30 seconds.

Ms. SHERRILL. This legislation will ensure that these true American heroes are able to afford their medical expenses and provide for their families if their health is harmed while on duty. I strongly encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote with me and to pass this legislation today.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to point out that there is a glaring issue with this bill that needs to be corrected. On page 5, section D, it has an exemption here. It says that the people who qualify under this legislation, it has to be someone who "performs such activities as a primary responsibility of his or her job."

Mr. Speaker, we have thousands of forestry technicians, seasonal and temporary firefighters, whose main job is not fighting fires. I believe, the way this legislation is written, they would be excluded from these benefits. These brave men and women fight fires; however, it is not their primary responsibility.

Before legislation like this moves forward, I hope we would be able to at least correct that error. In its current form, I can't support the legislation. I encourage others not to support it in this form.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN).

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, which will ensure that our female firefighters can have the healthcare resources that they, too, deserve.

Women have been firefighting in the United States for 200 years—yes, for two centuries. Yet, despite their enormous contributions, female firefighters and first responders have been underrepresented and overlooked when it comes to scientific research and data.

Every day, female firefighters, paramedics, and medical technicians put their lives on the line to keep us and our communities safe. In fact, just last night, firefighters saved the life of a man in West Whiteland, a township that is in my community.

They take care of us, and we need to take care of them, too. As an engineer, I say that it is past time that we use data-driven approaches to keep them safe.

My amendment to include a study on gynecological cancers is very straightforward and common sense. This is how it works: With additional scientific research, we can more thoroughly understand the impact of fire exposure on female firefighters' health, and we can work toward proactive solutions that would minimize those harmful effects.

All frontline workers deserve to be informed about the risks of their work equally. Today, we have an opportunity to fill that knowledge gap that could change the lives of generations of female firefighters and frontline workers to come.

An inclusive workforce is key to fostering innovation and problem-solving and to retaining the very best first responders our community has to offer, and that, of course, includes women.

A better workforce means saving more lives, and it is that simple. Please, let's not leave female firefighters behind.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendment so that we may better equip our researchers, our doctors, our government, our female frontline workers themselves with long-overdue scientific data.

I thank Chairman Scott and the leadership for bringing this bill to the floor.

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

The underlying bill and this en bloc amendment seem suspiciously to me like run-on bills; that is, somebody has made a commitment to do something in order to enhance his or her reelection. That is what this underlying bill and this en bloc amendment seem like to me.

Let me talk a little more about the en bloc amendment. It combines six amendments offered by Democrats. Three of the amendments would create new studies, examining the prevalence of a certain disease or health impacts among firefighters, and direct the Secretary of Labor to determine if the disease should be added to the list of presumed illnesses under the bill.

As I have said earlier, if we are going to do studies, for heaven's sake, let's do those studies before we pass a bill like this. We shouldn't be passing studies that might directly affect what it is that is trying to be accomplished by this bill in the bill itself. You know, it is sort of like shutting the barn door after the horse is out.

Another amendment directs the Secretary to report on the demographics of employees with the diseases listed under the bill. One orders a duplicative study.

You know, my colleague from Arkansas made an excellent point when he came in and said, look, there are many other people who are in the area of these fires that are being fought that are not being included in this amendment. So, once again, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are picking winners and losers among Federal employees.

That is just wrong, Mr. Speaker. That is not our business. This bill is not ready for prime time. There are many things in it that need to be fixed before it is passed. So, I continue to urge my colleagues: Let's not pass this bill.

Republicans are happy to work with our colleagues across the aisle to come up with a good, bipartisan bill that covers the issues that are in this bill and others that are being brought up by our colleagues.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, could you advise how much time is remaining on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia has 5 minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from North Carolina has  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman, and let me also thank the author of this bill, Congressman CARBAJAL, for his leadership.

It is time for this legislation for America's firefighters. I support H.R. 2499, Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022.

Firefighters put their lives on the line, make extraordinary sacrifices, keep us safe, protect us from bodily harm. It is imperative that we return the favor through the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act.

I don't think we can save a life with delay. I don't think we can save a life with putting this bill on the table. What we can sav is the time is now.

The legislation has solid bipartisan support because it makes sense to apply to Federal firefighters the same support structure that State and local firefighters have. To do otherwise would be an injustice. It would simply be a shame.

They fight fires alongside each other. When residents are at risk and buildings are ablaze, there is no distinction. There are thousands of them that are dispatched to those wildfires. We need to give them help.

H.R. 2499 levels the playing field. My amendment, however, enhances this bill. It would reinforce that message by elevating awareness of the health and safety impacts that firefighters face through exposure to toxins and other contaminants.

It has been determined through science, research, that firefighters are exposed to more toxins than ever before. As it relates to other health matters, more of them die of cancer, if you will, in the line of duty. But more firefighters are dying overall of cancer.

Such contaminants are encountered at the site of a fire by materials that were incinerated by the fire, particularly carcinogens, asbestos, household chemicals, and polymers, as well as flame-retardant chemicals used to extinguish a fire.

The contaminants also remain with the firefighter thereafter in their clothing, automobiles, and other means of toxic transmission. They take it home. Such lingering toxicity can also impact the health and safety of the firefighters' family members, which this amendment will help look at, which can weigh heavily in the thoughts of a firefighter in the course of their work.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentlewoman an additional 30 seconds.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. The Jackson Lee amendment embodies the important and fundamental idea that we have an obligation to ensure that firefighters who protect our loved ones have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that they and their loved ones are safe while they do their duty, undertaking heroic actions to protect the public.

I am passionate about the work of these firefighters. I work with them all the time in Texas and, particularly, in Houston. They are the ones that are called in a freeze. They are called in a fire. They are called in a tornado. They are called in a hurricane. All these matters expose them to toxins.

It is important that Federal firefighters, along with State and local firefighters, have these protections.

The GAO study will be provided by the Jackson Lee amendment, and all will be better off. I ask my colleagues to support the amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2499, the "Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022."

Firefighters put their lives on the line and make extraordinary sacrifices to keep us safe and protect us from bodily harm. It's imperative that we return the favor, and through the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, we take a major step toward preserving their health and securing their lives following their firefighting service.

This legislation has solid bipartisan support because it makes sense to apply to federal firefighters the same support structure as state and local firefighters. To do otherwise would be an injustice. They fight fires alongside each other. When residents are at risk and buildings are ablaze, there is no distinction according to the jurisdiction under which they work.

H.R. 2499 levels the playing field, ensuring that federal firefighters who face health challenges won't also have to face bureaucratic challenges that state and local governments do not impose on their firefighters.

My amendment to H.R. 2499 would reinforce that message by elevating awareness of the health and safety impacts that firefighters face through exposure to toxins and other contaminants.

Such contaminants are encountered at the site of a fire by materials that were incinerated by the fire, such as carcinogens, asbestos, household chemicals, and polymers, as well as flame retardant chemicals used to extinquish a fire.

The contaminants can also remain with the firefighter thereafter in their clothing, automobiles, and other means of toxic transmissions. Such lingering toxicity can also impact the health and safety of a firefighter's family members, which can weigh heavily into the thoughts of a firefighter in the course of their work.

The Jackson Lee amendment embodies the important and fundamental idea that we have an obligation to ensure that firefighters who protect our loved ones have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that they and their loved ones are safe while they do their duty, undertaking heroic actions to protect the public

I am passionate about the work of those who dedicate themselves to public service, such as firefighters who are among the ultimate public servants, placing their lives in harm's way to save strangers.

In the case of large-scale fires—whether they involve buildings in urban areas, homes in any environment, or forest fires—the risk of firefighters' exposure to a variety of toxins and contaminants is commensurate with the scope and intensity of the fire they are fighting. Large-scale fires thus amplify the risks of exposure.

It is important that federal, state, and local officials consider all of these risks and make plans to preserve health and safety, partly as a matter of fairness and responsibility, and partly to ensure strong morale among fire-fighters who respond to these emergencies.

The GAO study that will be provided by the Jackson Lee amendment will report on what is being done to address these needs. The review will also consider the effects on high-risk urban areas and rural communities, and may recommend appropriate actions pursuant to their conclusions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for bringing this very important bipartisan legislation to the Floor today.

I urge all my colleagues to support the bill, including the Jackson Lee amendment and the entire en bloc amendment.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining on the debate. How much time do I have remaining on the debate?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Each side has  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes remaining.

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

I have outlined the problems with the amendment that is under consideration now, the amendments en bloc. My colleague from Arkansas came down to discuss the underlying bill, H.R. 2499. But I am going to make a few more comments about this.

H.R. 2499 creates an unfair, twotiered system for Federal employees, as I have already pointed out. The bill entitles firefighters who contract certain illnesses to automatic benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

Under the bill, if a Federal Border Patrol agent contracts skin cancer from sun exposure due to his or her duties, that agent would go through FECA's claim process, as all Federal employees have done since the program was created, but the agent would not be presumed to have contracted the illness at work. Meanwhile, a Federal firefighter with skin cancer would automatically receive benefits.

If a Federal nurse were to contract chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD, from inhaling medical products, the nurse would go through FECA's claim process, while a Federal firefighter with COPD would automatically receive benefits.

On the other hand, if Federal firefighters contract lung cancer from smoking, they are automatically entitled to benefits under this legislation. Other Federal employees who contract lung cancer from smoking will likely not be eligible for benefits because their disease is not caused by their occupation. The Federal Government should not treat workers differently based on their occupation.

I encourage my colleagues to reject this unfair bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON).

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, as we consider this legislation, it is important that we not forget the sacrifices made by all who serve. In my home State of Arizona, we continue to experience unprecedented wildfires year after year.

Our Federal firefighters are on the front lines, putting themselves in harm's way to keep our communities safe. It is time we provide them with the care they need and deserve.

The amendment I am supporting is straightforward. It simply requires the Secretary of Labor to report to Congress when petitions to add diseases to the list of presumptive work-related illnesses for firefighters are approved or denied.

This amendment will ensure Congress is made aware of petitions submitted and changes to the list, ensuring further accountability in the decisionmaking process.

At its core, this amendment aims to promote good governance, reporting, and transparency.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, is the gentleman prepared to close? I believe I have the right to close.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is correct.

Ms. FOXX. Is the gentleman from Virginia prepared to close?

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. I have one additional speaker, and then I will close. And I believe that the gentlewoman from North Carolina has the right to close.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, could I in-

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, could I inquire again as to how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has 30 seconds remaining.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB).

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I begin by thanking Congressman CARBAJAL, as well as Chairman Scott, for helping and leading this effort, as well as, of course, our committee staff for working with me on this amendment.

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This is a commonsense, good-governance amendment that allows for a deep dive into the backgrounds of employees that are experiencing diseases and conditions covered under this act.

The report will help us better understand the health challenges facing fire-fighters and identify and address any differences in condition prevalence across the different populations.

Additionally, my amendment provides a space for the Secretary to make further recommendations to allow Congress to address some of the additional actions needed to help take care of those in providing health and safety for Federal firefighters.

Mr. Speaker, I am very blessed to have this opportunity to lead this action and to help our firefighters get the protection that they need. I urge my colleagues to please support this amendment.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I will allow the gentleman to close and then I will close. Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Speaker, these amendments make meaningful improvements to the bill, and I hope they will be adopted. I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Virginia and I get along often on legislation, we try very hard to be bipartisan. I have to respectfully disagree that this amendment improves the bill.

What we need to do is put this bill off and come up with a very good bipartisan bill. We want to protect fire-fighters as much as the other side does. We value them very much, but this is not the legislation we need to do that. There are many Federal employees that need to be valued and appreciated, and we could do much better than this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the en bloc amendment and "no" on the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the previous question is ordered on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott).

The question is on the amendments en bloc.

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

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in part D of House Report 117–320.

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Add at the end of the bill the following:

# SEC. 3. INCREASE IN TIME-PERIOD FOR FECA CLAIMANT TO SUPPLY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO OFFICE OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall—

(1) amend section 10.121 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, by striking "30 days" and inserting "60 days"; and

(2) modify the Federal Employees Compensation Act manual to reflect the changes to such section made by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, my amendment is to add the text of the Kenneth Meisel Public Servants' Claimant Fairness Act to the underlying text of the legislation.

Currently, the deadline for Federal employees to provide the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs with information supporting a claim for benefits is unrealistically short, just 30 days.

This deprives many employees and their families of the benefits intended to support them through difficult times, including after traumatic injury or death.

The Kenneth Meisel Public Servants' Claimant Fairness Act would amend the Federal Employees Compensation Act to establish that claimants who have been asked to provide additional evidence supporting their occupational illness, traumatic injury, or death

claim have at least 60 days to provide such evidence.

By allowing additional time for employees and their families to provide pertinent information, this bill would ensure that our public servants receive the assistance they are entitled to when they are injured on the job.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to offer this bipartisan amendment, and I urge my colleagues to support it. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time in opposition, even though I am not opposed to it.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, for the reasons articulated by the gentleman from Ohio, I support the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, not that we shouldn't be taking care of our firefighters, who are some of the greatest among us, endangering their lives fighting fires—we appreciate everything that they do.

I rise in opposition to this bill because this bill is unfair in the way that it is written. You see, it looks like, and it reads to be really a way to use Federal firefighters but uses them in a way to introduce policies like Medicare for All.

Medicare for All is not something that we should be doing in our country. This is the type of health insurance that would fail every single American. Using Federal firefighters and providing them with treatment automatically for certain diagnoses, even if it doesn't have anything to do with their job, isn't the right type of legislation for Congress to be passing.

We should work together on a bill that can take care of our Federal firefighters without introducing concepts that are found in Medicare for All.

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I urge support of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022, and the Joyce/Carson amendment. Our bipartisan amendment adds the language of our bill, the Kenneth Meisel Public Servants' Claimant Fairness Act. This important change will increase the time, from 30 days to 60 days, that federal employees have to provide supporting documentation to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs to support their occupational illness, traumatic injury, or death claim.

This is very important because firefighters have a much higher rate of cancer than the general public, and this amendment to the Federal Employees Compensation Act will reduce an unnecessary burden on public servants, like our brave men and women who fight fires to keep us safe every day.

I, like my colleagues, have a solemn responsibility to take care of our public servants when they are hurt or injured in the course of carrying out their duties. Firefighters from my district in Indianapolis have shared heartbreaking stories that make it very clear that this amendment can help ensure they're compensated after injuries on the job. We must not let a month's worth of time be the cause of not being able to put food on the table, not being able to pay medical bills, or worrying about how to make ends meet. We're talking about not just our public servants, but also ensuring their families are taken care of when they can't work. This is a problem in all our districts, and it is a problem whose solution is simple and long overdue.

Firefighters know the risk involved in their line of work, but they bravely put lives of others first while they work. We must now put these brave men and women first and pass this bipartisan amendment. I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this amendment, and the underlying bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE).

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE).

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

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. KELLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in part D of House Report 117–320.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Strike all of the text and insert the following:

### SECTION 1. FIREFIGHTER SPECIAL CLAIMS UNIT. (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 5,

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code (known as the "Federal Employees' Compensation Act") is amended by inserting after section 8152 the following:

#### "§ 8153. Firefighter Special Claims Unit.

"There is established in the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs of the Department of Labor the Firefighter Special Claims Unit. The Firefighter Special Claims Unit shall be responsible for processing any claim relating to occupational disease filed by a Federal firefighter, including a wildland firefighter or forestry technician, on or after the date of enactment of this Act under this chapter.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 8152 the following:

"8153. Firefighter Special Claims Unit.".

#### SEC. 2. GAO REPORT.

- (a) In General.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the health care benefits and treatment under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code (known as the "Federal Employees' Compensation Act") provided to Federal firefighters with the following conditions:
  - (1) Bladder cancer.
  - (2) Brain cancer.
  - (3) Breast cancer.
  - (4) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
  - (5) Colorectal cancer.
  - (6) Esophageal cancer.
  - (7) Kidney cancer.
  - (8) Leukemias.
  - (9) Lung cancer.
  - (10) Mesothelioma.
  - (11) Multiple myeloma.
  - (12) Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
  - (13) Prostate cancer.
  - (14) Skin cancer (melanoma).
- (15) A sudden cardiac event or stroke while, or not later than 24 hours after, engaging in activities related to the employee's occupation.
  - (16) Testicular cancer.
  - (17) Thyroid cancer.
- (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—
- (1) a description of any known barriers to the delivery of health care to Federal fire-fighters submitting an occupational claim under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code (known as the "Federal Employees' Compensation Act"), including denials of claims and delays in the processing of claims, and the degree to which such barriers impact the ability of firefighters with legitimate medical needs, including firefighters in rural areas, to access treatment for diseases described in subsection (a);
- (2) an evaluation of the claims submitted by firefighters and survivors under such Act that have been approved, denied, or are waiting for a final determination, including—
- (A) the percentages of claims approved; and
- (B) the average amount of time it takes for a claim to be resolved; and
- (3) a description of the standard that the Department of Labor is using to determine causation with respect to such claims, including information on how the Department created such standard and the frequency with which the Department regularly updates the standard to take into account the latest scientific research, if at all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

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

Mr. Speaker, all Federal workers deserve timely access to medical benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act when they contract an

occupational illness, whether the worker is a nurse, a Border Patrol agent, a forestry technician, or a firefighter.

Congress should be doing everything in its power to ensure that the Federal workers' compensation program is adequately addressing the needs of our Nation's public servants.

Unfortunately, H.R. 2499 does not do that. It removes critical program integrity measures and treats our Nation's Federal workers unequally. Republicans want to ensure that FECA treats all Federal workers appropriately while addressing the unique needs of Federal firefighters who have contracted an occupational illness.

My amendment would make permanent a streamlined and improved claims process for Federal firefighters by codifying the Labor Department's Firefighter Special Claims Unit.

The Firefighter Special Claims Unit builds upon the recent work of the Department to ensure that firefighters who contracted an occupational illness will always have access to a streamlined claims process and will receive assistance when filing claims.

My amendment also directs the GAO to examine whether Federal fire-fighters filing occupational illness claims face barriers to receiving healthcare benefits under FECA.

A report by the GAO will give us the clarity we need to determine whether a presumption of eligibility is necessary and should be applied to benefit claims by Federal firefighters.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I claim the time in opposition.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I think the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania is eminently sensible and we should all be supporting it. It is a small thing to make a bad bill a little bit better.

As I said before, we should not be voting on this bill, we should put it off until we can have a good bipartisan effort. What he is doing here would make a bad bill better, and I support the amendment.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

We have heard during the debate that the bill gives too much power to the Department of Labor by giving it unfettered discretion to add diseases to a list of presumptive benefits. That is not correct.

Any decision by the Department of Labor to add or not to add a disease to the list is governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, which prohibits arbitrary or capricious decisions.

The bill also spells out the basis for those decisions: a disease can only be added if the Secretary determines, on the basis of the best available scientific evidence, that firefighters have a significant risk of developing that disease. These are limits on discretion that agencies and the courts are familiar with.

We have also heard that the bill is unnecessary because the Department of Labor published a bulletin sending some high-priority firefighter illness claims to a special claims unit for streamlined claim processing.

There is a significant difference between a bulletin written by one administration that a later administration can simply revoke, and a law with mandatory, nondiscretionary duties.

Instead of depending on decisions by a medical adviser about whether a fire-fighter has proven that his or her illness was caused by his on-the-job efforts, this bill establishes clear presumptions that workers can actually rely on.

Moreover, the administration's bulletin cuts off its special claims procedures for diseases that develop more than 10 years after a firefighter left his job. We know that many diseases on the list can take more than 10 years to develop. Mesothelioma, for example, typically takes as much as 30 years to develop after exposure to asbestos.

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The underlying bill does not have that shortcoming.

We have heard that we should wait and do more studies. Mr. Speaker, this bill has been introduced in every Congress for 20 years. If we believe that we and our Federal firefighters have waited 20 years and if there are studies that need to be done, those studies should have been done. State and local firefighters have enjoyed the protections of this bill during those 20 years, and it is about time that our Federal firefighters get those same protections.

We have heard that this is extraordinary to provide firefighters with a benefit based on a presumption and that somehow that is unfair. But we have already had other categories of Federal employees who are accorded benefits based on some presumptions.

The energy workers program provides certain Department of Energy employees and contractors presumption-based benefits for the cancers and other illnesses that they are at a heightened risk of developing.

Similarly, the Department of Veterans Affairs presumes that certain conditions and disabilities were caused by military service. For example, Vietnam veterans diagnosed with certain cancers who were exposed to Agent Orange are presumed to have service-related disability. There are other programs such as the black lung benefits program and the program for 9/11 first responders at the World Trade Center which likewise operate in many cases based on presumptions.

Finally, as we have mentioned many times, 49 States already offer presumptive benefits to firefighters diagnosed with certain cancers and heart and lung diseases. This bill is in line with other examples of presumptive benefits available to workers who have a highrisk occupation and a high risk of contracting certain diseases.

Federal firefighters have waited long enough for Congress to respond, and we must finally give them the opportunity to secure the benefits that they need and deserve.

For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I urge "no" vote on this amendment and a "ves" vote on the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1097, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER).

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER).

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SOTO). Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

The following amendments to H.R. 2499.

En bloc amendment offered by Mr. SCOTT of Virginia;

Amendment No. 3:

Amendment No. 4;

Passage of H.R. 2499, if ordered; and Motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

H.R. 847;

H.R. 5324;

S. 66; H.R. 7077; H.R. 1437;

S. 1872:

H.R. 5911;

H.R. 5914;

H.R. 935; H.R. 7066;

H.R. 7081;

H.R. 6891;

H.R. 6899;

H.R. 6531;

H.R. 224; H.R. 700;

H.R. 5900; and

H.R. 6386.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5minute votes.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT OF VIRGINIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfin-

ished business is the question on amendments en bloc printed in House Report 117-320 offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

will redesignate The Clerk amendments en bloc.

The Clerk redesignated the amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 195, not voting 9, as follows:

### [Roll No. 146]

#### YEAS-224

Adams Foster Morelle Aguilar Frankel, Lois Moulton Allred Gallego Garamendi Mrvan Auchincloss Murphy (FL) Nadler García (IL) Barragán Garcia (TX) Napolitano Golden Bass Neal Beatty Neguse Gomez Bever Gonzalez. Newman Bishop (GA) Vicente Norcross Gottheimer O'Halleran Blumenauer Blunt Rochester Green, Al (TX) Obernolte Ocasio-Cortez Bonamici Grijalva Harder (CA) Bost Omar Bourdeaux Haves Pallone Higgins (NY) Panetta Bowman Himes Boyle, Brendan Pappas F. Hollingsworth Pascrell Brown (MD) Horsford Payne Brown (OH) Houlahan Perlmutter Brownley Hover Peters Huffman Bush Phillips Bustos Jackson Lee Pingree Butterfield Jacobs (CA) Pocan Carbajal Jayapal Porter Cárdenas Jeffries. Pressley Price (NC) Johnson (GA) Carson Carter (LA) Johnson (TX) Quigley Cartwright Jones Raskin Kahele Rice (NY) Case Casten Kaptur Ross Castor (FL) Roybal-Allard Katko Castro (TX) Keating Ruiz Cherfilus-Kelly (IL) Ruppersberger McCormick Khanna. Rush Chu Kildee Ryan Cicilline Kilmer Sánchez Kim (NJ) Clark (MA) Sarbanes Clarke (NY) Kind Scanlon Cleaver Kirkpatrick Schakowsky Krishnamoorthi Clvburn Schiff Schneider Cohen Kuster Connolly Lamb Schrader Langevin Cooper Schrier Scott (VA) Correa Larsen (WA) Costa Larson (CT) Scott, David Courtney Sewell Lawrence Lawson (FL) Craig Sherman Crist Lee (CA) Sherrill. Lee (NV) Crow Sires Leger Fernandez Slotkin Cuellar Smith (WA) Davids (KS) Levin (CA) Davis, Danny K. Levin (MI) Soto Spanberger Dean Lieu DeFazio Lofgren Stansbury Stanton DeGette Luria Lynch DeLauro Stevens Malinowski DelBene Suozzi Swalwell Delgado Malliotakis Maloney, Carolyn B. Demings Takano Thompson (CA) DeSaulnier Deutch Maloney, Sean Thompson (MS) Titus Dingell Manning Tlaib Doggett Matsui McBath Doyle, Michael Tonko McCollum Torres (CA) Emmer McEachin Torres (NY) Escobar McGovern Trahan Eshoo McNerney Trone Underwood Espaillat Meeks Evans Meng Upton Fitzpatrick Mfume Vargas Moore (WI) Veasey Fletcher

Velázquez Watson Coleman Wasserman Welch Schultz Wexton Waters Wild

Williams (GA) Wilson (FL) Yarmuth

#### NAYS-195

Aderholt Gohmert Mooney Gonzales, Tony Allen Moore (AL) Amodei Gonzalez (OH) Moore (UT) Armstrong Good (VA) Mullin Gooden (TX) Arrington Murphy (NC) Babin Gosar Nehls Bacon Granger Newhouse Graves (LA) Baird Norman Balderson Graves (MO) Owens Banks Green (TN) Palazzo Greene (GA) BarrPalmer Bentz Griffith Pence Bergman Grothman Perry Bice (OK) Guest Pfluger Guthrie Biggs Posev Bilirakis Harris Reschenthaler Harshbarger Bishop (NC) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Hartzler Boebert Brady Hern Brooks Herrell Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Buchanan Herrera Beutler Rose Buck Hice (GA) Bucshon Higgins (LA) Rosendale Rouzer Burchett Hill Roy Hinson Burgess Rutherford Calvert Hudson Cammack Huizenga Salazar Scalise Carev Issa. Jackson Schweikert Carl Carter (GA) Jacobs (NY) Scott, Austin Carter (TX) Johnson (LA) Sessions Cawthorn Johnson (OH) Simpson Chabot Johnson (SD) Smith (MO) Cheney Jordan Smith (NE) Cline Joyce (OH) Smith (NJ) Cloud Joyce (PA) Keller Smucker Clyde Spartz Cole Kelly (MS) Stauber Comer Kelly (PA) Steel Kim (CA) Crawford Stefanik Crenshaw Kustoff Steil Curtis LaHood Steube Davidson LaMalfa Stewart Davis, Rodney Lamborn Taylor DesJarlais Latta. Tenney LaTurner Diaz-Balart Thompson (PA) Lesko Duncan Tiffany Dunn Letlow Timmons Ellzey Long Turner Estes Loudermilk Valadao Fallon Lucas Van Drew Luetkemeyer Feenstra Van Duyne Ferguson Mace Wagner Fischbach Mann Walberg Fitzgerald Massie Walorski Fleischmann Mast McCarthy Waltz Foxx Weber (TX) Franklin, C. McCaul Webster (FL) Scott McClain Wenstrup Fulcher McClintock Gaetz McHenry Westerman Williams (TX) Gallagher Meijer Wilson (SC) Garbarino Meuser Garcia (CA) Miller (IL) Wittman Gibbs Miller (WV) Womack Gimenez Moolenaar Zeldin

#### NOT VOTING-

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Mr. WALTZ changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. UPTON changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

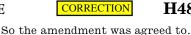
So the en bloc amendments were agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei	Brownley	Cawthorn (Moore
(Balderson)	(Kuster)	(AL))
Bourdeaux	Carter (LA)	Correa (Costa)
(Wexton)	(Jeffries)	Cuellar (Garcia
Brown (MD)	Castro (TX)	(TX))
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Curtis (Moore Lawson (FL) (UT)) (Soto) Delgado (Neguse) Mfume DeSaulnier (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) (WV)) Moore (WI) Fallon (Nehls) Gallego (Gomez) (Beyer) Johnson (TX) Ocasio-Cortez (Jeffries) (Bowman) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Payne (Pallone) Rochester) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Kirknatrick Scanlon (Garcia Lamb (Pallone) (TX)) Scott, David Langevin

Sires (Pallone) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Timmons)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment No. 3, printed in part B of House Report 117-320, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered. Clerk will redesignate

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE).

This is a 5-minute vote.

amendment.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 419, nays 0, not voting 9, as follows:

### [Roll No. 147]

YEAS-419 Cárdenas DeSaulnier Adams Aderholt Carey DesJarlais Deutch Aguilar Carl Diaz-Balart Allen Carson Carter (GA) Allred Dingell Carter (LA) Amodei Doggett Armstrong Carter (TX) Arrington Cartwright Dovle, Michael Auchincloss Case Casten Duncan Castor (FL) **Bahin** Dunn Castro (TX) Bacon Ellzey Cawthorn Baird Emmer Balderson Chabot Escobar Banks Cheney Eshoo Cherfilus-Espaillat Barr McCormick Barragán Estes Bass Chu Evans Beatty Cicilline Fallon Bentz Clark (MA) Feenstra Clarke (NY) Bergman Ferguson Beyer Bice (OK) Cleaver Fischbach Cline Fitzgerald Cloud Fitzpatrick Biggs Bilirakis Clyburn Fleischmann Bishop (GA) Clvde Fletcher Bishop (NC) Cohen Foster Blumenauer Cole Foxx Blunt Rochester Frankel, Lois Comer Boebert Connolly Franklin, C. Bonamici Cooper Scott Correa Fulcher Bost Bourdeaux Costa Gaetz Bowman Courtney Gallagher Boyle, Brendan Gallego Craig Crawford Garamendi Brady Crenshaw Garcia (CA) Brooks  $\operatorname{Crist}$ García (IL) Brown (MD) Crow Cuellar Garcia (TX) Brown (OH) Gibbs Brownley Curtis Gimenez Buchanan Davids (KS) Gohmert Buck Davidson Golden Davis, Danny K. Bucshon Gomez Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez (OH) Burchett Davis, Rodney Burgess Dean Bush DeFazio Gonzalez. Bustos DeGette DeLauro Vicente Butterfield Good (VA) DelBene Gooden (TX) Calvert Cammack Delgado Gottheimer Carbajal Demings

Luetkemeyer Granger Graves (LA) Luria Graves (MO) Lynch Green (TN) Mace Green, Al (TX) Malinowski Greene (GA) Malliotakis Griffith Maloney Grijalva Grothman Maloney, Sean Guest Mann Guthrie Manning Harder (CA) Massie Harris Mast Harshbarger Matsui Hartzler McBath McCarthy Hayes Hern McCaul Herrell McClain Herrera Beutler McClintock Hice (GA) McCollum Higgins (LA) McEachin McGovern Higgins (NY) McHenry Himes McNerney Hinson Meeks Hollingsworth Meijer Horsford Meng Houlahan Meuser Mfume Hoyer Miller (IL) Hudson Miller (WV) Huffman Huizenga Miller-Meeks Issa Moolenaar Jackson Mooney Moore (AL) Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Moore (UT) Jacobs (NY) Moore (WI) Jayapal Morelle Jeffries Moulton Johnson (GA) Mrvan Johnson (LA) Mullin Johnson (OH) Murphy (FL) Johnson (SD) Murphy (NC) Johnson (TX) Nadler Napolitano Jones Jordan Neal Joyce (OH) Neguse Joyce (PA) Nehls Kahele Newhouse Kaptur Newman Katko Norcross Keating Norman O'Halleran Keller Kelly (IL) Obernolte Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Ocasio-Cortez Omar Khanna Owens Kildee Palazzo Kilmer Pallone Kim (CA) Palmer Kim (NJ) Panetta Pappas Kind Kinzinger Payne Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Pence Perlmutter Kuster Perry Kustoff Peters LaHood Pfluger LaMalfa Phillips Lamb Pingree Lamborn Pocan Langevin Porter

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Roy Roybal-Allard

Posey

Price (NC)

Reschenthaler

Rodgers (WA)

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rosendale

Rose

Ross

Rouzei

Quigley

Raskin

Rice (NY)

Rice (SC)

Bera Lawrence Budd McKinley Garbarino

Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)

Lawson (FL)

Leger Fernandez

LaTurner

Lee (CA)

Lee (NV)

Lesko

Letlow

Lieu

Long

Lucas

Lofgren

Levin (CA)

Levin (MI)

Loudermilk

Lowenthal

Latta

 $\Box$  1500 Mr. DAVIDSON changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duvne Vargas Veasey Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA)

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Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

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Yarmuth

Strickland

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Bourdeaux Gallego (Gomez) Ocasio-Cortez (Wexton) Johnson (TX) (Bowman) Brown (MD) (Jeffries) Payne (Pallone) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) (Trone) Brownley Rochester) Scanlon (Garcia (Kuster) Kirkpatrick (TX)) Scott, David Carter (LA) (Pallone) (Jeffries) Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) Castro (TX) Langevin Sires (Pallone) (Garcia (TX)) (Lynch) Stewart (Owens) Cawthorn (Moore Lawson (FL) Suozzi (Beyer) (AL)) (Soto) Thompson (MS) Correa (Costa) Lowenthal (Jeffries) Cuellar (Garcia (Beyer) Tiffany (TX)) Mfume (Fitzgerald) Curtis (Moore (Connolly) Walorski Mooney (Miller (UT)) (Wagner) Delgado (Neguse) (WV)) Wilson (FL) DeSaulnier Moore (WI) (Neguse) (Beyer) Wilson (SC) (Bever) Evans (Jeffries) (Timmons)

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. KELLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment No. 4, printed in part D of House Report 117-320, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

Clerk will redesignate The amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Keller).

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were-yeas 180, nays 242, not voting 6, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 148]

#### YEAS-180

Aderholt Donalds Higgins (LA) Allen Duncan Armstrong Hinson Dunn Arrington Ellzev Hudson Babin Huizenga Emmer Estes Baird Issa Jackson Balderson Fallon Jacobs (NY) Banks Feenstra Barr Bentz Ferguson Johnson (LA) Fitzgerald Johnson (SD) Bergman Fleischmann Jordan Foxx Franklin, C. Joyce (PA) Keller Rice (OK) Bilirakis Kelly (MS) Bishop (NC) Scott Boebert Fulcher Kelly (PA) Bost Gaetz Kustoff Brady Gallagher LaHood Brooks Garbarino LaMalfa. Buchanan Garcia (CA) Lamborn Buck Gibbs Latta Burchett Gimenez LaTurner Gohmert Burgess Lesko Gonzales, Tony Calvert Letlow Good (VA) Cammack Long Gooden (TX) Loudermilk Carey Carl Gosar Lucas Carter (GA) Granger Luetkemever Graves (LA) Carter (TX) Mace Malliotakis Chabot Graves (MO) Cline Green (TN) Mann Cloud Greene (GA) Mast Clyde Grothman McCarthy Guest McCaul Cole Comer Guthrie McClain Crawford Harris McClintock McHenry Harshbarger Crenshaw Curtis Hartzler Meijer Davidson Hern Menser Herrell Miller (WV) Davis, Rodney DesJarlais Herrera Beutler Miller-Meeks Diaz-Balart Hice (GA) Moolenaar

Phillips

Johnson (LA)

Johnson (OH)

Mooney Rose Moore (AL) Rouzer Moore (UT) Rutherford Mullin Salazar Murphy (NC) Scalise Scott, Austin Nehls Newhouse Sessions Simpson Norman Obernolte Smith (MO) Owens Smith (NE) Palazzo Smucker Pence Spartz Perry Stauber Pfluger Steel Stefanik Posey Reschenthaler Steil Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Steube Stewart Rogers (AL) Taylor Rogers (KY)

Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Valadao Van Duvne Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Williams (TX) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Zeldin

#### NAYS-242

Foster Frankel, Lois Adams Aguilar Allred Gallego Auchincloss Garamendi Axne García (IL) Bacon Garcia (TX) Barragán Golden Bass Gomez Beatty Gonzalez (OH) Gonzalez, Vicente Beyer Biggs Bishop (GA) Gottheimer Blumenauer Green, A1 (TX) Blunt Rochester Griffith Grijalva Bonamici Bourdeaux Harder (CA) Bowman Hayes Boyle, Brendan Higgins (NY) Himes Brown (MD) Hollingsworth Brown (OH) Horsford Brownley Houlahan Bucshon Hoyer Bush Huffman Bustos Jackson Lee Butterfield Jacobs (CA) Carbajal Jayapal Cárdenas Jeffries Johnson (GA) Carson Carter (LA) Johnson (OH) Cartwright Johnson (TX) Joyce (OH) Casten Castor (FL) Kahele Castro (TX) Kaptur Cawthorn Katko Cheney Keating Cherfilus-Kelly (IL) McCormick Khanna. Kildee Chu Cicilline Kilmer Clark (MA) Kim (CA) Clarke (NY) Kim (NJ) Cleaver Kind Clyburn Kinzinger Cohen Kirkpatrick Connolly Krishnamoorthi Cooper Kuster Correa Lamb Costa Langevin Larsen (WA) Courtney Larson (CT) Craig Crist Lawrence Lawson (FL) Crow Cuellar Lee (CA) Davids (KS) Lee (NV) Davis, Danny K. Leger Fernandez Levin (CA) DeFazio Levin (MI) DeGette Lieu Lofgren DeLauro Lowenthal DelBene Luria Delgado Demings Lynch Malinowski DeSaulnier Deutch Maloney, Dingell Maloney, Sean Doggett Doyle, Michael Manning Massie Escobar Matsui Eshoo McBath McCollum McEachin

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Fischbach

Fletcher

Fitzpatrick

Evans

Carolyn B.

McGovern

McNerney

Meeks

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

Trahan

Trone

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

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Velázquez Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Welch

Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Wilson (FL) Yarmuth

Clarke (NY)

Cleaver

#### NOT VOTING-6

Amodei Budd Speier McKinley Strickland

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DELAURO, SOTO, Ms. Mr. Ms. FERNANDEZ. LEGER Messrs LAWSON of Florida and DOGGETT changed their vote from "yea" "nay."

Mrs. SPARTZ changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Bourdeaux Johnson (TX) Payne (Pallone) (Jeffries) (Wexton) Porter (Wexton) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Brown (MD) Price (NC) (Ross) (Trone) Rochester) Scanlon (Garcia Brownley Kirkpatrick (TX)) (Kuster) (Pallone) Scott, David Carter (LA) Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) (Jeffries) Langevin Sires (Pallone) Castro (TX) (Lynch) Stewart (Owens) (Garcia (TX)) Lawson (FL) Suozzi (Beyer) Cawthorn (Moore (Wasserman Thompson (MS) (AL)) Schultz) (Jeffries) Correa (Costa) Lowenthal Tiffany Cuellar (Garcia (Beyer) (Fitzgerald) (TX)) Mfume Walorski Curtis (Moore (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (Wagner) (UT)) Wilson (FL) Delgado (Neguse) (WV)) Moore (WI) (Neguse) DeSaulnier (Beyer) (Beyer) Wilson (SC) Evans (Jeffries) Ocasio-Cortez (Timmons) Gallego (Gomez) (Bowman)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 288, nays 131, not voting 9, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 149]

#### YEAS-288

Adams Bonamici Cárdenas Aguilar Bost. Carev Allred Bourdeaux Carson Auchincloss Bowman Carter (LA) Boyle, Brendan Axne Cartwright Bacon Case Banks Brown (MD) Casten Castor (FL) Brown (OH) Barr Barragán Brownley Castro (TX) Bucshon Cawthorn Bass Beatty Burgess Chabot Bergman Bush Chenev Beyer Bilirakis Bustos Cherfilus-Butterfield McCormick Bishop (GA) Chu Calvert Cicilline Blumenauer Cammack Blunt Rochester Clark (MA) Carbajal

Cole Connolly Cooper Correa Costa Courtney Craig Crist Crow Cuellar Davids (KS) Davis, Danny K. DeFazio DeGette DeLauro DelBene Delgado Demings DeSaulnier Deutch Diaz-Balart Dingell Doggett Doyle, Michael F. Dunn Ellzey Emmer Escobar Eshoo Espaillat Evans Feenstra Fischbach Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Fletcher Foster Frankel, Lois Gaetz Gallego Garamendi Garbarino Garcia (CA) García (IL) Garcia (TX) Gimenez Golden Gomez Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez (OH) Gonzalez Vicente Gottheimer Green, Al (TX) Griffith Grijalva Harder (CA) Hayes Herrell Herrera Beutler Higgins (LA) Higgins (NY) Himes Hinson Hollingsworth Horsford Houlahan Hoyer Hudson Huffman Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Javanal Johnson (GA)

Clyburn Johnson (TX) Cohen Jones Joyce (OH) Kahele Kaptur Katko Keating Kelly (IL) Khanna Kildee Kilmer Kim (CA) Kim (NJ) Kind Kinzinger Kirkpatrick Kuster Kustoff LaMalfa Lamb Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Lawrence Lawson (FL) Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Levin (CA) Levin (MI) Lieu Lofgren Lowenthal Lucas Luria Lvnch Malinowski Malliotakis Malonev. Carolyn B Manning Mast Matsui McBath McCarthy McClintock McCollum McEachin McGovern McNerney Meeks Meijer Meng Mfume Miller-Meeks Moore (WI) Morelle Moulton Mrvan Murphy (FL) Nadler Napolitano Nea1 Neguse Newhouse Newman Norcross O'Halleran Obernolte Ocasio-Cortez Omar Pallone Panetta Pappas Pascrell

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Timmons

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Greene (GA)	Mace
Grothman	Mann
Guest	Massie
Guthrie	McCaul
Harris	McClain
Harshbarger	McHenry
Hartzler	Meuser
Hern	Miller (WV)
Hice (GA)	Moolenaar
Hill	Mooney
Huizenga	Moore (AL)
Issa	Moore (UT)
Jacobs (NY)	Mullin
Johnson (SD)	Murphy (NC)
Jordan	Nehls
Joyce (PA)	Norman
Keller	Owens
Kelly (MS)	Palazzo
Kelly (PA)	Palmer
LaHood	Pence
Lamborn	Perry
Latta	Pfluger
LaTurner	Reschenthale
Lesko	Rodgers (WA)
Letlow	Rogers (AL)
Long	Rogers (KY)
Loudermilk	Rose

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Courtney

Crawford

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Cuellar

Davids (KS)

Davis, Danny K.

Johnson (SD)

Johnson (TX)

Joyce (OH)

Jones

Jordan

Norcross

O'Halleran

Ocasio-Cortez

Obernolte

Omar

Davis, Rodney

Davidson

Curtis

Dean

DeFazio

DeGette

DeLauro

Connolly

Cole

Clark (MA)

Clarke (NY)

McCormick

Carl

Butterfield

Bost

Blunt Rochester

Boyle, Brendan

Balderson

Barragán

Amodei

Armstrong

Arrington

Auchincloss

#### NOT VOTING-9

Fallon Amodei Jackson Bera Budd McKinley Miller (IL) Speier Strickland

Womack

Zeldin

#### □ 1528

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina changed his vote from "yea" to nay. So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Johnson (TX) Bourdeaux Payne (Pallone) (Jeffries) (Wexton) Porter (Wexton) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Brown (MD) Price (NC) (Ross) Rochester) Scanlon (Garcia Kirkpatrick Brownley (TX)) (Kuster) (Pallone) Scott, David Carter (LA) Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) (Jeffries) Langevin Sires (Pallone) Castro (TX) (Lynch) Stewart (Owens)  $(Garcia\ (TX))$ Lawson (FL) Suozzi (Beyer) Cawthorn (Moore (Wasserman Thompson (MS) Schultz) (AL)) (Jeffries) Correa (Costa) Lowenthal Tiffany Cuellar (Garcia (Bever) (Fitzgerald) (TX)) Mfume Walorski Curtis (Moore (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (Wagner) (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) (WV)) Wilson (FL) DeSaulnier Moore (WI) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Beyer) (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) Ocasio-Cortez (Timmons) Gallego (Gomez) (Bowman)

#### PROMOTING DIGITAL PRIVACY TECHNOLOGIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 847) to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 19, not voting 8, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 150]

#### YEAS-401

DelBene Joyce (PA) Delgado Kahele Kaptur Demings DeSaulnier Katko Des Jarlais Keating Deutch Keller Diaz-Balart Kelly (IL) Dingell Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Doggett Donalds Khanna Doyle, Michael Kildee Kilmer Duncan Kim (CA) Dunn Kim (NJ) Ellzev Kind Kinzinger Emmer Escobar Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Eshoo Espaillat Kuster Estes Kustoff Evans LaHood LaMalfa Feenstra Ferguson Fischbach Lamb Lamborn Fitzgerald Langevin Fitzpatrick Larsen (WA) Fleischmann Larson (CT) Fletcher Latta Foster LaTurner Foxx Lawrence Frankel, Lois Lawson (FL) Franklin, C. Lee (CA) Scott Lee (NV) Fulcher Leger Fernandez Gallagher Lesko Letlow Gallego Garamendi Levin (CA) Garbarino Levin (MI) Garcia (CA) Lieu García (IL) Lofgren Garcia (TX) Long Loudermilk Gibbs Gimenez Lowenthal Golden Lucas Gomez Luria Gonzales, Tony Lynch Gonzalez (OH) Mace Malinowski Gonzalez, Vicente Malliotakis Gooden (TX) Maloney. Gottheimer Granger Malonev, Sean Graves (LA) Mann Graves (MO) Manning Green (TN) Mast Green, Al (TX) Matsui Griffith McBath Grijalya McCarthy Grothman McCaul McClain Guest Guthrie McCollum Harder (CA) McEachin Harshbarger McGovern Hartzler McHenry Hayes McNerney Meeks Hern Herrell Meijer Herrera Beutler Meng Hice (GA) Meuser Higgins (LA) Mfume Miller (IL) Higgins (NY) Hill Miller (WV) Miller-Meeks Himes Hinson Moolenaar Hollingsworth Mooney Horsford Moore (AL) Houlahan Moore (UT) Hover Moore (WI) Morelle Hudson Huffman Moulton Huizenga Mrvan Mullin Issa Jackson Murphy (FL) Jackson Lee Murphy (NC) Jacobs (CA) Nadler Jacobs (NY) Napolitano Javanal Nea1 Jeffries Neguse Johnson (GA) Nehls Johnson (LA) Newhouse Johnson (OH) Newman

Palazzo Pallone Palmer Panetta Pappas Pascrell Payne Perlmutter Peters Pfluger Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Posey Presslev Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rose Ross Rouzei Roybal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rush Rutherford Ryan Salazai Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Biggs

Bishop (NC)

Boebert

Burchett

Gohmert

Cline

Gaetz

Carolyn B.

Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sessions Sewell Sherman Simpson Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Stee1 Stefanik Steil Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tennev Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany NAYS-19 Good (VA)

Schakowsky

Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duvne Vargas Veasey Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Yarmuth Zeldin

Gosar Greene (GA) Harris Massie McClintock Norman

Pence Perry Rosendale Rov Steube

#### NOT VOTING-

Luetkemeyer Bera McKinley Budd Fallon Sherrill

Speier Strickland

#### □ 1540

Mr. CLINE changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Evans (Jeffries) Amodei (Balderson) Gallego (Gomez) Bourdeaux Johnson (TX) (Wexton) (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Brown (MD) Rochester) (Trone) Brownley Kirkpatrick (Kuster) (Pallone) Carter (LA) Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) Langevin Castro (TX) (Lynch) Lawson (FL) (Wasserman (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore (AL))Schultz) Correa (Costa) Lowenthal Cuellar (Garcia (Beyer) (TX))Mfume Curtis (Moore (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (UT)Delgado (Neguse) (WV)) Moore (WI) DeSaulnier (Beyer) (Beyer)

Ocasio-Cortez (Bowman) Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries)

Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Timmons)

Sherrill

Simpson

Slotkin

Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)

Smith (NJ)

Smith (WA)

Spanberger

Stansbury

Smucker

Soto

Spartz

Stanton

Stauber

Stefanik

Stee1

Steil

Steube

Stevens

Stewart

Swalwell

Takano

Tenney

Tiffany

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

Trahan

Trone

Turner

Upton

Vargas

Veasev

Wagner

Walberg

Waltz

Welch

Wenstrup

Wexton

Wild

Westerman

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Yarmuth

Zeldin

Walorski

Wasserman

Schultz

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Watson Coleman

Velázquez

Valadao

Van Drew

Van Duyne

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Underwood

Timmons

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Thompson (PA)

Suozzi

Sires

Moulton

Mrvan

Mullin

Murphy (FL)

Murphy (NC)

Kildee Kilmer

Kim (CA)

Kim (NJ)

Kind

#### NOAA WEATHER RADIO MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5324) to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic Administration Atmospheric Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 20, not voting 11, as follows:

### [Roll No. 151]

#### YEAS-397

Adams Clarke (NY) García (IL) Aderholt Cleaver Gibbs Gimenez Cloud Aguilar Allen Clyburn Golden Allred Clyde Gomez Amodei Cohen Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez (OH) Armstrong Cole Arrington Comer Gonzalez. Connolly Auchincloss Vicente Axne Cooper Good (VA) Babin Correa Gooden (TX) Bacon Costa Gosar Gottheimer Baird Courtney Balderson Craig Granger Graves (LA) Crenshaw Banks Barr Crist Graves (MO) Barragán Green (TN) Crow Green, Al (TX) Cuellar Bass Beatty Curtis Grijalya Davids (KS) Bentz Grothman Bergman Davidson Davis, Danny K. Guthrie Beyer Bice (OK) Davis, Rodney Harder (CA) Bilirakis Harris Bishop (GA) DeFazio Harshbarger DeGette Hartzler Blumenauer Blunt Rochester DeLauro Hayes Bonamici Del Bene Hern Bourdeaux Delgado Herrell Demings Herrera Beutler Bowman Bovle, Brendan DeSaulnier Hice (GA) DesJarlais Higgins (LA) Brady Deutch Higgins (NY) Diaz-Balart Brooks Himes Brown (MD) Dingell Hinson Brown (OH) Doggett Hollingsworth Donalds Brownley Horsford Buchanan Doyle, Michael Houlahan Buck Hover Duncan Bucshon Hudson Burgess Dunn Huffman Bush Ellzev Huizenga Emmer Bustos Issa Butterfield Jackson Eshoo Calvert Espaillat Jackson Lee Cammack Estes Jacobs (CA) Carbajal Evans Jacobs (NY) Cárdenas Feenstra Javanal Jeffries Carey Ferguson Fischbach Johnson (GA) Carl Carson Fitzgerald Johnson (LA) Carter (GA) Fitzpatrick Johnson (OH) Carter (LA) Fleischmann Johnson (SD) Fletcher Carter (TX) Johnson (TX) Cartwright Foster Jones Joyce (OH) Case Foxx Castor (FL) Frankel, Lois Joyce (PA) Franklin, C. Castro (TX) Kahele Scott Fulcher Cawthorn Kaptur Chabot Katko Chenev Gaetz Keating Cherfilus-Gallagher Keller Kelly (IL) McCormick Gallego Chu Garamendi Kelly (MS) Cicilline Garbarino Kelly (PA) Clark (MA) Garcia (CA) Khanna

Kinzinger Kirkpatrick Napolitano Krishnamoorthi Neal Neguse Kustoff Nehls Newhouse LaHood LaMalfa Newman Lamb Norcross Lamborn O'Halleran Langevin Obernolte Larsen (WA) Ocasio-Cortez Larson (CT) Omar Latta Owens LaTurner Palazzo Lawrence Pallone Lawson (FL) Palmer Lee (CA) Panetta Lee (NV) Pappas Leger Fernandez Pascrell Lesko Payne Perlmutter Letlow Levin (CA) Peters Levin (MI) Pfluger Lieu Phillips Lofgren Pingree Loudermilk Pocan Lowenthal Porter Luetkemeyer Posey Luria Presslev Price (NC) Lvnch Mace Quigley Malinowski Raskin Malliotakis Reschenthaler Maloney, Rice (NY) Carolyn B. Rice (SC) Maloney, Sean Rodgers (WA) Mann Rogers (AL) Manning Rogers (KY) Mast Rose Matsui Ross McBath Rouzer Roybal-Allard McCarthy McCaul Ruiz McClain Ruppersberger McClintock Rush McCollum Rutherford McEachin Rvan Salazar McGovern McHenry Sánchez McNerney Sarbanes Scalise Meijer Scanlon Schakowsky Meng Meuser Schiff Schneider Mfume Miller (IL) Schrader Schrier Schweikert Miller (WV) Miller-Meeks Moolenaar Scott (VA) Mooney Moore (AL) Scott, Austin Scott, David

#### NAYS-20

Biggs Bishop (NC) Boebert Burchett Casten Cline Escobar	Garcia (TX) Gohmert Greene (GA) Griffith Jordan Massie Norman	Pence Perry Rosendale Roy Taylor Waters
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Sessions

Sherman

Sewell

Moore (UT)

Moore (WI)

Morelle

#### NOT VOTING-11

Bera Bost Budd Crawford	Fallon Hill Long Lucas	McKinley Speier Strickland
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#### $\Box$ 1553

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Curtis (Moore (UT))     Mfume (Connolly)     Walorski (Wagner)       Delgado (Neguse)     Mooney (Miller (Wilson (FL))       DeSaulnier (WV))     (Neguse)       (Beyer)     Moore (WI)     Wilson (SC)       Evans (Jeffries)     (Beyer)     (Timmons)
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#### SOUTH FLORIDA CLEAN COASTAL WATERS ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 66) to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 7, not voting 9, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 152]

YEAS-412			
Adams	Brown (OH)	Clyde	
Aderholt	Brownley	Cohen	
Aguilar	Buchanan	Cole	
Allen	Buck	Comer	
Allred	Bucshon	Connolly	
Amodei	Burchett	Cooper	
Armstrong	Burgess	Correa	
Arrington	Bush	Costa	
Auchincloss	Bustos	Courtney	
Axne	Butterfield	Craig	
Bacon	Calvert	Crawford	
Baird	Cammack	Crenshaw	
Balderson	Carbajal	Crist	
Banks	Cárdenas	Crow	
Barr	Carey	Cuellar	
Barragán	Carl	Curtis	
Bass	Carson	Davids (KS)	
Beatty	Carter (GA)	Davidson	
Bentz	Carter (LA)	Davis, Danny K	
Bergman	Carter (TX)	Davis, Rodney	
Beyer	Cartwright	Dean	
Bice (OK)	Case	DeFazio	
Bilirakis	Castor (FL)	DeGette	
Bishop (GA)	Castro (TX)	DeLauro	
Bishop (NC)	Cawthorn	DelBene	
Blumenauer	Chabot	Delgado	
Blunt Rochester	Cheney	Demings	
Boebert	Cherfilus-	DeSaulnier	
Bonamici	McCormick	DesJarlais	
Bost	Chu	Deutch	
Bourdeaux	Cicilline	Diaz-Balart	
Bowman	Clark (MA)	Dingell	
Boyle, Brendan	Clarke (NY)	Doggett	
F.	Cleaver	Donalds	
Brady	Cline	Doyle, Michael	
Brooks	Cloud	F.	
Brown (MD)	Clyburn	Duncan	

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Dunn	Kim (CA)
Ellzey Emmer	Kim (NJ) Kind
Escobar	Kinzinger
Eshoo	Kirkpatrick
Espaillat Evans	Krishnamoorthi Kuster
Feenstra	Kustoff
Ferguson Fischbach	LaHood LaMalfa
Fitzgerald	Lamb
Fitzpatrick Fleischmann	Lamborn
Fletcher	Langevin Larsen (WA)
Foster	Larson (CT)
Foxx Frankel, Lois	Latta LaTurner
Franklin, C.	Lawrence
Scott Fulcher	Lawson (FL) Lee (CA)
Gaetz	Lee (NV)
Gallagher Gallego	Leger Fernandez Lesko
Garamendi	Letlow
Garbarino	Levin (CA)
García (CA) García (IL)	Levin (MI) Lieu
Gibbs	Lofgren
Gimenez Gohmert	Long Loudermilk
Golden	Lowenthal
Gomez Gonzales, Tony	Lucas
Gonzalez (OH)	Luetkemeyer Luria
Gonzalez,	Lynch
Vicente Good (VA)	Mace Malinowski
Gooden (TX)	Malliotakis
Gosar Gottheimer	Maloney, Carolyn B.
Granger	Maloney, Sean
Graves (LA) Graves (MO)	Mann
Green (TN)	Manning Massie
Green, Al (TX)	Mast
Greene (GA) Griffith	Matsui McBath
Grijalva	McCarthy
Grothman Guest	McCaul McClain
Guthrie	McClintock
Harder (CA) Harris	McCollum McEachin
Harshbarger	McGovern
Hartzler Hayes	McHenry McNerney
Hern	Meeks
Herrell	Meijer
Herrera Beutler Hice (GA)	Meng Meuser
Higgins (LA)	Mfume
Higgins (NY) Hill	Miller (IL) Miller (WV)
Himes	Miller-Meeks
Hinson Hollingsworth	Moolenaar Mooney
Horsford	Moore (AL)
Houlahan Hoyer	Moore (UT) Moore (WI)
Hudson	Morelle
Huffman Huizenga	Moulton Mrvan
Issa	Mullin
Jackson Jackson Lee	Murphy (FL) Murphy (NC)
Jacobs (CA)	Nadler
Jacobs (NY)	Napolitano
Jayapal Jeffries	Neal Neguse
Johnson (GA) Johnson (LA)	Nehls
Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH)	Newhouse Newman
Johnson (SD) Johnson (TX)	Norcross
Johnson (TX) Jones	O'Halleran Obernolte
Jordan	Ocasio-Cortez
Joyce (OH) Joyce (PA)	Omar Owens
Kahele	Palazzo
Kaptur	Pallone Palmer
Katko Keating	Panner Panetta
Keller	Pappas
Kelly (IL) Kelly (MS)	Pascrell Payne
Kelly (PA)	Pence
Khanna Kildee	Perlmutter Perry
Kilmer	Peters

Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Posey Presslev Price (NC) Quiglev Raskin Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rose Ross Rouzer Roybal-Allard Ruiz ger Fernandez Ruppersberger Rush Rutherford Ryan Salazar Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sessions Sewell Sherman Sherrill Simpson Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Stee1 Stefanik Steil Steube Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Tavlor Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duyne Vargas Veasey Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Watson Coleman

Pfluger

Williams (TX) Westerman Wexton Wilson (FL) Wild Wilson (SC) Williams (GA) Wittman Biggs Norman Casten Rosendale Garcia (TX) Roy

Babin

Bera

Budd

NAYS-7 Waters NOT VOTING-9

Womack

Yarmuth

Zeldin

Estes Speier Fallon Strickland McKinley Weber (TX)

□ 1603

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Gallego (Gomez) Amodei (Balderson) Johnson (TX) (Bowman) Bourdeaux (Jeffries) Payne (Pallone) Kelly (IL) (Blunt (Wexton) Porter (Wexton) Brown (MD) Rochester) Price (NC) (Ross) Kirkpatrick (Trone) Scanlon (Garcia Brownley (Pallone) (TX)) (Kuster) Lamb (Pallone) Scott, David Carter (LA) Langevin (Jeffries) (Jeffries) (Lvnch) Sires (Pallone) Castro (TX) Lawson (FL) Stewart (Owens) (Garcia (TX)) (Wasserman Suozzi (Beyer) Cawthorn (Moore Schultz) Thompson (MS) (AL)) Lowenthal (Jeffries) Correa (Costa) (Bever) Tiffany Cuellar (Garcia Luetkemeyer (Fitzgerald) (TX)) (Meuser) Walorski Curtis (Moore Mfume (UT)) (Connolly) (Wagner) Wilson (FL) Delgado (Neguse) Mooney (Miller DeSaulnier (WV)) (Neguse) Moore (WI) Wilson (SC) (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) (Beyer) (Timmons)

#### EMPOWERING THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WIL-LIAMS of Georgia). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7077) to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

Axne

Barr

Webster (FL)

Welch

Wenstrup

The vote was taken by electronic device. and there were—yeas 379, nays 37, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 153]

#### YEAS-379

Adams Barragán Bourdeaux Aderholt Bass Bowman Aguilar Beatty Boyle, Brendan Allen Bentz Brady Allred Bergman Beyer Bice (OK) Amodei Brown (MD) Auchincloss Brown (OH) Bilirakis Brownley Babin Bishop (GA) Buchanan Bacon Blumenauer Bucshon Balderson Blunt Rochester Burgess Banks Bonamici Bush Bost Bustos

Butterfield Green (TN) Calvert Green, Al (TX) Carbajal Grijalva Cárdenas Guest Guthrie Carey Carl Harder (CA) Carson Harshbarger Carter (GA) Hartzler Carter (LA) Haves Carter (TX) Hern Herrell Cartwright Case Herrera Beutler Higgins (NY) Casten Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Himes Hollingsworth Cawthorn Chabot Horsford Cherfilus-Houlahan McCormick Hoyer Chu Hudson Cicilline Huffman Clark (MA) Huizenga Clarke (NY) Jackson Cleaver Clyburn Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Cohen Cole Jacobs (NY) Jayapal Comer Connolly Johnson (GA) Cooper Johnson (LA) Correa Johnson (OH) Costa Johnson (SD) Courtney Johnson (TX) Craig Jones Joyce (OH) Crawford Jovce (PA) Crenshaw Crist Kahele Crow Kaptur Cuellar Katko Curtis Keating Davids (KS) Keller Kelly (IL) Davis, Danny K. Davis, Rodney Kelly (MS) Dean Kelly (PA) DeFazio Khanna DeGette Kildee DeLauro Kilmer DelBene Kim (CA) Delgado Kim (NJ) Demings Kind DeSaulnier Kinzinger DesJarlais Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Deutch Diaz-Balart Kuster Dingell Kustoff Doggett LaHood Donalds LaMalfa Doyle, Michael Lamb Lamborn Duncan Langevin Dunn Larsen (WA) Ellzey Larson (CT) Emmer Latta Escobar LaTurner Eshoo Lawrence Lawson (FL) Espaillat Evans Lee (CA) Feenstra Lee (NV) Ferguson Leger Fernandez Fischbach Lesko Fitzgerald Fitzpatrick

Letlow Levin (CA) Levin (MI) Lieu Lofgren Long Loudermilk Lowenthal Lucas Luetkemeyer Luria Lynch Mace Malinowski Malliotakis Maloney, Carolyn B Maloney, Sean Mann Manning Matsui McBath McCarthy McCaul McClain McClintock McCollum McEachin McGovern

Fleischmann

Frankel, Lois

Franklin, C.

Scott

Gallagher

Garamendi

Garbarino

Garcia (CA)

García (IL)

Garcia (TX)

Gonzales, Tony

Gonzalez (OH)

Gibbs

Gimenez

Gonzalez.

Vicente

Gooden (TX)

Gottheimer

Graves (LA)

Graves (MO)

Granger

Golden

Gomez

Gallego

Fletcher

Foster

Foxx

McHenry McNerney Meijer Meng Meuser Mfume Miller (WV) Miller-Meeks Moolenaar Mooney Moore (UT) Moore (WI) Morelle Moulton Mrvan Mullin Murphy (FL) Murphy (NC) Nadler Napolitano Neal Neguse Nehls Newhouse Newman Norcross Obernolte Ocasio-Cortez Omar Owens Palazzo Pallone Palmer Panetta Pappas Pascrell Payne Perlmutter Peters Pfluger Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Posey Pressley Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler

Rice (NY)

Rice (SC)

Rodgers (WA)

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Roybal-Allard

Ruppersberger

Rutherford

Ross

Ruiz

Rush

Ryan

Salazar

Sánchez

Scalise

Scanlon

Schiff

Schakowsky

Schneider

Schweikert

Scott (VA)

Scott, Austin

Scott, David

Sessions

Sherman

Sherrill

Simpson

Slotkin

Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)

Smith (NJ)

Smith (WA)

Spanberger

Stansbury

Stanton

Stauber

Stefanik

Steel

Steil

Steube

Stevens

Smucker

Soto

Spartz

Sires

Sewell

Schrader

Schrier

Sarbanes

Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan

Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duvne Vargas Veasev Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz

Trone

Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Yarmuth Zeldin

Watson Coleman

#### NAYS-37

Fulcher Armstrong Arrington Gaetz Biggs Bishop (NC) Gohmert Good (VA) Boebert Gosar Greene (GA) Brooks Griffith Buck Burchett Grothman Cammack Harris Hice (GA) Cline Cloud Higgins (LA) Clyde Hinson

Davidson

Massie Mast Miller (IL) Moore (AL) Norman Pence Perrv Rose Rosendale Rouzer Roy

#### NOT VOTING-12

Baird Estes Meeks Bera Fallon O'Halleran Budd Jeffries Speier Strickland Chenev McKinley

Jordan

#### □ 1616

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Gallego (Gomez) Amodei Ocasio-Cortez (Balderson) Johnson (TX) (Bowman) Bourdeaux (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Payne (Pallone) (Wexton) Porter (Wexton) Brown (MD) Rochester) Price (NC) (Ross) Kirkpatrick (Trone) Scanlon (Garcia Brownley (Pallone) (TX)) Lamb (Pallone) (Kuster) Scott, David Carter (LA) Langevin (Jeffries) (Jeffries) (Lynch) Sires (Pallone) Castro (TX) Lawson (FL) Stewart (Owens) (Wasserman (Garcia (TX)) Suozzi (Beyer) Cawthorn (Moore Schultz) Thompson (MS) Lowenthal (AL)) (Jeffries) Correa (Costa)  $(\operatorname{Beyer})$ Tiffany Cuellar (Garcia Luetkemever (Fitzgerald) (TX)) (Meuser) Walorski Curtis (Moore Mfume (Connolly) (Wagner) (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) Wilson (FL) Mooney (Miller DeSaulnier (WV)) (Neguse) Moore (WI) Wilson (SC) (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) (Beyer)

#### PROVIDING RESEARCH AND ESTI-MATES OF CHANGES IN PRECIPI-TATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1437) to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 333, nays 81, not voting 14, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 154]

#### YEAS-333

Adams Deutch Krishnamoorthi Aderholt Diaz-Balart Kuster Aguilar Dingell Kustoff Allred LaHood Doggett Amodei Doyle, Michael Lamb Auchineloss Lamborn F. Dunn Langevin Axne Bacon Ellzey Larsen (WA) Emmer Larson (CT) Baird Balderson Escobai Latta Eshoo Espaillat BarrLaTurner Barragán Lawrence Bass Evans Lawson (FL) Beatty Feenstra Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Bergman Ferguson Fischbach Leger Fernandez Beyer Bice (OK) FitzpatrickLetlow Fleischmann Levin (CA) Bilirakis Bishop (GA) Fletcher Levin (MI) Blumenauer Foster Lieu Frankel, Lois Blunt Rochester Lofgren Bonamici Franklin, C. Lowenthal Bost Scott Lucas Bourdeaux Gallagher Luetkemeyer Gallego Bowman Luria Garamendi Boyle, Brendan Lynch Garbarino Mace Brady Garcia (CA) Malinowski Brown (MD) García (IL) Malliotakis Brown (OH) Maloney, Garcia (TX) Brownley Carolyn B. Gibbs Buchanan Gimenez Maloney, Sean Manning Bucshon Golden Bush Gomez Matsui Gonzales, Tony McBath Bustos Butterfield Gonzalez (OH) McCarthy Calvert Gooden (TX) McCaul Carbajal Gottheimer McClain Cárdenas Graves (LA) McCollum Carev Graves (MO) McEachin McGovern Carl Green (TN) Carson Green, Al (TX) McHenry Carter (GA) Grijalya. McNerney Carter (LA) Guthrie Meeks Cartwright Harder (CA) Meijer Case Hartzler Meng Casten Meuser Hayes Mfume Miller (WV) Castor (FL) Herrell Herrera Beutler Castro (TX) Cawthorn Higgins (NY) Miller-Meeks Chabot Hill Moore (UT) Cherfilus-Himes Moore (WI) McCormick Hinson Morelle Chu Houlahan Moulton Cicilline Hover Mrvan Clark (MA) Hudson Murphy (FL) Clarke (NY) Huffman Murphy (NC) Cleaver Nadler Huizenga Napolitano Clyburn Issa Jacobs (CA) Cohen Nea1 Cole Neguse Javapal Connolly Jeffries Newhouse Johnson (GA) Cooper Newman Correa Johnson (OH) Norcross Costa Johnson (SD) O'Halleran Courtney Johnson (TX) Obernolte Craig Jones Ocasio-Cortez Joyce (OH) Crawford Omar Crenshaw Joyce (PA) Owens Kahele Pallone Crist Kaptur Crow Palmer Cuellar Katko Panetta Curtis Keating Pappas Keller Kelly (IL) Davids (KS) Pascrell Davis, Danny K. Pavne Perlmutter Davis, Rodney Kelly (PA) Peters Dean DeFazio Khanna Kildee Phillips DeGette Kilmer Pingree DelBene Kim (CA) Pocan Kim (NJ) Porter Delgado Pressley Demings Kind DeSaulnier Kinzinger Price (NC)

Kirkpatrick

Quigley

DesJarlais

Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Ross Rovbal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rush Rvan Salazar Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sewell Sherman Sherrill

Allen

Babin

Banks

Bentz

Biggs

Boebert

Brooks

Burchett

Cammack

Carter (TX)

Burgess

Buck

Cline

Cloud

Clyde

Comer

Davidson

Donalds

Duncan

Fulcher

Gohmert

Gaetz

Foxx

Fitzgerald

Armstrong

Bishop (NC)

Arrington

Raskin

Trahan Simpson Trone Sires Slotkin Turner Smith (MO) Underwood Smith (NE) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Steel Stefanik Steil Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) NAYS-Good (VA)

Upton Valadao Vargas Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Welch Wenstrun Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Yarmuth Zeldin Moolenaar

Mooney Gosar Moore (AL) Granger Greene (GA) Mullin Griffith Nehls Grothman Norman Guest Palazzo Harris Pence Harshbarger Perry Pfluger Hern Hice (GA) Posey Higgins (LA) Rose Hollingsworth Rosendale Jackson Rouzer Jacobs (NY) Roy Johnson (LA) Rutherford Jordan Schweikert Kelly (MS) Sessions LaMalfa Smith (NJ) Lesko Steube Long Taylor Loudermilk Tiffany Mann Timmons Massie Van Drew Mast. Van Duvne McClintock Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Miller (IL)

#### NOT VOTING-14

Fallon McKinlev Bera Gonzalez, Budd Speier Strickland Chenev Vicente Horsford DeLauro Torres (NY) Jackson Lee Veasey

#### □ 1627

Mr. COMER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Curtis (Moore Lawson (FL) Amodei (Balderson) (UTI)) (Wasserman Bourdeaux Delgado (Neguse) (Wexton) DeSaulnier Brown (MD) (Beyer) (Trone) Evans (Jeffries) Brownley Gallego (Gomez) (Kuster) Johnson (TX) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Castro (TX) Rochester) (Garcia (TX)) Kirkpatrick Cawthorn (Moore (Pallone) (AL)) Lamb (Pallone) Correa (Costa) (Bowman) Langevin Cuellar (Garcia Payne (Pallone) (Lynch) Porter (Wexton) (TX))

Schultz) Lowenthal (Bever) Luetkemeyer (Meuser) Mfume (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (WV)) Moore (WI) (Beyer) Ocasio-Cortez

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Salazar

Sánchez

Sarbanes

Scalise

Schiff

Schneider

Schweikert

Scott (VA)

Scott, Austin

Scott, David

Sessions

Sherman

Sherrill

Simpson

Slotkin

Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)

Smith (NJ)

Smith (WA)

Spanberger

Stansbury

Stanton

Stauber

Stefanik

Steel

Steil

Steube

Stevens

Stewart

Suozzi

Swalwell

Takano

Taylor

Tenney

Tiffany

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

Trahan

Trone

Turner

Upton

Valadao

Vargas

Veasev

Wagner

Waltz

Waters

Welch

Wenstrup

Wexton

Wild

Westerman

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Yarmuth

Zeldin

Walorski

Wasserman

Schultz

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Watson Coleman

Velázquez

Van Drew

Van Duyne

Timmons

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Underwood

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Smucker

Soto

Spartz

Sires

Sewell

Schrader

Schrier

Scanlon

Schakowsky

Price (NC) (Ross) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone)

Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald)

Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Timmons)

#### UNITED STATES ARMY RANGERS VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1872) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by gentleman from Illinois GARCÍA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 155]

McCormick

#### YEAS-418

Carson Adams Carter (GA) Aderholt Aguilar Carter (LA) Allen Carter (TX) Allred Cartwright Amodei Case Armstrong Casten Castor (FL) Arrington Castro (TX) Auchineless Cawthorn **Bahin** Chabot Bacon Cheney Baird Cherfilus-Balderson Banks Chu Cicilline Barr Barragán Clark (MA) Clarke (NY) Bass Beatty Cleaver Bentz Cline Bergman Cloud Beyer Bice (OK) Clyburn Clvde Biggs Cohen Bilirakis Cole Bishop (GA) Comer Bishop (NC) Connolly Blumenauer Cooper Blunt Rochester Correa Boebert Costa Bonamici Courtney Bost Craig Bourdeaux Crawford Bowman Crenshaw Boyle, Brendan Crist Crow Brady Cuellar Brooks Curtis Brown (MD) Davids (KS) Brown (OH) Davidson Davis, Danny K. Brownley Buchanan Davis, Rodney Buck Dean DeFazio Bucshon Burchett DeGette Burgess DeLauro Bush DelBene Bustos Delgado Butterfield Demings Calvert DeSaulnier Cammack DesJarlais

Carbajal

Cárdenas

Carey

Carl

Deutch

Dingell

Doggett

Diaz-Balart

Donalds Doyle, Michael Duncan Dunn Ellzev Emmer Escobar Eshoo Espaillat Evans Feenstra Ferguson Fischbach Fitzgerald Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Fletcher Foster Foxx Frankel, Lois Franklin, C. Scott Fulcher Gaetz Gallagher Gallego Garamendi Garbarino Garcia (CA) García (IL) Garcia (TX) Gibbs Gimenez Gohmert Golden Gomez Gonzales, Tony Gonzalez (OH) Gonzalez. Vicente Good (VA) Gooden (TX) Gosar Gottheimer Granger Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Green (TN) Green, Al (TX) Greene (GA) Griffith Grijalya Grothman Guest

Guthrie Maloney, Harder (CA) Carolyn B. Harris Maloney, Sean Harshbarger Mann Hartzler Manning Haves Massie Hern Mast Herrell Matsui Herrera Beutler McBath Hice (GA) McCarthy Higgins (LA) McCaul Higgins (NY) McClain Hill McClintock McCollum Himes Hinson McEachin Hollingsworth McGovern McHenry Horsford Houlahan McNerney Hover Meeks Hudson Meijer Huffman Meng Meuser Huizenga Mfume Issa Miller (IL) Jackson Jackson Lee Miller (WV) Jacobs (CA) Miller-Meeks Jacobs (NY) Moolenaar Mooney Javapal Moore (AL) Jeffries Johnson (GA) Moore (UT) Johnson (LA) Moore (WI) Johnson (OH) Morelle Johnson (SD) Moulton Johnson (TX) Mrvan Mullin Jones Murphy (FL) Jordan Joyce (OH) Murphy (NC) Joyce (PA) Nadler Napolitano Kahele Neal Kaptur Katko Neguse Keating Nehls Keller Newhouse Kelly (IL) Newman Kelly (MS) Norcross Kelly (PA) Norman Khanna O'Halleran Kildee Obernolte Kilmer Ocasio-Cortez Kim (CA) Omar Kim (NJ) Owens Kind Palazzo Kinzinger Pallone Kirkpatrick Palmer Krishnamoorthi Panetta Kuster Pappas Kustoff Pavne LaHood Pence LaMalfa Perlmutter Lamb Perry Lamborn Peters Langevin Pfluger Larsen (WA) Phillips Larson (CT) Pingree Latta Pocan LaTurner Porter Lawrence Posey Lawson (FL) Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Leger Fernandez Lesko

Presslev Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Letlow Levin (CA) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Levin (MI) Lieu Rogers (AL) Lofgren Rogers (KY) Rose Long Loudermilk Rosendale Lowenthal Ross Lucas Rouzer Luetkemeyer Roy Rovbal-Allard Luria Lynch Ruiz Ruppersberger Malinowski Rush Malliotakis Rutherford

### NOT VOTING-

McKinley Pascrell Speier Strickland

Bera

Budd

Estes

Fallon

Thompson (PA) Walberg

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei (Balderson) Bourdeaux (Wexton) Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) Brownley (Kuster) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) Castro (TX) (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore (AL)) Correa (Costa) Cuellar (Garcia (TX)) Curtis (Moore (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) DeSaulnier (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) Gallego (Gomez)

Johnson (TX) (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Rochester) Kirkpatrick (Pallone) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin (Lynch) Lawson (FL) (Wasserman Schultz) Lowenthal (Beyer) Luetkemeyer (Meuser) Mfume (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (WV)) Moore (WI) Wilson (FL) (Bever) (Neguse) Ocasio-Cortez Wilson (SC) (Bowman) (Timmons)

Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Trone (Ruppersberger) Walorski (Wagner)

#### FAIR HIRING IN BANKING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5911) to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to expand employment opportunities for those with a previous minor criminal offense, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 329, nays 88, not voting 11, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 156] YEAS-329

Brown (MD) Adams Cleaver Aguilar Brown (OH) Cloud Brownley Allred Clyburn Amodei Bucshon Cohen Armstrong Bush Cole Auchincloss Bustos Comer Butterfield Connolly Axne Baird Calvert Cooper Balderson Carbajal Correa Costa Barr Cárdenas Barragán Courtney Carey Beatty Carl Craig Bentz Carson Crawford Bergman Carter (GA) Crenshaw Bever Carter (LA) Crist Bice (OK) Cartwright Crow Bilirakis Bishop (GA) Case Casten Cuellar Curtis Castor (FL) Davids (KS) Blumenauer Davidson Blunt Rochester Castro (TX) Davis, Danny K. Bonamici Cheney Bost Cherfilus-Davis, Rodney Bourdeaux McCormick Dean DeFazio Chu Bowman Cicilline DeGette Boyle, Brendan Clark (MA) DeLauro DelBene Brady

Clarke (NY)

Delgado Krishnamoorthi Demings Kuster DeSaulnier LaHood DesJarlais Lamb Langevin Deutch Diaz-Balart Larsen (WA) Dingell Larson (CT) Latta Doggett LaTurner Donalds Doyle, Michael Lawrence Lawson (FL) Duncan Lee (CA) Dunn Lee (NV) Leger Fernandez Emmer Letlow Escobar Levin (CA) Eshoo Espaillat Levin (MI) Lieu Evans Feenstra Lofgren Loudermilk Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Lowenthal Fletcher Lucas Luetkemeyer Frankel, Lois Luria Lvnch Fulcher Gallego Garamendi Malinowski Malliotakis Garbarino Garcia (CA) Maloney, García (IL) Garcia (TX) Malonev. Sean Gibbs Manning Gimenez Matsui Golden McCarthy McCaul Gomez Gonzales, Tony McClain Gonzalez (OH) McCollum Gottheimer McEachin Graves (LA) McGovern Graves (MO) McNerney Green (TN) Meeks Green, Al (TX) Meijer Grijalva Meng Grothman Menser Guthrie Mfume Harder (CA) Miller (WV) Hayes Miller-Meeks Herrera Beutler Mooney Moore (UT) Higgins (LA) Higgins (NY) Moore (WI) Hill Morelle Moulton Hinson Mrvan Horsford Murphy (FL) Houlahan Nadler Hover Napolitano Hudson Neal Huffman Neguse Huizenga Newhouse Newman Issa Norcross O'Halleran Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Jayapal Ocasio-Cortez Jeffries Omar Johnson (GA) Owens Johnson (LA) Pallone Johnson (OH) Palmer Johnson (SD) Panetta Johnson (TX) Pappas Jones Pascrell Joyce (OH) Payne Perlmutter Kahele Kaptur Katko Peters Pfluger Keating Phillips Kelly (IL) Kelly (PA) Pingree Pocan Khanna Porter Kildee Posev Kilmer Pressley Kim (CA) Price (NC) Kim (NJ) Quigley

Carolyn B.

#### NAYS-88

Burchett Aderholt Allen Burgess Arrington Cammack Babin Carter (TX) Bacon Cawthorn Banks Chabot Biggs Cline Bishop (NC) Clyde Ellzey Boebert Brooks Ferguson Buchanan Fischbach Fitzgerald Buck

Kinzinger

Kirkpatrick

Reschenthaler Yarmuth Rice (NY) Zeldin Foxx Franklin, C. Scott Gaetz Gallagher Gohmert Good (VA) Gooden (TX) Gosar Granger Greene (GA) Griffith

Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY Rovbal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rutherford Rvan Salazar Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sewell. Sherman Sherrill Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Steel Stefanik Steil Stevens Stewart

Suozzi

Swalwell

Takano

Tavlor

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

Trahan

Trone

Turner

Upton

Valadao

Vargas

Veasey

Wagner

Walberg

Waltz

Waters

Welch

Wexton

Wild

Wenstrup

Walorski

Schultz

Webster (FL)

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Velázquez

Guest

Harris

Hern

Hartzler

Herrell

Hice (GA)

Jackson

Jordan

Keller

Kustoff

LaMalfa

Lesko

Bass

Bera

Budd

Lamborn

Jacobs (NY

Joyce (PA)

Kelly (MS)

Hollingsworth

Harshbarger

Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Underwood Evans (Jeffries) Wasserman Watson Coleman

Long Rose Mann Rosendale Massie Rouzer Mast Roy McClintock Schweikert Miller (IL) Sessions Moolenaar Simpson Moore (AL) Smith (NJ) Mullin Stauber Murphy (NC) Steube Nehls Tennev Norman Tiffanv Obernolte Timmons Palazzo Van Drew Pence Van Duyne Perry Rice (SC) Weber (TX) Rodgers (WA) Westerman

#### NOT VOTING-11

Fallon McHenry Gonzalez, McKinley Vicente Speier Strickland McBath

#### □ 1649

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina changed his vote from "yea" to "nay." So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei Gallego (Gomez) (Balderson) Johnson (TX) Blumenauer (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt (Bever) Bourdeaux Rochester) (Wexton) Kirkpatrick Brown (MD) (Pallone) (Ruppersberger) amb (Pallone) Brownley Langevin (Kuster) (Lvnch) Lawson (FL) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) (Wasserman Castro (TX) Schultz) (Garcia (TX)) Lowenthal Cawthorn (Moore (Beyer) (AL)) Luetkemever Correa (Costa) (Meuser) Cuellar (Garcia Mfume (Connolly) (TX)) Curtis (Moore Mooney (Miller (WV)) (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) Moore (WI) DeSaulnier (Beyer) (Bever) Ocasio-Cortez

(Bowman)

Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Rovbal-Allard (Underwood) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Trone (Ruppersberger) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse)

Wilson (SC)

(Timmons)

EMPOWERING STATES TOPRO-TECT SENIORS FROM BADTORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5914) to amend the Investor Protection and Securities Reform Act of 2010 to provide grants to States for enhanced protection of senior investors and senior policyholders, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois GARCÍA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 48, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 157]

Adams

Aguilar

Allen

Allred

Axne

Bacon

Baird

Barr

Bass

Beatty

Bentz

Bever

Bergman

Bice (OK)

Bonamici

Bourdeaux

Bowman

Brady

Buck

Bush

Bustos

Calvert

Carey

Carson

Carl

Case

Casten

Cawthorn

Cherfilus-

Cicilline

Cleaver

Clyburn

Cohen

Comer

Cooper

Correa

Costa

Connolly

Courtney Craig

Crawford

Crenshaw

Crow

Cuellar

Curtis

Dean

DeFazio

DeGette

DeLauro

DelBene

Delgado

Demings

DesJarlais

Diaz-Balart

Doyle, Michael F.

Kustoff

LaHood

LaMalfa

Lamborn

Lamb

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rose

Deutch

Dingell

Doggett

Davidson

Cole

Chabot

Chu

Carbajal

Cárdenas

Brownley

Bucshon

Buchanan

Balderson

Barragán

Amodei

Aderholt

YEAS-371 Dunn Langevin Larsen (WA) Ellzey Larson (CT) Emmer Escobai Latta Eshoo LaTurner Espaillat Lawrence Auchincloss Evans Lawson (FL) Feenstra Lee (CA) Ferguson Lee (NV) Fischbach Leger Fernandez Fitzgerald Lesko Fitzpatrick Letlow Fleischmann Levin (CA) Fletcher Levin (MI) Foster Lieu Lofgren Foxx Frankel, Lois Long Loudermilk Fulcher Gallagher Lowenthal Bilirakis Bishop (GA) Gallego Garamendi Lucas Luetkemever Blumenauer Garbarino Luria Blunt Rochester Garcia (CA) Lynch García (IL) Mace Malinowski Garcia (TX) Gibbs Gimenez Malliotakis Maloney, Boyle, Brendan Golden Carolyn B. Gomez Gonzales, Tony Maloney, Sean Mann Brown (MD) Gonzalez (OH) Manning Brown (OH) Gonzalez Matsui Vicente McBath Gooden (TX) McCarthy Gottheimer McCaul McClain Granger Graves (LA) McCollum Graves (MO) Green, Al (TX) McEachin Butterfield McGovern McHenry Griffith Grijalya McNernev Guest Meeks Guthrie Meijer Harder (CA) Meng Harshbarger Meuser Carter (GA) Hartzler Mfume Miller (IL) Carter (LA) Haves Cartwright Herrera Beutler Miller (WV Higgins (NY) Miller-Meeks Moolenaar Hill Castor (FL) Himes Mooney Moore (AJ.) Castro (TX) Hinson Hollingsworth Moore (UT) Moore (WI) Houlahan Morelle Moulton McCormick Hoyer Hudson Mrvan Murphy (FL) Murphy (NC) Huffman Clark (MA) Huizenga Clarke (NY) Nadler Jackson Lee Napolitano Jacobs (CA) Neal Jacobs (NY) Neguse Javapal Newhouse Jeffries Newman Johnson (GA) Norcross O'Halleran Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Obernolte Johnson (SD) Ocasio-Cortez Johnson (TX) Omar Jones Owens Joyce (OH) Palazzo Pallone Jovce (PA) Kahele Palmer Kaptur Panetta Katko Pappas Keating Pascrell Davids (KS) Keller Payne Kelly (IL) Perlmutter Davis, Danny K. Kelly (MS) Peters Kelly (PA) Davis, Rodney Phillips Khanna Pingree Kildee Pocan Kilmer Porter Kim (CA) Posey Pressley Price (NC) Kim (NJ) Kind Kinzinger Quigley DeSaulnier Kirkpatrick Raskin Krishnamoorthi Reschenthaler Kuster Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA)

Schrader

SIMPLIFICATION

SMALL BUSINESS MERGERS,

QUISITIONS, SALES, AND

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Ross	Smith (NJ)
Rouzer	Smith (WA)
Roybal-Allard	Soto
Ruiz	Spanberger
Ruppersberger	Spartz
Rush	Stansbury
Rutherford	Stanton
Ryan	Stauber
Salazar	Steel
Sánchez	Stefanik
Sarbanes	Steil
Scalise	Stevens
Scanlon	Stewart
Schakowsky	Suozzi
Schiff	Swalwell
Schneider	Takano
Schrader	Tenney
Schrier	Thompson (CA)
Schweikert	Thompson (MS)
Scott (VA)	Thompson (PA)
Scott, Austin	Tiffany
Scott, David	Timmons
Sewell	Titus
Sherman	Tlaib
Sherrill	Tonko
Simpson	Torres (CA)
Sires	Torres (NY)
Slotkin	Trahan
Smith (MO)	Trone
Smith (NE)	Turner

Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Vargas Veasev Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Wexton

Wild

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Yarmuth

Zeldin

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 935) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois GARCÍA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—veas 419, navs 0. not voting 9, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 158]

Adams
Aderholt
Aguilar
Allen
Allred
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Auchincloss
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bentz
Bergman
Beyer
Bice (OK)
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NC)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Boebert
Bonamici
Bost
Bourdeaux
Bowman
Boyle, Brendan
F.
Brooks
Brown (MD)
Brown (OH)
Brownley
Buchanan
Buck
Bucshon
Burchett
Burgess
Bush
Bustos
Butterfield
Calvert
Cammack
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carey
Carl

YEAS-419 Cawthorn Foster Chabot Foxx Cherfilus-Frankel, Lois McCormick Franklin, C. Chu Scott Cicilline Fulcher Clark (MA) Gaetz Clarke (NY) Gallagher Gallego Cleaver Garamendi Cline Cloud Garbarino Clyburn Garcia (CA) Clvde García (IL) Cohen Garcia (TX) Cole Gibbs Comer Gimenez Connolly Gohmert Cooper Golden Correa Gomez Gonzales, Tony Costa Courtney Gonzalez (OH) Craig Gonzalez Crawford Vicente Crenshaw Good (VA) Crist Gooden (TX) Crow Gosar Cuellar Gottheimer Curtis Granger Graves (LA) Davids (KS) Davidson Graves (MO) Davis, Danny K. Green (TN) Davis, Rodney Green, Al (TX) Dean Greene (GA) DeFazio Griffith DeGette Grijalva DeLauro Grothman DelBene Guest Delgado Guthrie Demings Harder (CA) DeSaulnier Harris Harshbarger DesJarlais Deutch Hartzler Diaz-Balart Hayes Dingell Hern Doggett Herrell Herrera Beutler Donalds Doyle, Michael Hice (GA) Higgins (LA) Duncan Higgins (NY) Dunn Hill Ellzev Himes Emmer Hinson Escobar Hollingsworth Eshoo Horsford Espaillat Houlahan Evans Feenstra Hoyer Hudson Ferguson Huffman Fischbach Huizenga Fitzgerald Issa Jackson Fitzpatrick Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Fleischmann Fletcher

Jeffries Johnson (GA) Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Johnson (SD) Johnson (TX) Jordan Jovce (OH) Joyce (PA) Kahele Kaptur Katko Keating Keller Kelly (IL) Kelly (MS Kelly (PA) Khanna Kildee Kilmer Kim (CA) Kim (NJ) Kind Kinzinger Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Kuster Kustoff LaHood LaMalfa Lamb Lamborn Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Latta LaTurner Lawrence Lawson (FL) Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Leger Fernandez Lesko Letlow Levin (CA) Levin (MI) Lieu Lofgren Long Loudermilk Lowenthal Lucas Luetkemever Luria Lynch Mace Malinowski Malliotakis Maloney, Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean Mann Manning Massie Mast Matsui McBath McCarthy McCaul McClain McClintock McCollum McEachin McGovern McHenry McNernev

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Schrier Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sessions Sewell Sherman Sherrill Simpson Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Steel Stefanik Steil Steube Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duyne Vargas Veasey Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrun Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Yarmuth

#### NOT VOTING-9

Zeldin

Bera	Cheney	McKinley
Brady	Estes	Speier
Budd	Fallon	Strickland

## $\sqcap$ 1713

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NAYS-48

Franklin, C. Armstrong Mast McClintock Arrington Scott Babin Gaetz Mullin Banks Gohmert Nehls Biggs Good (VA) Norman Bishop (NC) Gosar Pence Boebert Green (TN) Perry Brooks Greene (GA) Pfluger Burchett Grothman Rosendale Harris Burgess Roy Cammack Hern Sessions Herrell Carter (TX) Steube Cline Hice (GA) Taylor Cloud Higgins (LA) Van Duyne Clvde Weber (TX) Donalds Jordan Duncan Massie

#### NOT VOTING-

Bera Estes Smucker Budd Fallon Speier Strickland Cheney McKinley

#### □ 1700

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei (Balderson) Blumenauer (Beyer) Bourdeaux (Wexton) Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) Brownley (Kuster) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) Castro (TX) (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore (AL)) Correa (Costa) Cuellar (Garcia (TX))Curtis (Moore (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) DeSaulnier (Bever) Evans (Jeffries) Gallego (Gomez)

Johnson (TX) (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Rochester) Kirkpatrick (Pallone) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin (Lynch) Lawson (FL) (Wasserman Schultz)

Lowenthal (Beyer) Luetkemeyer (Meuser) Mfume (Connolly) Mooney (Miller (WV)) Moore (WI) (Beyer) Ocasio-Cortez (Bowman) Payne (Pallone)

Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Roybal-Allard (Underwood) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens)

Suozzi (Beyer)

Thompson (MS)

(Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Trone (Ruppersberger) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Timmons)

Carson

Case

Casten

Carter (GA)

Carter (LA)

Carter (TX)

Cartwright

Castor (FL)

Castro (TX)

Joyce (OH)

Joyce (PA)

Kahele

Kaptur

DeGette

DeLauro

DelBene

Delgado

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei (Balderson) Blumenauer (Beyer) Bourdeaux (Wexton) Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) Brownley (Kuster) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) Castro (TX) (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore (AL)) Correa (Costa) Cuellar (Garcia (TX)) Curtis (Moore (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) (WV)) Moore (WI) DeSaulnier (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) Ocasio-Cortez

Gallego (Gomez) Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Johnson (TX) (Jeffries) Price (NC) (Ross) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Roybal-Allard Rochester) (Underwood) Kirkpatrick Scanlon (Garcia (Pallone) (TX)) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin (Lynch)

Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Lawson (FL) Stauber (Bacon) (Wasserman Stewart (Owens) Schultz) Suozzi (Bever) Thompson (MS) Lowenthal (Beyer) (Jeffries) Tiffany Luetkemever (Meuser) (Fitzgerald) Mfume Trone (Connolly) (Ruppersberger) Mooney (Miller Walorski

(Wagner)

Wilson (FL)

(Neguse)

(Timmons)

Wilson (SC)

## RUSSIA AND BELARUS FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ACT OF 2022

(Beyer)

(Bowman)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7066) to require United States financial institutions to ensure entities and persons owned or controlled by the institution comply with financial sanctions on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to the same extent as the institution itself, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Illinois GARCÍA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 2, not voting 8, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 159] YEAS-418

Adams Bowman Aderholt Boyle, Brendan Aguilar Brady Allen Allred Brooks Amodei Brown (MD) Armstrong Brown (OH) Arrington Brownley Auchincloss Buchanan Buck Axne Bucshon Babin Bacon Burchett Baird Burgess Balderson Banks Bustos Butterfield Barr Barragán Calvert Cammack Bass Beatty Carbajal Bentz Cárdenas Bergman Carev Beyer Carl Bice (OK) Carson Carter (GA) Biggs Bilirakis Carter (LA) Bishop (GA) Carter (TX) Bishop (NC) Cartwright Blumenauer Case Blunt Rochester Casten Castor (FL) Boebert Bonamici Castro (TX) Bost. Cawthorn Bourdeaux Chabot

Chenev Cherfilus-McCormick Chu Cicilline Clark (MA) Clarke (NY) Cleaver Cline Cloud Clyburn Clyde Cohen Cole Comer Connolly Cooper Correa. Costa Courtney Craig Crawford Crenshaw Crist Crow Cuellar Curtis Davids (KS) Davidson Davis, Danny K. Davis, Rodney Dean DeFazio

Demings Katko DeSaulnier Keating Des Jarlais Keller Kelly (IL) Deutch Diaz-Balart Kelly (MS) Dingell Kelly (PA) Doggett Khanna Donalds Kildee Doyle, Michael Kilmer F. Kim (CA) Duncan Kim (NJ) Dunn Kind Ellzev Kinzinger Emmer Kirkpatrick Escobar Eshoo Kuster Espaillat Kustoff Evans LaHood Feenstra LaMalfa Ferguson Lamb Lamborn Fischbach Fitzgerald Langevin Larsen (WA) Fitzpatrick Larson (CT) Fleischmann Fletcher Latta Foster LaTurner Foxx Lawrence Frankel, Lois Lawson (FL) Franklin C Lee (CA) Scott Lee (NV) Fulcher Gaetz Lesko Gallagher Letlow Gallego Levin (CA) Garamendi Levin (MI) Garbarino Lieu Garcia (CA) Lofgren García (IL) Long Loudermilk Garcia (TX) Gibbs Lowenthal Gimenez Lucas Gohmert Luetkemever Golden Luria Gomez Lynch Gonzales, Tony Mace Gonzalez (OH) Malinowski Malliotakis Good (VA) Gooden (TX) Maloney, Carolyn B. Gosar Gottheimer Granger Mann Graves (LA) Manning Graves (MO) Mast Green (TN) Matsui McBath Green, Al (TX) Griffith McCarthy Grijalya. McCaul Grothman McClain McClintock Guest Guthrie McCollum Harder (CA) McEachin Harris McGovern Harshbarger McHenry Hartzler McNerney Hayes Meeks Hern Meijer Herrell Meng Herrera Beutler Meuser Hice (GA) Mfume Higgins (LA) Miller (IL) Higgins (NY) Miller (WV) Hill Miller-Meeks Himes Moolenaar Mooney Moore (AL) Hinson Hollingsworth Horsford Moore (UT) Houlahan Moore (WI) Morelle Hoyer Hudson Moulton Huffman Mrvan Mullin Huizenga Issa Murphy (FL) Jackson Murphy (NC) Jackson Lee Nadler

Jacobs (CA)

Jacobs (NY)

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (LA)

Johnson (OH)

Johnson (SD)

Johnson (TX)

Jayapal

Jeffries

Jones

Jordan

Nea1

Neguse

Newman

Norcross

Norman

Obernolte

Ocasio-Cortez

Upton

Valadao

Nehls

Pappas Pascrell Pavne Pence Perlmutter Perry Peters Pfluger Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Posey Krishnamoorthi Presslev Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rose Rosendale Ross Rouzer Rov Leger Fernandez Roybal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rush Rutherford Rvan Salazai Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Maloney, Sean Scott, David Sessions Sewell Sherman Sherrill Simpson Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Steel Stefanik Steil Steube Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tenney Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Napolitano Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Newhouse Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner O'Halleran Underwood

Omar Van Drew Wasserman Schultz Van Duvne Owens Palazzo Vargas Waters Pallone Veasey Palmer Weber (TX) Velázquez Webster (FL) Panetta Wagner Welch Walberg Wenstrup Walorski Westerman Waltz Wexton NAYS-2 Greene (GA) Massie NOT VOTING-8 Bera Fallon Budd Gonzalez, Estes Vicente  $\Box$  1723 as above recorded. the table. Amodei (Balderson) Johnson (TX) Blumenauer (Jeffries) (Beyer) Bourdeaux Rochester) (Wexton) Kirkpatrick Brown (MD) (Pallone) (Ruppersberger) Brownley Langevin (Kuster) (Lynch)

Watson Coleman

Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Yarmuth Zeldin

McKinlev Speier Strickland

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

The result of the vote was announced

A motion to reconsider was laid on

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Gallego (Gomez) Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Roybal-Allard (Underwood) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Carter (LA) Lawson (FL) Stauber (Bacon) (Jeffries) (Wasserman Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Castro (TX) Schultz) (Garcia (TX)) Lowenthal Thompson (MS) Cawthorn (Moore (Bever) (Jeffries) Luetkemeyer Tiffany (AL)) Correa (Costa) (Meuser) (Fitzgerald) Cuellar (Garcia Trone Mfume (Connolly) (Ruppersberger) (TX)) Curtis (Moore Mooney (Miller Walorski (UT)) (WV)) (Wagner) Delgado (Neguse) Moore (WI) Wilson (FL) DeSaulnier (Bever) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) Ocasio-Cortez (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries) (Bowman) (Timmons)

#### UKRAINE COMPREHENSIVE DEBT PAYMENT RELIEF ACT OF 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7081) to seek immediate bilatmultilateral, and eral. commercial debt service payment relief Ukraine, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 56, not voting 10, as follows:

# [Roll No. 160]

# YEAS-362

Adams Axne Aderholt Bacon Aguilar Baird Allen Balderson Allred Barr Amodei Barragán Armstrong Bass Beatty Auchincloss

Bentz Bergman Beyer Bice (OK) Bilirakis Bishop (GA) Blumenauer Blunt Rochester

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Bonamici	Gonzales, Tony	McCaul
Bost Bourdeaux	Gonzalez (OH) Gonzalez,	McClain McClintock
Bowman	Vicente	McCollum
Boyle, Brendan F.	Good (VA)	McEachin McGovern
Brooks	Gooden (TX) Gottheimer	McHenry
Brown (MD)	Granger	McNerney
Brown (OH) Brownley	Graves (LA) Graves (MO)	Meeks Meijer
Buchanan	Green (TN)	Meng
Bucshon Bush	Green, Al (TX) Griffith	Meuser Mfume
Bustos	Grijalva	Miller (WV)
Butterfield Calvert	Guthrie Harder (CA)	Miller-Meeks Moolenaar
Carbajal	Hartzler	Mooney
Cárdenas	Hayes	Moore (AL)
Carey Carl	Herrell Herrera Beutler	Moore (UT) Moore (WI)
Carson	Higgins (NY)	Morelle
Carter (GA) Carter (LA)	Hill Himes	Moulton Mrvan
Carter (TX)	Hinson	Murphy (FL)
Cartwright Case	Hollingsworth Horsford	Murphy (NC) Nadler
Casten	Houlahan	Napolitano
Castor (FL)	Hoyer	Neal
Castro (TX) Chabot	Hudson Huffman	Neguse Newhouse
Cheney	Huizenga	Newman
Cherfilus- McCormick	Issa Jackson	Norcross O'Halleran
Chu	Jackson Lee	Obernolte
Clark (MA) Clarke (NY)	Jacobs (CA) Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez Omar
Cleaver	Jeffries	Owens
Clyburn	Johnson (GA)	Pallone
Cohen Cole	Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH)	Palmer Panetta
Connolly	Johnson (SD)	Pappas
Cooper Correa	Johnson (TX) Jones	Pascrell Payne
Costa	Jordan	Perlmutter
Courtney Craig	Joyce (OH) Joyce (PA)	Peters Pfluger
Crawford	Kahele	Phillips
Crenshaw Crist	Kaptur Katko	Pingree Pocan
Crow	Keating	Porter
Cuellar	Keller	Pressley
Curtis Davids (KS)	Kelly (IL) Kelly (PA)	Price (NC) Quigley
Davidson	Khanna	Raskin
Davis, Danny K. Davis, Rodney	Kildee Kilmer	Reschenthaler Rice (NY)
Dean	Kim (CA)	Rice (SC)
DeFazio DeGette	Kim (NJ) Kind	Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL)
DeLauro	Kirkpatrick	Rogers (KY)
DelBene Delgado	Krishnamoorthi Kuster	Rose Ross
Demings	Kustoff	Roybal-Allard
DeSaulnier DesJarlais	LaHood LaMalfa	Ruiz Ruppersberger
Deutch	Lamb	Rush
Diaz-Balart Dingell	Lamborn Langevin	Rutherford Ryan
Doggett	Larsen (WA)	Salazar
Doyle, Michael F.	Larson (CT) Latta	Sánchez Sarbanes
Dunn	LaTurner	Scalise
Ellzey	Lawrence	Scanlon
Emmer Escobar	Lawson (FL) Lee (CA)	Schakowsky Schiff
Eshoo	Lee (NV)	Schneider
Espaillat Estes	Leger Fernandez Letlow	Schrader Schrier
Evans	Levin (CA)	Scott (VA)
Feenstra Ferguson	Levin (MI) Lieu	Scott, Austin Scott, David
Fitzpatrick	Lofgren	Sewell
Fleischmann Fletcher	Long Loudermilk	Sherman Sherrill
Foster	Lowenthal	Simpson
Foxx Frankel, Lois	Lucas Luetkemeyer	Sires Slotkin
Fulcher	Luria	Smith (MO)
Gallagher Gallego	Lynch Malinowski	Smith (NE) Smith (WA)
Garamendi	Malinowski Maloney,	Smucker
Garbarino	Carolyn B.	Soto Spanherger
García (CA) García (IL)	Maloney, Sean Mann	Spanberger Spartz
Garcia (TX)	Manning	Stansbury
Gibbs Gimenez	Mast Matsui	Stanton Stauber
Golden	McBath	Steel
Gomez	McCarthy	Stefanik

Torres (NY) Waters Stevens Trahan Watson Coleman Stewart Trone Welch Suozzi Turner Wenstrup Swalwell Underwood Westerman Takano Upton Wexton Taylor Valadao Wild Tenney Vargas Williams (GA) Thompson (CA) Veasey Williams (TX) Thompson (MS) Velázquez Wilson (FL) Thompson (PA) Wagner Wilson (SC) Timmons Walberg Wittman Titus Walorski Womack Tlaib Yarmuth Tonko Wasserman Torres (CA) Zeldin Schultz

#### NAYS-56

Arrington Gaetz Norman Babin Gohmert Palazzo Banks GosarPence Greene (GA) Biggs Perrv Bishop (NC) Grothman Posev Boebert Guest Rosendale Buck Harris Rouzer Harshbarger Burchett Roy Cammack Hern Schweikert Hice (GA) Cawthorn Sessions Cline Higgins (LA) Smith (N.I) Cloud Jacobs (NY) Kelly (MS) Steube Clyde Tiffany Comer Lesko Van Drew Donalds Mace Van Duyne Malliotakis Duncan Fischbach Weber (TX) Massie Miller (IL) Webster (FL) Fitzgerald Franklin, C. Mullin

#### NOT VOTING-10

Bera Cicilline Speier
Brady Fallon Strickland
Budd Kinzinger
Burgess McKinley

#### □ 1734

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Messrs. COMER, and CLINE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei Gallego (Gomez) Payne (Pallone) (Balderson) Johnson (TX) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Blumenauer (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt (Beyer) Roybal-Allard Rochester) Bourdeaux (Underwood) Kirkpatrick Scanlon (Garcia (Wexton) (TX)) Scott, David Brown (MD) (Pallone) (Ruppersberger) Lamb (Pallone) (Jeffries) Brownley Langevin (Lynch) Sires (Pallone) (Kuster) Lawson (FL) Carter (LA) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens) (Wasserman (Jeffries) Castro (TX) Schultz) Suozzi (Beyer) (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore Lowenthal Thompson (MS) (Beyer) (Jeffries) (AL)) Luetkemeyer Tiffany Correa (Costa) (Fitzgerald) (Meuser) Cuellar (Garcia Trone Mfume (TX)) Curtis (Moore (Connolly) (Ruppersberger) Mooney (Miller Walorski (WV)) (Wagner) Delgado (Neguse) Moore (WI) Wilson (FL) DeSaulnier (Bever) (Neguse) (Bever) Ocasio-Cortez Wilson (SC) Evans (Jeffries) (Bowman) (Timmons)

#### ISOLATE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ACT OF 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6891) to exclude government officials of the Russian Federation

from certain international meetings, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

Cole

Adams

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 2, not voting 10, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 161] YEAS-416

Griffith

Aderholt Grijalva Comer Aguilar Connolly Grothman Allen Cooper Guest. Allred Guthrie Correa Amodei Costa Harder (CA) Armstrong Courtney Harris Arrington Harshbarger Craig Auchincloss Crawford Hayes Axne Crenshaw Hern Babin Crist Herrell Bacon Crow Herrera Beutler Baird Cuellar Hice (GA) Balderson Curtis Higgins (LA) Davids (KS) Banks Higgins (NY) Barr Davidson Hill Barragán Davis, Danny K. Himes Davis, Rodney Bass Hinson Beatty Hollingsworth Dean Bentz DeGette Horsford Bergman DeLauro Houlahan DelBene Hover Bever Bice (OK) Hudson Delgado Biggs Demings Huffman Bilirakis DeSaulnier Huizenga Bishop (GA) DesJarlais Issa Jackson Bishop (NC) Deutch Diaz-Balart Blumenauer Jackson Lee Blunt Rochester Dingell Jacobs (CA) Jacobs (NY) Boebert Doggett Bonamici Donalds Jayapal Doyle, Michael Jeffries Bost Bourdeaux Johnson (GA) F. Bowman Duncan Johnson (LA) Boyle, Brendan Dunn Johnson (OH) F. Ellzey Johnson (SD) Brady Emmer Johnson (TX) Jones Jordan BrooksEscobar Brown (MD) Eshoo Espaillat Brown (OH) Joyce (OH) Brownley Estes Joyce (PA) Buchanan Kahele Evans Buck Feenstra Kaptur Bucshon Ferguson Katko Keating Burchett Fischbach Fitzgerald Keller Burgess Kelly (IL) Bush Fitzpatrick Bustos Fleischmann Kelly (MS) Butterfield Fletcher Kelly (PA) Calvert Foster Khanna. Cammack Foxx Kildee Carbajal Frankel, Lois Kilmer Franklin, C. Cárdenas Kim (CA) Kim (NJ) Carey Scott Carl Fulcher Kind Kirkpatrick Carson Gaetz Carter (GA) Gallagher Krishnamoorthi Carter (LA) Gallego Garamendi Kuster Carter (TX) Kustoff Cartwright Garbarino LaHood Case Garcia (CA) LaMalfa Casten Lamb García (IL) Castor (FL) Garcia (TX) Lamborn Castro (TX) Gibbs Langevin Gimenez Larsen (WA) Cawthorn Chabot Gohmert Larson (CT) Cheney Golden Latta Cherfilus-LaTurner Gomez McCormick Gonzales, Tony Lawrence Chu Lawson (FL) Gonzalez (OH) Cicilline Good (VA) Lee (CA) Clark (MA) Gooden (TX) Lee (NV) Clarke (NY) Gosar Leger Fernandez Gottheimer Cleaver Lesko Granger Graves (LA) Letlow Cline Levin (CA) Cloud Clyburn Graves (MO) Levin (MI) Clyde Green (TN) Lieu Green, Al (TX) Cohen Lofgren

Long Palmer Loudermilk Panetta Lowenthal Pappas Lucas Pascrel1 Luetkemeyer Payne Luria Pence Lynch Perlmutter Perry Mace Malinowski Peters Malliotakis Pfluger Maloney, Phillips Carolyn B. Pingree Maloney, Sean Pocan Mann Porter Manning Posey Pressley Mast Matsui Price (NC) McBath Quigley McCarthy Raskin McCaul Reschenthaler McClain Rice (NY) McClintock Rice (SC) McCollum Rodgers (WA) McEachin Rogers (AL) McGovern Rogers (KY) McHenry Rose Rosendale McNernev Meeks Ross Meijer Rouzer Meng Rov Roybal-Allard Meuser Mfume Ruiz Miller (IL) Ruppersberger Miller (WV) Rush Miller-Meeks Rutherford Moolenaar Rvan Mooney Salazar Moore (AL) Sánchez Moore (UT) Sarbanes Moore (WI) Scalise Morelle Scanlon Moulton Schakowsky Mrvan Schiff Schneider Mullin Murphy (FL) Schrader Murphy (NC) Schrier Nadler Schweikert Napolitano Scott (VA) Neal Scott, Austin Neguse Scott, David Nehls Sessions Newhouse Sewell Newman Sherman Norcross Sherrill Norman O'Halleran Simpson Sires Obernolte Slotkin Ocasio-Cortez Smith (MO) Omar Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Owens Smith (WA) Palazzo

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Smucker NAYS-2 Massie

## NOT VOTING-10

Gonzalez, Bera Budd Vicente DeFazio Hartzler Fallon Kinzinger

Pallone

Greene (GA)

McKinley Speier Strickland

Wasserman

Schultz

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Watson Coleman

Adams

Aguilar

Allen

Allred

Axne

Babin

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Banks

Barr

Bass

Beatty

Bentz

Beyer

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Brady

Buck

Burgess

Bush

Bustos

Calvert

Brooks

Amodei

Waters

Welch

Wild

Wenstrup

Westerman Wexton

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Varmuth

Zeldin

#### □ 1746

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei (Balderson) Blumenauer (Beyer) Bourdeaux (Wexton) Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) Brownley (Kuster) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) Gallego (Gomez) Castro (TX) Johnson (TX) (Garcia (TX))

Cawthorn (Moore Kelly (IL) (Blunt (AL)) Correa (Costa) Cuellar (Garcia (TX)) Curtis (Moore (UT))Delgado (Neguse) DeSaulnier (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries)

(Jeffries)

Rochester) Kirkpatrick (Pallone) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin (Lynch) Lawson (FL) (Wasserman Schultz) Lowenthal (Bever) Luetkemever (Meuser)

Mfume (Connolly) Moore (WI) (Bever) Ocasio-Cortez (Bowman) Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton) Price (NC) (Ross) Roybal-Allard (Underwood)

Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries)

Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Trone (Ruppersberger) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse) Wilson (SC) (Timmons)

Good (VA)

Gosar

Gooden (TX)

Gottheimer

Granger

Lowenthal

Lucas

#### RUSSIA AND BELARUS SDR EX-CHANGE PROHIBITION ACT OF 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6899) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 2, not voting 9, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 162]

## YEAS-417

Cammack DeLauro Aderholt DelBene Carbajal Cárdenas Delgado Demings Carey DeSaulnier Carl Carson Des Jarlais Carter (GA) Armstrong Deutch Arrington Carter (LA) Diaz-Balart Auchineless Carter (TX) Dingell Cartwright Doggett Donalds Casten Duncan Castor (FL) Dunn Balderson Castro (TX) Ellzey Cawthorn Emmer Chabot Escobar Barragán Cheney Eshoo Espaillat Cherfilus-McCormick Estes Chu Evans Cicilline Bergman Feenstra Clark (MA) Ferguson Bice (OK) Clarke (NY) Fischbach Cleaver Fitzgerald Bilirakis Cline Fitzpatrick Bishop (GA) Cloud Fleischmann Bishop (NC) Fletcher Clyburn Blumenauer Clyde Foster Blunt Rochester Cohen Foxx Frankel, Lois Cole Bonamici Come Franklin, C. Connolly Scott Bourdeaux Fulcher Cooper Bowman Correa Gaetz Boyle, Brendan Gallagher Costa Courtney Gallego Craig Garamendi Crawford Garbarino Brown (MD) Crenshaw Garcia (CA) Brown (OH)  $\operatorname{Crist}$ García (IL) Brownley Crow Garcia (TX) Buchanan Cuellar Gibbs Curt isGimenez Davids (KS) Bucshon Gohmert Burchett Davidson Golden Davis, Danny K. Gomez Gonzales, Tony Davis, Rodney Gonzalez (OH) Dean Gonzalez, Vicente Butterfield DeFazio

DeGette

Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Green (TN) Green, Al (TX) Griffith Grijalva Grothman Guest Guthrie Harder (CA) Harris Harshbarger Hartzler Haves Hern Herrell Herrera Beutler Hice (GA) Higgins (LA) Higgins (NY) Hill Himes Hinson Hollingsworth Horsford Houlahan Hover Hudson Huffman Huizenga Issa. Jackson Jackson Lee Jacobs (CA) Jacobs (NY) Jayapal Jeffries Johnson (GA) Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Johnson (SD) Johnson (TX) Jones Jordan Joyce (OH) Joyce (PA) Kahele Kaptur Katko Keating Keller Kelly (IL) Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Khanna Kildee Kilmer Kim (CA) Kim (NJ) Kind Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Kuster Kustoff LaHood LaMalfa Lamb Lamborn Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Latta LaTurner Lawrence Lawson (FL) Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Leger Fernandez Lesko Letlow Levin (CA) Levin (MI) Lieu Lofgren Long Loudermilk

Luetkemever Luria Lynch Mace Malinowski Malliotakis Maloney, Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean Mann Manning Mast Matsui McBath McCarthy McCaul McClain McClintock McCollum McEachin McGovern McHenry McNerney Meeks Meijer Meng Meuser Mfume Miller (IL) Miller (WV) Miller-Meeks Moolenaar Mooney Moore (AL) Moore (UT) Moore (WI) Morelle Moulton Mrvan Mullin Murphy (FL) Murphy (NC) Nadler Napolitano Neal Neguse Nehls Newhouse Newman Norcross Norman O'Halleran Obernolte Ocasio-Cortez Omar Owens Palazzo Pallone Palmer. Panetta Pappas Payne Pence Perlmutter Perrv Peters Pfluger Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Posev Pressley Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rose Rosendale Ross Rouzei Rov Roybal-Allard Ruiz

Ruppersberger Rush Rutherford Ryan Salazar Sánchez Sarbanes Scalise Scanlon Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Schrier Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sessions Sewell Sherman Sherrill Simpson Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spartz Stansbury Stanton Stauber Steel Stefanik Steil Steube Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tennev Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duvne Vargas Veasev Velázquez Wagner Walberg Walorski Waltz Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Wexton Wild Williams (GA) Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack

NAYS-2

Yarmuth

Zeldin

Greene (GA) Massie

Raskin

Ross

Ruiz

Rush

Ryan

Salazar

Schiff

Schrier

Sewell

Sires

Soto

Spanberger

Stansbury

Stanton

Stauber

Stevens

Swalwell

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Takano

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

Trahan

Trone

Turner

Upton

Vargas

Veasey

Waltz

Waters

Welch

Wenstrup

Wexton

Wild

Velázquez

Wasserman

Schultz

Watson Coleman

Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)

Yarmuth

Valadao

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Underwood

Suozzi

Slotkin

Kilmer

Kuster

Lamb

Langevin

Lawrence

Lee (CA)

Lee (NV)

Levin (CA)

Levin (MI)

Lowenthal

Malinowski

Maloney, Carolyn B.

Manning

Matsui

McBath

McCollum

McEachin

McGovern

McHenry

McNerney

Meeks

Meijer

Mfume

Morelle

Moulton

Mrvan

Nadler

Neal

Neguse

Newhouse

Newman

Norcross

Omar

Pallone

Panetta

Pappas

Peters

Phillins

Pingree

Pocan

Porter

Presslev

Quigley

Clyde

Price (NC)

NAYS-156

Pascrell

Payne Perlmutter

O'Halleran

Ocasio-Cortez

Miller (WV)

Mooney Moore (WI)

Murphy (FL)

Napolitano

Meng

Maloney, Sean

Lieu

Luria

Lvnch

Lofgren

Larsen (WA)

Lawson (FL)

Leger Fernandez

Larson (CT)

Kind

Kim (NJ)

Kirknatrick

Krishnamoorthi

#### NOT VOTING-9

Bera Budd Doyle, Michael Fallon Kinzinger Pascrell

Speier Strickland

Rovbal-Allard

(TX))

Scott, David

(Jeffries)

Sires (Pallone)

Suozzi (Beyer)

(Fitzgerald)

(Jeffries)

Tiffany

Trone

Walorski

(Wagner)

Wilson (FL)

(Neguse)

Wilson (SC)

(Timmons)

(Underwood)

#### □ 1756

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei (Balderson) Blumenauer (Beyer) Bourdeaux (Wexton) Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) (Kuster) Carter (LA) (Jeffries) Castro (TX) (Garcia (TX)) Cawthorn (Moore (AL)) Correa (Costa) Cuellar (Garcia (TX)) Curtis (Moore (UT)) Delgado (Neguse) DeSaulnier (Beyer) Evans (Jeffries)

Gallego (Gomez) Johnson (TX) (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt Rochester) Kirkpatrick (Pallone) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin (Lynch) Lawson (FL) (Wasserman Schultz) Lowenthal

(Beyer) Luetkemever (Meuser) Mfume (Connolly) Moore (WI) Ocasio-Cortez (Bowman) Payne (Pallone) Porter (Wexton)

Davids (KS) Davis, Danny K. Davis, Rodney Dean DeFazio DeGette DeLauro DelBene Delgado Demings DeSaulnier Deutch Diaz-Balart Dingell Doggett Donalds Price (NC) (Ross) Dunn Escobar Eshoo Espaillat Scanlon (Garcia Evans Fitzpatrick Fletcher Foster Frankel, Lois Stauber (Bacon) Gallego Stewart (Owens) Garamendi Garcia (CA) Thompson (MS) García (IL) Garcia (TX) Gimenez Golden Gomez (Ruppersberger) Gonzalez (OH) Gonzalez. Vicente Gottheimer Green, A1 (TX) Griffith Grijalva Harder (CA) Hayes Herrera Beutler Higgins (NY) Horsford Houlahan

Hoyer

Hudson

Huffman

Jayapal

Jeffries

Jones

Kahele

Kaptur

Katko

Keating

Khanna

Kildee

Allen

Amodei

Kelly (IL)

Jackson Lee

Jacobs (CA)

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (LA)

Johnson (TX)

Joyce (OH)

Crenshaw

Crist

Crow

Cuellar

## TARGETING RESOURCES TO COM-MUNITIES IN NEED ACT OF 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6531) to provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Con-NOLLY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 262, nays 156, not voting 10, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 163]

#### YEAS-262

Castor (FL)

Adams Aderholt Aguilar Allred Auchincloss Axne Bacon Barr Barragán Bass Beatty Beyer Bishop (GA) Blumenauer Blunt Rochester Bonamici Bost Bourdeaux Bowman

Boyle, Brendan Castro (TX) Chabot Brown (MD) Cheney Brown (OH) Cherfilus McCormick Brownley Buchanan Chu Bush Cicilline Bustos Clark (MA) Butterfield Clarke (NY) Cleaver Clyburn Calvert Carbajal Cárdenas Cohen Carl Cole Carson Comer Carter (GA) Connolly Carter (LA) Cooper Cartwright Correa Costa Casten Courtney

Craig

Armstrong Arrington Babin Baird Balderson Banks Bentz Bergman Bice (OK) Biggs Bilirakis Bishop (NC) Boebert Brady Brooks Buck Bucshon Burchett Burgess Cammack Carey Carter (TX) Cawthorn

Cline

Cloud

Crawford Curtis Davidson DesJarlais Duncan Ellzev Emmer Estes Feenstra Ferguson Fischbach Fitzgerald Fleischmann Foxx Franklin, C. Scott Fulcher Gaetz Gallagher Garbarino Gibbs Gohmert Gonzales, Tony Good (VA) Gooden (TX)

Gosar

Granger Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Green (TN) Greene (GA) Grothman Guest Guthrie Harris Harshbarger Hartzler Hern Herrell Hice (GA) Higgins (LA) Hinson Hollingsworth Huizenga Issa Jackson Jacobs (NY) Johnson (OH) Johnson (SD) Jordan

Joyce (PA)

Keller

Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Reschenthaler Rice (SC) Kim (CA) Rodgers (WA) Kustoff LaHood Rogers (AL) LaMalfa Rogers (KY) Lamborn Latta Roybal-Allard LaTurner Lesko Ruppersberger Letlow Long Loudermilk Lucas Sánchez Luetkemever Sarbanes Malliotakis Scanlon Mann Schakowsky Massie Mast Schneider McCarthy Schrader McCaul McClain Scott (VA) McClintock Scott, David Menser Miller (IL) Sherman Miller-Meeks Sherrill Simpson Bera Budd Smith (MO) Smith (WA)

Moore (AL) Moore (UT) Mullin Murphy (NC) Norman Obernolte Owens Palazzo Palmer Pence Perry Pfluger Posey Rose Rosendale Rouzei Roy Rutherford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin Sessions Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smucker Fallon

Moolenaar

Spartz Steel Stefanik Steil Steube Stewart Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Tiffany Timmons Van Drew Van Duyne Wagner Walberg Walorski Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Westerman Williams (TX) Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Zeldin

#### NOT VOTING-10

Dovle, Michael

Rice (NY) Kinzinger Speier McKinley Strickland

#### □ 1809

Messrs. DUNCAN, JOHNSON of Ohio, ELLZEY, LAHOOD, WILSON of South Carolina, and FEENSTRA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay.

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Gallego (Gomez) Amodei Johnson (TX) (Balderson) Blumenauer (Jeffries) Kelly (IL) (Blunt (Beyer) Bourdeaux Rochester) (Wexton) Kirkpatrick Brown (MD) (Ruppersberger) Lamb (Pallone) Langevin Brownley (Kuster) (Lynch) Carter (LA) Lawson (FL) (Jeffries) (Wasserman Castro (TX) Schultz) (Garcia (TX)) Lowenthal (Beyer) Cawthorn (Moore Luetkemeyer (AL)) Correa (Costa) (Meuser) Cuellar (Garcia Mfume (TX)) (Connolly) Curtis (Moore Moore (WI (UT)) (Beyer) Delgado (Neguse) Ocasio-Cortez (Bowman) DeSaulnier

(Beyer)

Evans (Jeffries)

Price (NC) (Ross) Roybal-Allard (Underwood) Scanlon (Garcia (TX)) Scott, David (Jeffries) Sires (Pallone) Stauber (Bacon) Stewart (Owens) Suozzi (Beyer) Thompson (MS) (Jeffries) Tiffany (Fitzgerald) Trone (Ruppersberger) Walorski (Wagner) Wilson (FL) (Neguse)

Wilson (SC)

(Timmons)

#### VANESSA GUILLÉN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Payne (Pallone)

Porter (Wexton)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 224) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building" on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 19, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 1641

Issa.

Jackson

Jayapal

Jeffries

Jones

Jordan

Kahele

Kaptur

Katko

Keating

Keller Kelly (IL)

Kelly (MS)

Kelly (PA)

Khanna

Kildee

Kilmer

Kind

Kuster

Kustoff

LaHood

LaMalfa

Lamborn

Langevin

LaTurner

Lawrence

Lee (CA) Lee (NV)

Lesko

Letlow

Lofgren

Long

Lucas

Luria

Lvnch

Mace

Mann

Massie

Matsui

McBath

McCaul

McClain

McClintock

McCollum

McEachin

McGovern

McHenry

Meeks

Meijer

Meng

Meuser

Mfume

Miller (IL)

Moolenaar

Mooney Moore (AL)

Miller (WV) Miller-Meeks

Horsford

Houlahan

Huffman

Huizenga

Hoyer Hudson McNerney

McCarthy

Mast

Manning

Levin (CA)

Levin (MI)

Lowenthal

Luetkemeyer

Malinowski

Malliotakis

Maloney, Carolyn B.

Malonev. Sean

Lawson (FL)

Leger Fernandez

Larson (CT)

Lamb

Latta

Kim (CA)

Kim (NJ)

Kirkpatrick

Krishnamoorthi

Joyce (OH) Joyce (PA)

Jackson Lee

Jacobs (CA)

Jacobs (NY)

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (LA)

Johnson (OH)

Johnson (SD)

Johnson (TX)

YEAS-408Curtis Adams Aderholt Davids (KS) Davidson Aguilar Davis, Danny K. Allen Allred Davis, Rodney Amodei DeFazio Armstrong DeGette Arrington DeLauro Auchincloss Axne DelBene Babin Delgado Bacon Demings DeSaulnier Baird Balderson DesJarlais Deutch Diaz-Balart Banks Barr Barragán Dingell Bass Beatty Doggett Donalds Duncan Bergman Dunn Beyer Ellzey Bice (OK) Emmer Biggs Bilirakis Escobar Eshoo Bishop (GA) Espaillat Bishop (NC) Estes Blumenauer Evans Blunt Rochester Feenstra Boebert. Ferguson Bonamici Fischbach Fitzgerald Bost Bourdeaux Fitzpatrick Bowman Fleischmann Boyle, Brendan Fletcher F. Foster Brady Foxx Brooks Frankel, Lois Brown (MD) Franklin, C. Brown (OH) Scott Fulcher Brownley Gallagher Buchanan Buck Gallego Garamendi Bucshon Burchett Garbarino Burgess Garcia (CA) Bush García (IL) Garcia (TX) Bustos Butterfield Gibbs Calvert Gimenez Cammack Gohmert Carbajal Golden Cárdenas Gomez Gonzales, Tony Carey Gonzalez (OH) Carl Carson Good (VA) Carter (GA) Gooden (TX) Gosar Gottheimer Carter (LA) Carter (TX) Cartwright Granger Case Graves (LA) Casten Graves (MO) Castor (FL) Green (TN) Castro (TX) Green, A1 (TX) Cawthorn Greene (GA) Chabot Griffith Cherfilus-Grijalya McCormick Grothman Chu Guest Cicilline Guthrie Clark (MA) Harder (CA) Clarke (NY) Harris Cleaver Harshbarger Hartzler Cline Cloud Hayes Clyburn Hern Herrell Clyde Cohen Herrera Beutler Hice (GA) Cole Higgins (LA) Comer Connolly Higgins (NY) Cooper Hill Correa Himes Costa Hinson Hollingsworth Courtney

Craig

Crist

Crow

Cuellar

Crawford

Crenshaw

Moore (UT) Ross Moore (WI) Rouzer Morelle Moulton Ruiz Mrvan Mullin Rush Murphy (NC) Nadler Ryan Napolitano Salazar Nea1 Neguse Newhouse Scalise Scanlon Newman Norcross Norman Schiff O'Halleran Obernolte Omar Schrier Owens Palazzo Pallone Palmer Panetta Pappas Sewell. Pascrell Payne Pence Perlmutter Sires Perry Peters Pfluger Phillips Pingree Pocan Porter Soto Posev Pressley Spartz Price (NC) Stanton Quigley Raskin Reschenthaler Stee1 Rice (SC) Rodgers (WA)

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rosendale

Swalwell Takano Roybal-Allard Taylor Tennev Ruppersberger Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Rutherford Tiffany Timmons Titus Sánchez Tlaib Sarbanes Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Schakowsky Trahan Trone Schneider Turner Schrader Underwood Upton Schweikert Valadao Scott (VA) Van Drew Scott, Austin Van Duyne Scott, David Vargas Sessions Veasev Velázquez Sherman Wagner Sherrill Walberg Simpson Walorski Waltz Slotkin Smith (MO) Wasserman Schultz Smith (NE) Waters Smith (NJ) Watson Coleman Smith (WA) Weber (TX) Smucker Webster (FL) Welch Spanberger Wenstrup Westerman Stansbury Wexton Stauber Wild Williams (GA) Stefanik Williams (TX) Wilson (FL) Steil Steube Wilson (SC) Wittman Stevens

# ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

Womack

Zeldin

## Roy

Stewart

Suozzi

#### NOT VOTING-19

Bera	Gonzalez,	Nehls
Budd	Vicente	Ocasio-Cortez
Cheney	Kinzinger	Rice (NY)
Doyle, Michael	Larsen (WA)	Speier
F.	Loudermilk	Strickland
Fallon	McKinley	Thompson (PA)
Gaetz	Murphy (FL)	Yarmuth

## □ 1819

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Amodei	Evans (Jeffries)	$Price\ (NC)\ (Ross)$
(Balderson)	Gallego (Gomez)	Roybal-Allard
Blumenauer	Johnson (TX)	(Underwood)
(Beyer)	(Jeffries)	Scanlon (Garcia
Bourdeaux	Kelly (IL) (Blunt	(TX))
(Wexton)	Rochester)	Scott, David
Brown (MD)	Kirkpatrick	(Jeffries)
(Ruppersberger)	(Pallone)	Sires (Pallone)
Brownley	Lamb (Pallone)	Stauber (Bacon)
(Kuster)	Langevin	Stewart (Owens)
Carter (LA)	(Lynch)	Suozzi (Beyer)
(Jeffries)	Lawson (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Castro (TX)	(Wasserman	
(Garcia (TX))	Schultz)	(Jeffries)
Cawthorn (Moore	Lowenthal	Tiffany
(AL))	(Beyer)	(Fitzgerald)
Correa (Costa)	Luetkemeyer	Trone
Cuellar (Garcia	(Meuser)	(Ruppersberger)
(TX))	Mfume	Walorski
Curtis (Moore	(Connolly)	(Wagner)
(UT))	Moore (WI)	Wilson (FL)
Delgado (Neguse)	(Beyer)	(Neguse)
DeSaulnier	Payne (Pallone)	Wilson (SC)
(Beyer)	Porter (Wexton)	(Timmons)

#### LAWRENCE M. 'LARRY' WALSH SR. POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 700) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 380, nays 26, answered "present" 1, not voting 21, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 165] YEAS-380

Adams Clark (MA) Gomez Aderholt Clarke (NY) Gonzales, Tony Aguilar Cleaver Gonzalez (OH) Allen Cline Good (VA) Allred Clyburn Gottheimer Amodei Clyde Granger Graves (LA) Armstrong Cohen Arrington Cole Graves (MO) Auchincloss Comer Green (TN) Green, Al (TX) Axne Connolly Babin Cooper Griffith Bacon Correa Grijalva Baird Costa Guest Balderson Courtney Guthrie Harder (CA) Banks Craig Crawford Harshbarger Barr Barragán Crenshaw Hartzler Bass Crist Hayes Hern Beatty Crow Bentz Cuellar Herrell Bergman Curtis Herrera Beutler Beyer Bice (OK) Davids (KS) Hice (GA) Higgins (NY) Davidson Bilirakis Davis, Danny K. Hill Bishop (GA) Davis, Rodney Himes Blumenauer Dean Hinson DeFazio Blunt Rochester Hollingsworth Bonamici DeGette Houlahan Bost DelBene Hover Bourdeaux Hudson Delgado Bowman Demings Huffman Boyle, Brendan DeSaulnier Huizenga DesJarlais Issa Brady Deutch Jackson Brown (MD) Diaz-Balart Jackson Lee Brown (OH) Dingell Jacobs (CA) Brownley Doggett Jacobs (NY) Buchanan Duncan Jayapal Buck Dunn Johnson (GA) Bucshon Ellzev Burchett Johnson (LA) Escobar Eshoo Espaillat Burgess Johnson (OH) Bush Johnson (SD) Bustos Johnson (TX) Estes Butterfield Evans Jones Calvert Feenstra Jordan Carbajal Joyce (OH) Ferguson Cárdenas Fischbach Kahele Fitzpatrick Carev Kaptur Fleischmann Katko Carl Carson Fletcher Keating Carter (GA) Foster Keller Kelly (IL) Carter (LA) Foxx Carter (TX) Frankel, Lois Kelly (MS) Cartwright Kelly (PA) Fulcher Gallagher Case Khanna Gallego Garamendi Casten Kildee Castor (FL) Kilmer Castro (TX) Garbarino Kim (CA) Cawthorn Garcia (CA) Kim (NJ) Chabot García (IL) Kind

Garcia (TX)

Gimenez

Gohmert

Golden

Kirkpatrick

Kuster

Kustoff

Krishnamoorthi

Cherfilus-

Cicilline

Chu

McCormick

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LaHood	Neal
LaMalfa	Neguse
Lamb	Newhouse
Lamborn	Newman
Langevin	Norcross
Larson (CT)	O'Halleran
Latta	Obernolte
LaTurner	Ocasio-Cortez
Lawrence	Omar
Lawson (FL)	Owens
Lee (CA)	Palazzo
Lee (NV)	Pallone
Leger Fernandez	Palmer
Lesko	Panetta
Letlow	Pappas
Levin (CA)	Pascrell
Levin (MI)	Payne
Lieu	Pence
Lofgren	Perlmutter
Loudermilk	Perry
Lowenthal	Peters
Lucas	Pfluger
Luetkemeyer	Phillips
Luria	Pingree
Lynch	Pocan
Mace	Porter
Malinowski	Posey
Maloney,	Pressley
Carolyn B.	Price (NC)
Maloney, Sean	Quigley
Mann	Raskin
Manning	Reschenthaler
Matsui	Rice (SC)
McBath	Rodgers (WA)
McCarthy	Rogers (AL)
McCaul	Rogers (KY)
McClain	Rose
McClintock	Rosendale
McCollum	Ross
McEachin	Rouzer
McGovern	Roybal-Allard
McHenry	Ruiz
McNerney	Ruppersberger
Meeks	Rush
Meijer	Rutherford
Meng	Ryan
Meuser	Salazar
Mfume	Sanchez
Miller (IL)	Sarbanes
Miller (WV)	Scalise
Miller-Meeks	Scanlon
Moolenaar	Schakowsky
Mooney	Schiff
Moore (AL)	Schneider
Moore (UT) Moore (WI)	Schrader
	Schrier
Morelle	Schweikert
Moulton	Scott (VA)
Mryan	Scott Austin

Mrvan

Mullin

Nadler

Murphy (NC)

Napolitano

Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smucker Soto Spartz Stanton Stauber Stefanik Steil Stevens Stewart Suozzi Swalwell Takano Taylor Tenney

Smith (WA) Spanberger Stansbury Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tiffany Timmons Titus Tlaib Tonko Torres (CA) Torres (NY) Trahan Trone Turner Underwood Upton Valadao Van Drew Van Duyne Vargas Veasev Velázquez Wagner Walberg

Walorski

Waters

Wasserman

Schultz

Weber (TX)

Wenstrup

Wexton

Wild

Westerman

Webster (FL)

Williams (GA)

Williams (TX)

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Zeldin

Watson Coleman

#### NAYS-26

Franklin, C. Biggs Horsford Joyce (PA) Bishop (NC) Scott Gibbs Boebert. Long Malliotakis Brooks Gooden (TX) Cammack Gosar Massie Greene (GA) Cloud Mast Donalds Grothman Norman Emmer Higgins (LA) Fitzgerald Steube

Scott, Austin

Scott, David

Sewell.

Sherman

Sherrill

#### ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

#### NOT VOTING-21

Gonzalez, Bera Simpson Vicente Budd Speier Cheney Kinzinger Strickland DeLauro Larsen (WA) Thompson (PA) McKinley Doyle, Michael Waltz Murphy (FL) Welch Fallon Yarmuth Rice (NY) Gaetz

## □ 1828

Mr. LONG changed his vote from "yea" to "nay.

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Evans (Jeffries)

Ms. DELAURO, Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 165.

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

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#### MARINE CORPS RESERVE PVT JACOB CRUZ POST OFFICE

Porter (Wexton)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5900) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 1, answered "present" 1, not voting 25, as follows:

#### [Roll No. 166] YEAS-401

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Jackson Lee Courtney Jacobs (CA) Craig Jacobs (NY) Crawford Javanal Crenshaw Jeffries Crist Johnson (GA) Crow Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Cuellar Curtis Johnson (SD) Davids (KS) Johnson (TX) Davidson Jones Davis, Danny K. Jordan Joyce (OH) Davis, Rodney Joyce (PA) Dean DeFazio Kahele DeGette Kaptur DeLauro DelBene Keating Delgado Keller Demings Kelly (IL) DeSaulnier Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) DesJarlais Deutch Khanna Diaz-Balart Kildee Dingell Kilmer Donalds Kim (CA) Duncan Kim (NJ) Dunn Kind Ellzey Kirkpatrick Krishnamoorthi Emmer Escobar Kuster Eshoo Kustoff Espaillat LaHood Estes LaMalfa Evans Lamb Lamborn Feenstra Ferguson Langevin Fischbach Larson (CT) Fitzgerald Latta Fitzpatrick LaTurner Fleischmann Lawrence Lawson (FL) Fletcher Foster Lee (CA) Foxx Lee (NV) Frankel, Lois Leger Fernandez Franklin, C. Lesko Scott Letlow Fulcher Levin (CA) Gallagher Levin (MI) Gallego Lieu Garamendi Lofgren Garbarino Long Loudermilk Garcia (CA) García (IL) Lowenthal Garcia (TX) Lucas Luetkemeyer Gibbs Gimenez Luria Gohmert Lynch Golden Mace Malinowski Gomez Gonzales, Tony Malliotakis Maloney, Sean Gonzalez (OH) Good (VA) Mann Gooden (TX) Manning Gosar Massie Gottheimer Mast Granger Matsui Graves (LA) McBath Graves (MO) McCarthy Green (TN) McCaul Green, Al (TX) McClain Greene (GA) McClintock Griffith McCollum McEachin Grijalva Grothman McGovern Guest McHenry Guthrie McNerney Harder (CA) Meeks Harris Meijer Harshbarger Meng Hartzler Menser Mfume Hayes Miller (IL) Hern Herrell Miller (WV) Herrera Beutler Miller-Meeks Hice (GA) Moolenaar Higgins (LA) Mooney Moore (AL) Higgins (NY) Hill Moore (UT Himes Moore (WI) Hinson Morelle Hollingsworth Moulton Houlahan Mrvan Hoyer Mullin Hudson Murphy (NC) Huffman Nadler

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### VETERANS OF IRAQ AND AFGHAN-ISTAN MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6386) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 23, as

#### [Roll No. 167]

#### YEAS-404

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## Thompson (MS) ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

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#### NOT VOTING-23

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 166 and "yea" on rollcall No. 167.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes because I was traveling as part of the official Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of the President of the Republic of Korea.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, YEA on Roll Call No. 147, NAY on Roll Call No. 148, YEA on Roll Call No. 149, YEA on Roll Call No. 150, YEA on Roll Call No. 151, YEA on Roll Call No. 152, YEA on Roll Call No. 153, YEA on Roll Call No. 154, YEA on Roll Call No. 155, YEA on Roll Call No. 156, YEA on Roll Call No. 157, YEA on Roll Call No. 158, YEA on Roll Call No. 159, YEA on Roll Call No. 160, YEA on Roll Call No. 161, YEA on Roll Call No. 162, YEA on Roll Call No. 163, YEA on Roll Call No. 164, YEA on Roll Call No. 165, YEA on Roll Call No. 166, and YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

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# ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 1104

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mrs. Letlow.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE LUKE O'GARA

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

Mr. CÁRDÉNAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mike Luke O'Gara, one of the most active community leaders and tireless advocates of the Sun Valley neighborhood.

Mike was born in New York and served in the U.S. Navy. Afterward, he worked as a prop master for the Ice Capades. It was then that he met an amazing figure skater and the love of his life, his wife, Barbara Olsen.

They then moved to Sun Valley, where Mike worked his way up to becoming a producer for "Entertainment Tonight."

After retirement, he became one of the founders of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and served there for over 20 years. He championed things like safe landfills and transfer stations. He even worked with our office to help hundreds of people begin the process to become American citizens. But his true legacy was the countless community members he empowered.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara; three sons, Michael, Sean, and Matt; and his grandchildren, Michael, Liam, and Katie.

For this and so much more, I honor the life of Mike Luke O'Gara.

# RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor police officers from southwest Washington and across this Nation.

As we recognize National Police Week, we extend our profound gratitude to the men and women in blue who work every single day to keep us safe.

I am proud to represent my home of southwest Washington, which, in my view, boasts some of the finest police officers in the Nation. Over the years, I have come to know many of them personally.

These brave officers have stood strong in the face of physical danger, as well as harmful political trends. I am referring to the dangerous calls to defund police. I am also talking about misguided laws that make it more difficult for them to do their jobs, which is, unfortunately, becoming a common occurrence in Washington. Yet, our officers in southwest Washington remain resilient and continue to answer the call to protect our citizens.

To our southwest Washington police officers, please know that we will always support you. We appreciate your ability to keep our communities safe. We humbly thank you for your service.

# NATIONAL BABY FORMULA SHORTAGE

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, as the father of two young boys, I am horrified by the shortage of baby formula that is quickly becoming a crisis all across this country.

I represent a mother from Gallatin, Tennessee, with an 8-month-old little girl who can tolerate only hypoallergenic baby formula. Recently, the mother had to go to six different stores and then call multiple others as far away as 3 hours to search for hypoallergenic formula for her baby.

Unfortunately, President Biden has no answers for new mothers and fathers struggling to find baby formula. I guess we will have to now add the critical shortage of baby formula to the long list of other crises our President has caused but, apparently, can do nothing to resolve, such as runaway, devastating inflation; massive Federal debt; unacceptably high gas prices; a skyrocketing crime rate; and an open border that allows millions of illegal

immigrants and tons of deadly fentanyl into our country.

Madam Speaker, the President must simply do better.

# RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BILL CATHCART

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bill Cathcart and his tremendous impact on the Savannah, Georgia, community.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Bill went on to receive a master's and Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Bill spent 24 years as WTOC's vice president and general manager. He has been instrumental in the Savannah community, serving on Georgia's First Congressional Service Academy Board, as a past board chairman of Pooler's National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force, and as a longtime member of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bill is the Honorary Wing Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, as well as several other honorary member statuses in Savannah's military community.

In 2013, he was selected by the Department of the Army to become the first Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Coastal Georgia.

Thank you, Bill, for all you have done to serve our community.

# RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, while we are grateful that the defund the police narrative seems to be fading for now, the damage to the perception of law enforcement will take years to correct.

In 2021, law enforcement retirements were up nearly 50 percent; resignations were up 18 percent; and nationwide, departments are short 7 percent of budgeted positions right now.

These staffing shortages have dire consequences. Many cities in 2021 recorded record homicides.

Madam Speaker, this week is National Police Week. During National Police Week, it is so important that we celebrate our law enforcement heroes and highlight their importance to all of our communities.

Those who wear that badge deserve the respect and support of every Member of this Congress. We should show it every week, not just this week. I hope that we will. POSSIBILITY OF OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. Brown of Ohio). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. Johnson) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. 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 subject of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, the left has officially gone off the deep end, invading church services, going to the homes of judges, throwing Molotov cocktails into office buildings.

What has them all riled up? What has predicated the nationwide spate of violence, trespassing, threats, and other intimidating tactics?

Are they protesting skyrocketing inflation, the price of gasoline for their cars, empty store shelves making it hard for American mothers to feed their babies?

No, Madam Speaker, they are not. Here is what has the left all riled up. Last week, we learned of a draft Supreme Court opinion indicating that the Court may be prepared to finally, finally, overturn Roe v. Wade. That is right. Of all the very real problems in our country that could have sent them over the edge, this is the one that has them animated in the streets and causing chaos everywhere.

It turns out that the possibility that individual States may again be allowed to restrain the killing of unborn children is, of course, what has sent the left into a tailspin.

On our side, Madam Speaker, we understand the grave nature of the Supreme Court leak, and we pray that the Justices will remain resolute in their convictions in this pressure campaign.

But make no mistake, it bears noting that what spurs our Democrat friends into furious action is not record inflation, not soaring illegal immigration, not empty store shelves, not Americans just trying to make ends meet, but abortion.

Just this afternoon, our House Democrat colleagues made time to march over to the Senate to rally support for their bill allowing for abortion on demand until the moment of birth. If they think abortion on demand through all 9 months of pregnancy is the key to rallying the American people back to their side, I am afraid they are in for a rude awakening.

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I am grateful to my many colleagues for joining us tonight to discuss the myriad crises facing our country that are taking a backseat to the Democrats' abortion agenda. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN), my good friend.

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, thanks to my good friend, MIKE JOHNSON from Louisiana, for this Special Order and how important it is.

While we face countless crises, all of which are getting worse by the day, it is not hard to stand up here and soundly condemn and criticize President Biden and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for the atrocious job that they are doing managing the United States of America.

Tonight, I am going to focus on one particular issue that literally is life or death for millions of future Americans. In the coming weeks, the Supreme Court of the United States will rule in the Dobbs v. Jackson case on whether Mississippi and other States like them can prohibit the murder of an unborn baby after 15 weeks.

Thanks to modern science, we can now see that at 15 weeks, the humanity of an unborn child is completely and absolutely undeniable. At 15 weeks, babies can suck their thumbs and have fully formed noses, eyes, and eyebrows, and most of all they can feel pain.

Make no mistake, we have reached a pivotal moment in our relentless fight for life—the lives of the innocent, the most innocent among us.

The Democrats have embraced an anti-life agenda so radical that they are actually supporting now infanticide—even though 71 percent of Americans support protections for our unborn. Think about that.

Americans across the country are eagerly supporting babies, mothers, and families. In 2019 alone, more than 2,700 pregnant centers provided more than 1.85 million mothers in the United States with free maternal services. But, par for the course, the party of science continues to ignore the science completely.

Last week's leak from inside the Supreme Court was a blatant attempt to obstruct deliberations and to intimidate Justices. Standing outside and intimidating Justices on the Supreme Court is illegal.

It was appalling and dangerous, and I hope that the investigation into this breach of trust holds those responsible accountable for their actions to the very fullest extent of the law.

That being said, the ongoing protests by pro-abortion activists outside the private homes of our Supreme Court Justices, again, folks, is outright illegal. I am calling on Attorney General Merrick Garland to do his job and act immediately to enforce the rule of law.

If the leaked Dobbs decision stands, the most innocent among us will finally have their voices heard. Half a century of error will then be corrected and millions of lives will be saved. No matter the outcome of this momentous case, I will never ever stop fighting for the unborn.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the doctor for his

conviction and consistency that he has always displayed, we appreciate that so much.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, now that we are back in Congress this week, I think it is time for all of us to share a little bit of what we learned when we were back in our districts. Given that my district has more manufacturing jobs than any other district in the country, I, of course, spent some time touring my manufacturing facilities and seeing what is going to become the cost of American goods in the immediate future.

There are some people who are claiming that this inflation is only something that arose out of recent developments—out of what happened in the Ukraine. That is not at all true.

As we look here to my right, we see a graph that around the time of the American Rescue Plan—maybe the most irresponsible piece of legislation that has ever passed this House—we began to have M2, a measure of the money supply go up about 35 or 37 percent compared to the prior year.

In the last big inflation in the 1970s, it would go up 8 or 9 percent over the prior year. Now we are at around 37 percent. Look at this. That was before the preposterously big spending, bipartisan infrastructure bill was passed.

When you have that great of an increase in the money supply—in other words, when the Federal Reserve has to print that much money in a short period of time, what do you think will happen? Any middle-schooler could have told you when that American Rescue Plan passed that you were going to have hyperinflation, and that is exactly what you are getting.

When I tour my manufacturers again and again and again, I find the cost of metals and the cost of the materials that are going to go into the final price in a few months going up 300, 400, 500 percent. I am very afraid of what is going to happen in the future to our economy with such hyperinflation.

I will point out, compared to a very large and controversial bill that we passed last night with regard to the Ukraine crisis, that bill was about 2 percent of the spending of the massive American Rescue Plan and a small fraction of the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

I only hope that this body from here on out, beginning with the budget that is going to pass for the calendar year beginning October 1, finally stands up to President Biden, finally stands up to the more extremists in the majority party, and finally says "no" to this spending, or we threaten to permanently ruin the American economy with all this money the Federal Reserve has to print to assuage the huge amount of spending that some Members of this body want to undergo.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. GROTHMAN. They have an insatiable appetite for spending.

Did you know the American people are just as upset as we are?

A CNN poll just came out and only 23 percent of Americans rate our economy as somewhat good. That is a shocking decline of 14 points just since December. A Fox News poll says 67 percent of Americans disapprove of President Biden's economic job performance.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I hope we knock down that proposed budget for next year. How could anybody ask for so much more spending?

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCIA).

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, some matters go beyond simple coincidences. Some things are simply inexplicable and inexcusable.

The blizzard of crises our Nation has endured since January of 2021 cannot be attributed to a simple string of bad luck. The reality is that these were intentionally induced crises by our elected officials in the White House and in this body. What we have seen in the last year is an unprecedented frontal assault on middle-class Americans and their security. This is the leading edge of the dismantling of the fabric of our Nation that the far left has been asking for for years.

With a slow boil over the last year, our Nation has endured record high crime, record homicide rates, record high fentanyl deaths, record high illegal crossings across our borders, record debt, record high gas prices, interest rates have gone parabolic, affordability metrics are at all-time lows, the stock market is now in a straight line downward trend crushing our workers' retirement accounts, and our supply chain challenges persist.

Madam Speaker, these are just the man-made domestic challenges. On the world stage, our Nation is now no longer the sole and preeminent superpower. On the heels of the Afghanistan debacle, in the midst of a national security crisis where we have lost operational control of our southern border, and on the cusp of a recession and more war and conflicts with peer threats like Russia and China, many are looking at the so-called leaders in D.C. as the source of the problem, and with good reason.

We are now controlled by a single party who is flying us into the ground. We are in a nosedive. Any one of these crises alone can be fatal. But the confluence of these challenges poses a truly existential threat to our country, and we need this body and this President to do better.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to seek explanations. Over the course of the last years, I, along with many Americans have been scratching our heads, racking our brains as to why this administration is doing certain things.

Why does it choose to support those who want to defund the police? Why is this administration so accommodating to China and Iran? Why does it support mayors and district attorneys who give hope to the criminals rather than protecting the victims? Why choose to continue to spend recklessly without any regard for our children's future? Why does your party care more about the borders of other nations than our own? Why is this administration focused on our military adopting woke policies instead of being able to win a war?

While I agree with very little from this administration, I do agree with one statement the President made last August. August 15, just days before 13 Americans were killed in Afghanistan, our President said: I am President of the United States and the buck stops with me. Indeed, it stops with the President. We all end up paying for these mistakes, Madam Speaker.

We pay for our record debt, our record spending, our inability to look past petty politics, we pay for the accommodations to the far left progressive flanks of your own party, a party that no longer resembles the ideals inspired by President Kennedy.

A party that has been hijacked by BLM and special interests. Hijacked by fear rather than a devotion to our beautiful Constitution. Why does this administration continue to do the inexplicable and the inexcusable?

Madam Speaker, you and I sit on opposite sides of the political aisle, but like passengers on an airplane, when we fly through a storm that doesn't matter, we just want the pilot to be qualified and to get us through the storm. It doesn't matter if you are on the left side and I am on the right side of the aisle, we all just want to get to our destination safely.

For the first time in my life, I am worried that there is no one in the cockpit qualified to fly this aircraft. I know most Americans share this concern

I have spent my life defending this beautiful country. Since the age of 18, as a naval officer, I have been willing to give my life for this Nation. If I am willing to die for it, I am willing to work for it. If I am willing to work for it, I am willing to do what is right for it. In this mission, I will never stop. But I expect the same from you, Madam Speaker, and I expect the same from our President.

I can't understand why elected officials would choose to put our country in harm's way. It is only inexplicable and inexcusable. Ours is a Nation that deserves to be loved and not intentionally flown into the ground. She is a precious one, Madam Speaker, but she is not invincible.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the former top gun Navy pilot who did a great job describing our economy as in a nosedive. If only we had a former fire chief that could describe the five-alarm fire that is America right now—oh, we do—he also happens to be a former mayor of Miami

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ).

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, from the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine to the spikes of illegal immigration and illicit drugs flowing into our country, world events over the past few years have further underscored the importance of countries preserving their national borders.

When a State cannot control and secure its own border, it loses the ability to protect its people and strategic interests. In order for a State to survive, secure borders are paramount.

The current border policies under the Biden administration allows for millions of unvetted, undocumented individuals to freely flow across our southern border. They allow acts of war to be played out by the cartels and the narco-traffickers with hard, illicit, dangerous narcotics—such as fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, and co-caine—to permeate across the border and be transported to communities throughout the country where they are killing thousands of our fellow countrymen.

These failed border policies leave our children, our grandchildren, our citizens vulnerable. They leave our national security vulnerable. They are a total abdication of the President's duty as the leader of the United States, whose prime responsibility is—above all—to protect the American people.

Instead of handling this border crisis, President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas seem to be more interested in solving Mexico's immigration problems. As the majority of migrants apprehended at our southern border are coming from other countries, such as Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and frankly from all around the world, it makes absolutely no sense for asylum seekers to show up at our borders seeking refuge from their home countries.

Think about this logically. If a migrant is escaping their home country because of horrible living conditions or other factors, shouldn't they be seeking asylum at the Mexican border and waiting to go into Mexico? Which is exactly what they are doing. Instead, President Biden's weak and gutless policies gives Mexico a free ride by incentivizing them to pass their border security issues and responsibilities to the United States.

President Trump had it absolutely right. We must bring back the remain in Mexico policy and make sure Mexico is doing its part in keeping their borders safe. Customs and Border Protection has made clear what they need to secure our southern border, and by extension, protect the American people. We must move swiftly to finish constructing approximately 280 miles of the wall, and fortifying that barrier with bolstered technology, such as radar sensors, drones, and autonomous surveillance towers.

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By strengthening our barriers—both physical and technological—we would

be ensuring our law enforcement officials are equipped with the resources necessary to deter grave national security and public health threats created by unvetted, undocumented individuals crossing into our border, curb the proliferation of human trafficking along the southern border, and stem the flow of illicit drugs into our country that, again, are killing thousands—thousands—of our American citizens.

The time has come for the President's administration to take the crisis on our southern border as a serious national security threat, one that puts our families, our communities, and our country at incredible risk. No more hot air and useless speeches. It is time to get real on securing our border.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the chief for that clear message. He is right. We heard from former Border Patrol officials this morning, and they told us that for an absolute certainty we have lost operational control of the border. We really have no border security at all, and if you don't have border security, Madam Speaker, you don't have safety in your country, and, ultimately, you don't have sovereignty either.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding time tonight.

Madam Speaker, an unborn child is a human life. Abortion ends that human's life. As the father of two young sons and one who passed away in the womb, I know firsthand that all children's lives are very precious whether inside or outside the womb. Unfortunately, Members of the Democratic Party would rather ignore this fact and instead advocate for more access to abortions up until the moment of birth and even in some cases after the baby is born, when the attempted abortion failed to kill the baby before it was actually born.

Because of this kind of extremism, millions of children will never get to walk this Earth as their Creator intended. Their lives are being cut short by those who believe the ends justify the means.

Since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, those on the right side of history have worked tirelessly in State legislatures and in Congress to secure the right to life.

Now it seems that our Constitutional Republic is under attack and the fundamental respect for the law has gone by the wayside as a draft document tied to one of the most consequential cases in the history of the Supreme Court was leaked to the press.

It begs the question: If the Supreme Court can't keep a secret, who can?

I have no doubt that the bad actor who leaked this document violated the law. That is why I led more than 20 House Republican Members of Congress in calling on the Department of Justice and the FBI to open a criminal investigation. After nearly 30 years as an at-

torney, I have never seen a more radical and unethical action take place in the legal arena. The leaker intended to undermine the division of power in our government and influence the High Court's decision. They must be held criminally accountable to the full extent of the law.

It is inexcusable that the Supreme Court Justices are now facing protests at their homes that could easily turn violent.

And the reason for these nefarious protests?

For simply abiding by their oath to uphold the Constitution and interpret the law the way it was written.

I will remind folks that nowhere in the Constitution does it enumerate a right to an abortion. In fact, our own Declaration of Independence says something quite different:

We are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Yet proponents of abortion appear to be willing to do whatever it takes to have their way. Some are calling to burn down the Supreme Court and even the Justices' homes. Some Members of Congress wasted no time calling for the end of the filibuster and an expansion of the Supreme Court, something that President Biden even said as recently as 2019 would be "a very dangerous thing to do."

All in all, the leak is a reminder to the American people that Democrats have no desire to legislate under the parameters of our Constitution. If left to their own designs, they will stop at nothing until taxpayer funded on-demand abortions up until and even after birth are a permanent reality—a reality that most certainly will come at the cost of millions of irreversible tragedies and act as a stain on this great Nation until we right our wrongs and become a voice for the voiceless.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. My friend has spoken so well.

Madam Speaker, the sanctity of human life is something that we must stand for. Thankfully, it looks like the States and the people will be able to decide that issue again very soon.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Murphy)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, for the first time in this Nation's history, the United States has surpassed over 100,000 drug overdoses. In fact, the CDC just estimated that 107,000 Americans died. 2021 was a record year, in fact, a 15 percent increase over the year prior, disproportionately affecting African Americans and other minorities.

As a physician for more than 30 years, it is a tragedy to see President Biden's war on America that is fueling the opioid crisis that is killing Americans every day. Fentanyl is more than 100 times more potent than morphine, and in just a short period of time, fentanyl overdoses have become the leading cause of death for adults age 18 to 45.

Let us think about that for just a minute. The leading cause of death for these Americans is not COVID-19, not car accidents, not cancer, and not heart disease. It is illicit fentanyl coming across our southern border, a border that we no longer control.

Let us be clear: this is a national security threat. We do not have operational control of the United States-Mexico border. Biden's war on America has invaded every town in this country, and his policies are actively making it worse.

Madam Speaker, this is a real and definite dereliction of duty by the President of the United States of America. He could fix this deadly nightmare overnight by simply reinstituting President Trump's commonsense border policies. This is negligence—pure, unadulterated negligence. The American people are suffering and dying because of this President's willful negligence.

How could he possibly believe this is the right thing to do?

Madam Speaker, Joe Biden is ultimately responsible for the massive increase of these fentanyl-induced deaths across America. He has done this for political motivation, and he should not be taken seriously because of this. He is being willfully ignorant, or he simply does not care about the American people.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, Dr. Murphy is exactly right. The other tragedy is, of course, the cartels are making billions of dollars on all this flooding it into our country and killing innocent Americans.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BAIRD).

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Louisiana for holding this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand in support of our most important and fundamental right: the right to life. In the seventies then-Senator Biden said of Roe v. Wade: "I don't like the Supreme Court decision on abortion. I think it went too far."

A decade later he would sign a constitutional amendment that would allow States to overturn the Supreme Court ruling. Times have changed. Thanks to the advancements in science and our understanding that babies can feel pain at 15 weeks, we must support policies that advocate for and protect the most vulnerable among us.

I believe that life begins at conception, and I believe that life is a miracle that should be enjoyed, celebrated, and shielded.

I will close by saying this: When we know better, we do better. Now that we know better and know unborn babies can feel pain, it is time that we do better

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for that reminder of history.

President Biden was a whole lot more pro-life. Back in the seventies and eighties he opposed Roe v. Wade. He

said that it went too far. In 1982 he wanted a constitutional amendment—voted for it—for the States to overturn that Supreme Court ruling.

But do you know what he did this week, Madam Speaker?

He issued a brazen statement calling on Congress to codify Roe v. Wade. What a tragedy. What a tragedy.

Madam Speaker, I yield to gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Burchett).

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I thank Vice Chairman Johnson. I appreciate your stand on life. It is heartfelt, and I really do appreciate it.

I will address two points, Madam Speaker, about the U.S. Supreme Court's draft ruling that was intentionally leaked to the press: one, whoever leaked the decision—I feel they are pretty gutless—they need to be held accountable for violating the sanctity of our Nation's highest Court; two, the pro-abortion activists are lying about what overturning Roe v. Wade really means.

First, I believe this leak was an act of political intimidation by left-wing operatives, and now the Supreme Court Justices are being forced to deal with an angry mob over a draft decision that was supposed to be confidential. If you check the date on that leak, Madam Speaker, it was not a recent draft, so this is obviously well-planned.

I know Roe v. Wade is a controversial case that gets a lot of folks fired up. I feel strongly about it, too. I think it should be overturned. But leaking a confidential draft opinion is not the way the Supreme Court is supposed to operate. It is supposed to uphold our laws and our Constitution regardless of the political drama here in Congress and down the street at the White House. Dragging the Justices into the political chaos is unacceptable, Madam Speaker, which is why I wrote to the director of the FBI demanding he launch an investigation into the leak. We are yet to hear a response. I have been very disappointed in the FBI. This is another one of those instances where it is not so much my local folks, but here at the national level they continue to let us down.

To my second point, the pro-abortion activists are panicking and screaming that this decision would immediately eliminate abortions across the country. That is not remotely true, Madam Speaker. Overturning Roe v. Wade would not impose any kind of national abortion ban but would leave those decisions to State governments.

For some States that value the lives of unborn children, overturning Roe v. Wade would allow our lawmakers to better protect these sweet little babies. In my home State of Tennessee and in several other States, this decision would activate trigger laws that would outlaw abortions in those States.

I believe currently in Washington, D.C., it would still be legal, if I understand the law correctly. However, in States that don't value the lives of unborn children and celebrate abortion as

a human right—which it is not—their laws would remain unchanged. Overturning Roe v. Wade would not outlaw abortions across the country, as many pro-abortion activists would have you believe. It would simply give State legislators more freedom to pass their own laws.

I promised east Tennesseans I would fight to protect life and uphold our laws while I serve in Congress, and I intend to keep that promise. I will keep pushing to hold the person who leaked the decision accountable—although I doubt the FBI will lift much of a finger to do anything about it, Madam Speaker—and, more importantly, I will always keep fighting for the lives of the unborn.

I thank Chairman Johnson. His leadership skills are lackluster at best, but on this issue, Madam Speaker, he is exceptional. I thank him for that. I believe his gifts will be eternal for that, so I thank my brother.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. It is a critical issue that we all believe to our core. That is for certain.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, Vice Chairman JOHN-SON for yielding.

Madam Speaker, last week, a leaked draft opinion regarding the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case revealed that the U.S. Supreme Court is likely to overturn Roe v. Wade, the disastrous 1973 decision that legalized abortion.

Once this opinion is officially signed by the Court, the cover of Federal law over the murder of innocent babies will finally be removed. Hallelujah.

While millions of precious lives have tragically been taken due to the evils of abortion, this monumental news is a giant leap forward in our fight to protect the unborn.

Yet, in light of this historic pending victory for the sanctity of life, Democrats' disturbing hysteria has truly gone off the rails.

Due to heightened tensions and increased threats from the left, fences and barricades had to be installed at the Supreme Court Building; Justices have received additional security; and Justice Alito and his family had to be moved to an undisclosed location.

While the White House initially refused to condemn protests targeting Justices' homes, radical pro-abortion extremists took that signal and violated Federal law by organizing unruly demonstrations outside the homes of Justices Kavanaugh, Roberts, and Alito

Churches and pro-life organizations have also faced dangerous threats. Despite fake news reporting that attempted to downplay the crime, an anti-abortion facility in Wisconsin was arson attacked with a Molotov cocktail over the weekend.

What has sparked such outrageous acts of violence? The threat of saving

human life. That is right; it is the threat of saving human life.

Think about that for a moment. Just the possibility that abortion regulation will rightfully return back to the States, giving millions of innocent souls a chance at life, enrages the left to the point of violence. It is sickening, unconscionable, and downright evil.

Yet, President Biden wants to call Republicans extreme? I will tell you what is extreme, Madam Speaker. Abortions on demand; that is extreme. Murder of the innocent unborn; that is extremely wrong.

My colleagues on the left are big proponents of abortion, but when you look at the disproportionate number of abortions in minority communities, it becomes quite apparent that to them, Black lives matter, but only after they are born.

This is the bottom line: Life is our first and foremost fundamental right—fundamental, unalienable right. As a proud pro-life American, I will never stop fighting to protect it.

So, I want to end with a thank-you. Thank you to Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett. Thank you for defending the Constitution and standing for the right to life. Thank you for finally putting an end to the lie of a supposed constitutional right to abortion. May the Lord greatly bless you and bless your family and your family's family for generations to come for standing up for life. Soli Deo gloria.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. All glory to God. Thank you, my friend, for that strong word.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA).

Mr. LAMALFA. Thank you again, Mr. JOHNSON, for leading this opportunity here tonight.

Madam Speaker, we have April's Consumer Price Index just having been recently released. Unsurprisingly, it shows a lot of inflation, skyrocketing inflation.

Nearly every single American has been feeling that in their pocketbook on the basics of life, especially since the last 15 months of President Biden's policies have kicked it into place.

I guess what the surprise was, though, is how bad the rate of inflation really is. Inflation, through the CPI, has increased 8.3 percent over the last 12 months, the biggest single year of growth since 1984. Combine that with a decrease of 3 percent in real wages under the Biden era, and American families are facing serious damage to their wallets and their dreams.

Inflation is, indeed, a tax on every American and has been skyrocketing thanks to Biden and the Democrats' out-of-control spending. Inflation has increased every single month of the Biden Presidency.

First, he claimed the high prices were transitory.

Secondly, he blamed it on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, even though that

was over a year into his term, and prices were already rapidly rising.

Then, he actually pretended it didn't exist. While Americans were suffering, he wanted to just sweep this self-made economic crisis under the rug.

Finally, this week, he claimed that combating inflation was now his top priority.

Oh, but wait. It is the Republicans' fault that inflation is so bad. This is under his party's rule here in Washington, D.C.

The economic crisis actually started his first day in office when he launched a full-fledged assault on domestic energy production that catapulted energy prices.

We know energy is tied to just about every aspect of our lives, from growing crops to delivering them to the store, from the mined products that turn into materials that we use every day, whether it is metals, electronics, what have you, batteries for the pie-in-thesky idea that we are going to have to convert everything to electric, and on and on.

Electricity and fuel are extremely important to our economy, yet they are doing everything they can to squash American-produced energy. Do we want to import all that, too?

The pain of the gas prices have hit transportation, food production, and, as we know, the grocery stores. With record partisan spending bills like the failed American Rescue Act and the Build Back Better effort, inflation is crushing the American Dream for many.

We must address the root cause of Biden inflation, and, indeed, it is his policies. We must produce ample domestic oil to bring down the prices and help our economy be sustained by our own energy. We are self-sustainable.

We can also be helping our European allies instead of having them be dependent upon Russian natural gas. How crazy is that? We see what the effects are for Poland, and we will see it for Germany if we don't turn the tide.

We can do that. We can be there for them. We actually produce cleaner natural gas, by far, than what Russia does.

The evidence is all around us: expensive food, fuel, electricity, housing, and even bare shelves in our stores in the land of plenty. We see our small towns, their economies being devastated because the water is being taken away from farms, and the high cost of doing business for driving tractors, combines, trucks, mining equipment.

Our forests, we should be producing forests. Our wood and paper products, instead, are getting burned down due to the policies of inaction by the For-

est Service and others.

We need to take the initiative, and we need to turn back the Biden plan, which has been failing America, and put an American plan forward that puts us first, that puts the people first and production here for our own economy first

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. I think we are going to get that opportunity after this next election cycle, and we cannot wait. It cannot get here soon

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman, my dear friend from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Thank you, Congressman Johnson, for hosting tonight's Special Order.

This week marks National Police Week, where we honor the heroes who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe and remember those who, sadly, have been lost in the line of duty.

This National Police Week, my Republican colleagues and I are standing with all of law enforcement, including our U.S. Border Patrol. A country without a border is not a country at all, and we will not stop fighting until our border is secure.

To all of our law enforcement officers, thank you for the sacrifices you make to protect our communities. Americans appreciate you.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of years, we have seen some Democrats support the defund the police movement and policies that are soft on crime. As a result, crime across the Nation is on the rise, and nine U.S. cities had a record-breaking number of homicides in 2021.

I thank, and encourage others to thank, all the police officers who protect and defend our communities every

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. It has been amazing to see the turnabout in those who are advocating for us to defund the police. They recognize the great results of that, and now they are on our side, aren't they?

They are proclaiming that we need to fund more police, and they are certainly right now. Unfortunately, we have to live with the results of those policy choices, as with all of these.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KEL-

Mr. KELLER. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana for having this time.

Madam Speaker, the Biden administration spent the better part of last year trying to convince American families facing higher prices that inflation was transitory. Yet, new inflation numbers show that the cost of everything is still on the rise, including gas, which just hit record highs this week.

Prices are increasing rapidly at an unsustainable pace, but President Biden isn't changing course. In fact, he said that his administration's policies help, not hurt, inflation.

That is a bold statement for an individual that came to Washington, D.C., when I was 8 years old, almost 50 years ago. That is a bold statement from a President that perpetrates Big Government spending and has done everything in his power to destroy American en-

To President Biden, inflation is just a number. But for working American families, it is the crushing result of

this administration's failed policiesfailed policies that must be overturned to get our Nation back on the right track.

That is why, this week, along with 22 of my Republican colleagues, we introduced a resolution calling for greater American oil and natural gas production. Our resolution reaffirms that American energy is the answer to lowering energy costs, curbing inflation, and putting America first once again.

During his State of the Union, President Biden stood right in this room and said that we need to buy American and build American. Well, I will tell you what. I have news for the President. It takes American energy. It takes American energy because we do it better than anybody on the face of this Earth.

The American people, not President Biden, have the capability and resolve to rebuild our economic engine. President Biden must get on board with the American people. He must put the American people first or get out of the wav.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. From one energy State resident to another, we know and can say clearly that energy security is national security.

Mr. KELLER. Absolutely.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. This White House just doesn't get it. Thank you so much for reminding us of that.

Madam Speaker, I am truly grateful again to my many colleagues who were here tonight from all across the country to join us as we discuss the importance of the battle for the sanctity of every single human life and the myriad number of crises facing our country because of these Democrat policies that are plaguing every arena, every area of the economy, every part of the country, and every single policy issue.

Madam Speaker, we cannot wait for an end to this and a change in the levers of power in Washington, and we do expect that that will happen in a big red wave in November. Hopefully, the country can survive until then.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Today, I rise in honor of Norman Y. Mineta, an Asian-American pioneer, political giant, and my dear friend. Norm was a trailblazing leader, often referred to as the godfather of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community.

Norm passed away last Tuesday, May 3, at the age of 90, and our communities are mourning this immense loss.

I owe Norm so much. You see, he was the founder of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus over 20 years ago, which I have the privilege to chair right now.

Without Norm founding CAPAC, we would also not have our sister organization, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, which provides internships and fellowships to cultivate our next generation of AAPI leaders in public service. We would not have so much of the critical infrastructure that organizes and holds our community together today.

Norm's story is so inspirational. It is a story of sacrifice and hardship, but also of perseverance and triumph in the face of great adversity.

He was born to immigrant parents from Japan who came to America for a better life. But during World War II, when Norm was only 10 years old, he and his family were rounded up, forced out of their home, and sent to a Japanese-American internment camp after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066.

Due to the war hysteria, racial prejudice, and failure of political leadership at the time, about 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry were stripped of their basic civil rights and incarcerated in desolate camps.

To this day, the incarceration of Japanese Americans remains one of the most shameful chapters in our Nation's history.

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Despite the harrowing experience he faced, Norm never lost faith in America. Instead, he decided to join the Army after graduating from Berkelev and served as an intelligence offer in Japan and Korea. This strong draw toward public service never left him, and he began his political career in 1967, starting on the San Jose City Council before being elected mayor of San Jose. With this election, he made history by becoming the first Japanese American to serve as the mayor of a major U.S. city. From there, he ran for a congressional seat and became the first Japanese American from the continental U.S. to be elected to Congress, where he served for 21 years.

In Congress, he spearheaded efforts to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which granted reparations to Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. He also cofounded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to ensure that AAPIs have a voice in

Congress, and he served as the caucus' first chair. He made history again by becoming the first Asian American ever appointed to a presidential cabinet when President Bill Clinton selected him to be the Secretary of Commerce. He was then appointed by President George W. Bush to be Secretary of Transportation and played a critical role in overseeing the Department's response during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Norm was such an incredible inspiration to many, including myself. I remember meeting Norm when I was a lowly elected official in local government and he was a Congress Member. He was so kind, so gracious, and so encouraging. Then he climbed to higher positions as Cabinet secretary, not once, but twice, and I marveled that no matter how high the heights, he never stopped being kind, gracious, and encouraging.

Then I was elected to Congress, and I got to interact with him even more. I loved hearing stories about his early days as an Asian American in Congress. He told me that there were so few Asian Americans, they could have fit into a phone booth. One day, he tried to get a meeting of the Asian American Members of Congress at the White House. They asked what group do you represent and refused to meet. That is when he got the idea of starting the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. As an official caucus, he got that meeting with the White House.

We owe a debt of gratitude for all he did to uplift and empower the AAPI community. Despite all he accomplished, he always prioritized opening doors for future AANHPI leaders. He showed us how much we could achieve and pulled us up with him. Norm especially valued mentoring young people, like students and interns, who were interested in advocating for our communities. There is no doubt that we are a stronger community and a stronger nation because of Norm's leadership.

I am proud to be joined tonight by many of my colleagues who join me in honoring Norm during this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO), my friend and CAPAC's second vice chair.

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative CHU for her very personal memories of Norm Mineta. We knew Norm each in our own very special way, and he was a very warm and down-to-earth person, never really infected by Potomac fever. Perhaps it was because he never thought that someone like him might rise to be a President, but he was able to focus all of his energy and attention on being a Member of Congress.

I know he loved this institution. He served here for 20 years, 20 extraordinary years, where he rose to become chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

He was a Japanese-American pioneer and a great public servant, and he left us earlier this week.

I first met Norman Mineta at a leadership development and candidate training conference in Los Angeles in the 1980s. I am getting old enough now where the 1980s and 1990s all kind of blend together, and it is hard for me to say which year of the 1980s it was, but I think it was the 1980s. I remember it was an organization called LEAP. Leadership Education for Asian Pacific Americans. They held this leadership training conference, training potential candidates for office. Norm showed up at the office as a Member of Congress. and he just gave of his time because he believed in mentoring people.

He was very supportive of my very first run for Congress in 1992 and my second run in 1994. He did become a mentor of mine, and he gave up generous amounts of his time.

I remember there was one time when I was hanging out in his office. I think it was 1992. I can't remember which run it was. But I realized that I was going to miss my flight, because he was just so relaxed and he just spent literally hours with me talking. I had to actually leave to catch my flight, and I had to get my luggage sent after me because I wasn't even able to get my luggage together. That was the kind of guy Norm was.

But in 1994, his true character shone through when he called me at the end of a very long day that I had been through. Earlier in that day in 1994, I was outed on the front page and above the fold of my hometown newspaper as gay. By evening time—this is in the days before there was the internet—the newspaper article had been faxed to Washington, D.C., and made its rounds around here. He knew what was on my mind.

He called me that night, and he told me that he had spoken to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's chairman, Vic Fazio, and he had gotten Vic's assurance that the DCCC would not diminish its support of me. Norm had already been a few steps ahead of me. He anticipated the fear that I had about being abandoned, and he promised that he would remain steadfast behind me.

By my third and ultimately successful run for the House of Representatives in 2012, Norm had yet to waver from that promise he made 18 years before. On January 3, 2013, when I entered the House Chamber for the very first time to take my oath of office, I was standing right over there to my right, in that section over there. I felt a tap on my shoulder and behind me was a voice that said: "Mark, Norm Mineta."

How fortuitous could that have been, that this wonderful man, this wonderful Member of Congress, was the first person that I would actually have a conversation with in the Chamber. And former Members of Congress are allowed back in the Chamber, and that was a very special moment on my first

day of office to have that tap on my shoulder.

There are many more stories I could tell about how he brought me to see Senator Dan Inouye before the election and made sure we had contact. It was my regret that Senator Inouye would pass away before I would take office.

But Norm remained a friend and mentor all these years. He had a profound impact on my life and the lives of so many other people, many who are in elective offices today and many who aren't. He just believed in cultivating and bringing up so many other AAPIs. But it didn't matter if you were AAPI or not. He believed in cultivating younger people into opportunities.

He personally encouraged countless AAPIs to get involved with politics. He would generously give of his time. He inspired so many Japanese Americans, especially niseis, to understand how imperative political participation was to defend civil liberties for all Americans. That was rooted in his own experience of what happened, and my colleague JUDY CHU recounted some of those experiences.

He played a key role in the effort to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, which formally apologized to Japanese Americans interned during World War II, compensated them \$20,000 each, and established an education fund to teach Americans about this terrible chapter in history.

He was an early supporter of LGBTQ equality, signing on to the very first version of ENDA, introduced by Bella Abzug. He used his moral stature to persuade the Japanese American Citizens League, in a meeting in 1994, in its convention in 1994, to be the first non-LGBTQ civil rights organization to embrace same-sex unions. That was very important, because the State of Hawaii, which has a sizeable Japanese-American electorate, was the place where same-sex unions were taken seriously for the very first time. So that endorsement was really important, and Norm played a key role in persuading those delegates to do the right thing.

About the same time, Norm introduced me to one of his openly gay staffers, Chris Strobel. Because Chris became especially close to Norm and the Mineta family, I just want to mention his name now, because I have also learned that Chris has also sadly passed away. And I know from Norm's wife, Deni, that Chris' passing has profoundly deepened the sense of loss coming so soon to the Mineta household after Norm has left us.

As Transportation Secretary during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Norm not only gave the orders to ground all commercial flights, but he is also credited by President George W. Bush for being a voice of restraint against any reprisals against Muslim Americans in cabinet-level meetings.

President Bush was quoted as saying: "One of the important things about Norm's experience" . . . in internment

... "is that sometimes we lose our souls as a Nation. The notion of 'all equal under God' sometimes disappears. And 9/11 certainly challenged that premise. . . . In some ways, Norm's example inspired me. In other words, I didn't want our country to do to others what had happened to Norm."

Norm Mineta channeled his own personal history into making America a better country. His public service career has left an important and enduring legacy on our Nation.

He will be missed, but his contributions to our country will not soon be forgotten.

May be rest in peace.

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I thank Congress Member TAKANO for sharing those wonderful memories.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI), my friend and fellow Californian.

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friend, Norm Mineta, who I feel like I have known almost forever.

Just a little fact of history. I remember meeting him first when my late husband, Bob Matsui, decided to run for Congress. Norm was obviously the first one on the phone to Bob saying, go for it and the first one to write a check to him. You remember those things.

He has been someone who has always encouraged people all the way and never forgetting. My colleagues here, especially Congressman TAKANO, mentioned how he was impacted by Norman Mineta.

Norm's compassionate spirit, hard work on behalf of the people of San Jose and our Nation, and advocacy for the Japanese-American community were evident to all those who had the privilege of knowing him. He simply made America a better place, a more hopeful place.

We know the immense impact he had across his career. His advocacy, passion, and legislative acumen, his leadership in both good times and bad.

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Norm's life was full of trailblazing accomplishments and achievements. He was the first Asian-American mayor of San Jose—and he always talked about being mayor; he absolutely loved it—the founder of CAPAC, and the first Asian American to serve in a Presidential Cabinet. Yet for all those who knew him, it was his character, his generosity, and his tireless drive to speak out for the underrepresented that truly impacted everyone around him

We all know he was a gifted legislator and perceptive leader. He championed hundreds of pieces of legislation on everything from economic development to transportation to civil rights. He transformed our transportation sector and adeptly led us through some of the toughest times.

He had a remarkable career, yet we all know his childhood was full of un-

certainty. He was only 10 years old when he was incarcerated alongside tens of thousands of fellow Japanese Americans. He was a Boy Scout.

Because of those painful memories, he became a fierce advocate for justice and civil rights. He became a champion of the Japanese-American community. Together with my late husband, Bob Matsui, and their colleagues, Senator Danny Inouye and Senator Sparky Matsunaga, they worked to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, fighting tirelessly to educate Americans about the terrible prejudices and injustices that led to the Japanese-American incarceration during World War II.

People from the Japanese-American community were at first reluctant to come forward to tell their stories because they had gone through this, and they had survived, and they are truly Americans going back to their communities. But with the telling of the stories which he so encouraged, the healing began in the community, which is so important.

All of us take what is in us, what we have learned, and we forge our own path. We don't know where the journey will take us, but along the way we find what is best in ourselves.

Norm Mineta truly exemplified that. He broke barriers. He excelled at every step of his career, yet he was always driven by the need to improve the lives of those he served. He made sure our priorities stayed in line, that our ambitions for change and justice came directly from the people we serve.

He saw our country in all its potential and fought tirelessly to give others the opportunity to succeed as he did. He wanted everyone to succeed, from every walk and place in life.

You see, Norm's story is an American story. It is a Japanese-American story, but it is everyone's story who is an American. He showed us that the American tapestry shines brightest when it includes all of us equally, that we can all lead with compassion and understanding. That ethos is sewn into the fabric of his legacy.

We can continue to honor his memory by following his beacon of light and learning from the courage he carried and promoted in others. All of us can follow the example of Norman Mineta.

At this difficult time for all of us, my prayers are especially with all of Norm's family and friends. I know they are hurting, as we are, but we recall the wonderful person he was and will carry with us his legacy. We will all truly miss him.

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman Matsui for those wonderful words. There are others who wanted to be here but had conflicts, and they wanted me to read their statements.

From Majority Leader STENY HOYER: "After I was elected to the House in 1981, Norm and I quickly began becoming friends. He was a colleague one could turn to for sage advice, for a good laugh, and for a reassuring word.

I will always remember his genial nature, his intellect, and his wit. And I will never forget the love he had for his native California and for the people who put their trust in him, again and again, to be their Representative in Congress.

"Norm believed in the power of our democratic institutions of government to safeguard our rights and make opportunities more readily available and accessible to Americans.

"The most fitting tribute I can think of is for us to cherish the critical role of the Congress as much as he did. And we ought to keep making the best use of our time here as we can, as he did, to serve our constituents and govern responsibly for their benefit."

And then there is a statement from Representative BARBARA LEE. She says: "I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and mourn former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. My thoughts and sympathies are with his wife, Deni; his children, Stuart, David, Mark, and Bob; and his family and friends.

"He was a truly remarkable, trailblazing individual who became one of the most prominent Asian-American figures in our country. His legacy included many firsts, and his life was a source of inspiration, a testament to the American spirit of fighting for justice and equality.

"I met Norm when I was working for the late, beloved Congressman Ron Dellums. Norm was very kind to me, taught me a lot, listened to my ideas, and was a close friend of Ron's. In many ways, he was a mentor to me. Later, when I became a Member of Congress, he always sought me out to tell me how proud he was of me. Such support coming from this giant of a man always humbled me. I always told him how much he influenced my life, and I was deeply grateful for his friendship.

"His success did not come without sacrifice. When Secretary Mineta was 10 years old, our government forcibly removed him and his family from their home in San Jose to a World War II Japanese-American incarceration camp, the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming. Decades later, he led the passage of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, which granted reparations and a formal apology to Japanese Americans wrongfully incarcerated by our government solely on the basis of race due to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's issuance of Executive Order 9066.

'Having endured such blatant racism and discrimination against Japanese Americans, he understood the importance of fighting for people who never had a voice in our political process. Throughout his career, he was the first Asian-American mayor of San Jose, the first Japanese-American Member of Congress from the lower 48 States, and the first Asian-American Cabinet member, serving as both the Secretary of Commerce for President Clinton and Secretary of Transportation for President Bush. In 2006 he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his achievements.

"During his time in Congress, Secretary Mineta cofounded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and its sister organization, the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies, to advocate for issues concerning the AAPI community. It is because of his efforts that the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community has a greater voice in this Chamber.

"My prayers are with his family, friends, and the AAPI community. We have all lost an icon. Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to continue to honor Secretary Mineta's legacy through our commitment to justice and equality for all."

And, finally, we have a statement from our CAPAC whip, Congressman TED LIEU. He says: "Former Secretary Norman Mineta was a trailblazer in our community. He committed his life to public service, serving as a mayor, a 10-term Congressman, and Cabinet Secretary in two administrations.

"During his time in the House of Representatives, he cofounded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and led efforts to secure an official apology and compensation for Japanese Americans who were wrongfully interned during World War II.

"As Secretary of Transportation, he created the Transportation Security Administration in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Incarcerated during World War II just because of his race, Secretary Mineta knew what it was like to face injustice and discrimination firsthand and how important it was to defend the civil liberties of all Americans. His commitment to public service and dedication to American ideals made him a true patriot.

"Norman Mineta showed us all what it meant to be a public servant, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of AANHPI leaders. I am grateful for the work he did for our communities and join my colleagues in mourning his passing."

As this Special Order comes to a close, I thank my colleagues for joining me today in honoring Norm Mineta, a truly remarkable community leader, passionate advocate for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, and a genuine, kind man. His legacy of public service will certainly not be forgotten.

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Chairwoman CHU and Members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus for hosting this tribute tonight for our friend and former colleague Norman Mineta.

I had the honor of serving alongside Norm for fourteen years in this House. I had the opportunity to watch him in action as a legislator, working hard every day to deliver for the people of San Jose—a continuation of his service to them as mayor. The thing that stood out to me about Norm was how much faith he had in our democratic institutions to deliver a better life for the people they served. He had that faith even after those institutions failed him as a child.

When Norm was eleven years old, he was detained along with his parents and four siblings at the Heart Mountain internment camp in Cody. Wyoming-more than 800 miles from his native San Jose, California. They had committed no crime. Norm and his siblings were natural-born citizens, not foreigners. They were detained because of their race. And our government and courts allowed that detention. The more-than three years the Mineta family spent at Heart Mountain-along with nearly 14,000 other Japanese-Americans held there during the Second World War-did not diminish the pride Norm had in America and his unwavering belief that our democracy would ultimately do right and do good, even if it stumbled along the way.

That's why he joined the U.S. army after he graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. He wanted to wear the flag of our country on his uniform and defend the Constitution—the same flag he had seen on those who kept him and his family in detention during the war in an act of ignoring our Constitution. It's what Norm did when he ran for Mayor of San Jose at a time when no large city in America had ever been led by a Japanese-American before. And it's what he did when, after a successful mayoral term, he ran for Congress in 1974 and won.

An avid institutionalist throughout his time in government, Norm saw his work on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee through this same lens, working hard to ensure that the Committee—and the House—was delivering results for communities that helped them grow and their people access opportunities. As Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation, serving under presidents from different parties, he brought this same commitment to making sure government works for the people.

He never forgot the experiences that shaped him in his youth. He joined forces with Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming to enact legislation in 1988 apologizing for Japanese-American internment and providing restitution to detainees. In 1994, he founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and served as its inaugural Chair. And he was very proud to be the first Asian-American member of a president's cabinet.

Atler I was elected to the House in 1981, Norm and I quickly became friends. He was a colleague one could turn to for sage advice, for a good laugh, and for a reassuring word. I will always remember his genial nature, his intellect, and his wit. And I will never forget the love he had for his native California and for the people who put their trust in him, again and again, to be their Representative in Congress.

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I join in offering my condolences to his wife Danielle, to his children, to his grandchildren, and to the extended Mineta family. May his memory guide and inspire us for many years to come. Godspeed, my friend.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF MARGARET MUELLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, tonight one of the first things I will address is to talk a little bit about one of the heroes of Wisconsin's Sixth Congressional District, a woman by the name of Margaret Mueller, who passed away late last year.

One of the things we do in this job is we sometimes try to advise young people on what they should do with their lives. A lot of times those conversations revolve around occupations, and that is perhaps as it should be. I recently attended an event at a local high school where I talked about encouraging children to go into the STEM-related fields and go into an occupation there.

Margaret Mueller was a farmer's wife. When that farmer died, unfortunately, at a relatively young age, she, of course, wound up having to run the farm and ran the farm for a little under 40 years. Of course, being a farmer is one of the most important occupations because they provide us with food, but not only that, one of the most difficult occupations because not only did she have to be a businesswoman, but she had to know how to handle all of the chores that you have to do on a dairy farm. That dairy farm was in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

She, as many people were, was a pillar of her church, St. Gregory's of St. Nazianz, Wisconsin. I knew her because she was a pillar of the Republican Party and a delegate to the 2008 convention in Minneapolis.

But the reason I am bringing this up tonight is I always feel when people plan out their lives, they should have certain goals, and I wonder how many of the young people today will succeed in having such a huge impact that Margaret Mueller had on Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties.

She wound up having 11 children. Six of them were still minors at the time her husband passed away. Not only did she have 11 children, but she left behind 33 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. If you add it up, that is right on the button 100 living descendants.

It occurred to me that while she didn't go to college that I know of, the impact her life had on the people of Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties was greater than virtually every young child has on their community today.

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I look at the names of all the grand-children and great-grandchildren and such in the obituary. I know there are many of them because as I get around my district again and again, people come up to me and say: You know my mom. You know my grandma.

They are all great people. I asked them what they were doing. It seems that not only did she have 100 descendants, but 100 descendants of people you would be proud to have as your children.

Again, when I think of Margaret Mueller and people like Margaret Mueller, I think very, very few young people today will have the impact on society that she had of raising 100 descendants who get out and about the community, who are good, hardworking, honest citizens of this country. They impart the values that Margaret carried in the church in St. Nazianz and that she instilled on her children. What a legacy.

Margaret, you are so missed.

DOBBS VERSUS JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, while we were gone on break, there was leaked a potential opinion in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health court case, and I think us politicians are supposed to weigh in on it.

I have been, in the last 25 years as a public official, somebody who has been active in the pro-life cause. I don't remember reading a lot about that cause growing up. In 1973, I think a lot of Americans were caught off guard when abortion was ruled to be, apparently, a constitutional right by then—what I would consider—a very liberal court. At the time, I think the churches and the pro-life movements, which had not really gotten going yet, were surprised and caught off guard. Nevertheless, it is important that right now we decide how America is going to view abortion.

Decisions are going to be made in district attorneys' offices.

Decisions are going to be made in attorney generals' offices.

Decisions are going to be made by women and their partners as to what is right and what is wrong on abortion.

Now, I feel that though this was a court decision, and a properly decided court decision, I think it is somewhat horrific that it took over 49 years between Roe v. Wade and the decision that so many of us were waiting for. But that decision is only the first decision. Like I said, there are going to be decisions in State legislatures. There are going to be decisions made in district attorneys' offices, whether they decide to prosecute or not, whether they are going to make public statements that they don't intend to enforce these laws anyway. In Wisconsin, abortion will be made illegal right away, one of the few States that abortion is still legal on the books. There are going to be decisions made by the individuals themselves and their partners.

What determines how people make up their mind? It has been my belief as a pro-life legislator for the last over 25 years, that while there are pro-life organizations which are doing a good job of taking out ads and putting up bill-boards, and while there are pregnancy counseling centers which are doing a very good job, collectively the clergy in this country have kind of dropped the ball.

This is a very important decision for the last 49 years—I think it is now a little bit below it—but a lot of those years, there have been close to a million abortions a year in the United States.

It would seem to me that as a clergyman, one of the problems you would have is you are supposed to think of 52 different speeches to give every year, and it would be hard to cover 52 different topics. If you are a clergyman in an individual parish or church for 5 years, that means you have to come up with over 250 interesting things to say. I think a lot of clergies would be looking for more things to say.

Nevertheless, I would bet in an average year, most clergy, even in churches that are nominally pro-life, manage to go all year without discussing this topic. It is a topic that should be easier to discuss now than it was over 50 years ago. For one thing, we have ultrasounds.

In 1973, when abortions were ruled legal in the United States, we did not have ultrasounds. I am sure everybody listening out there has seen the picture of the ultrasounds. Nowadays, if a woman is going to have a baby, it is relatively normal at three, four months to show everybody the ultrasound. It is so wonderful. You can no longer pretend, as you could in 1973, that that is just a piece of tissue.

Madam Speaker, I have toured abortion clinics as part of my research. When I was in the Wisconsin legislature, I authored a bill that required a 24-hour waiting period. And to my surprise, the local abortion clinics let me go through there. And I discovered going through the abortion clinics that the employees of the clinics made a point of always describing the pre-born baby as-not a fetus, they wouldn't use the word fetus—as tissue. And I always thought that the employees were probably educated to use the word tissue because it made it sound like it wasn't an act that it was, that you weren't ending the life of a little baby. It made it sound like something less than that.

Madam Speaker, we can no longer call it tissue. Nobody would look at a baby three months after conception and call that tissue today. We all know because of an ultrasound that we have a little human being in there. Given that, it should be so easy for the clergy to alert or to instill the appropriate values in their flock as to people who have to make a decision about abortion

Nevertheless, I do believe that to this point, the American clergy have been pretty wimpy and pretty out to lunch—not all of them, but way too many of them. I think because of the lack of stepping up to the plate on this issue, polls do not show America as appalled with abortion as they should be.

Madam Speaker, the purpose of this speech is to ask any clergy, who happen to be listening at home, or in case you are a parishioner of a church and your clergyman has never broached

this topic, I would think sometime in the next 7 or 8 weeks—because most of you have already had to come up with different speeches, probably in the hundreds, in the course of your career—that you find a way to address this topic.

I should point out that there are individual churches who are bravely already addressing this topic. Churches like the UCC church, the Episcopalian church, have been out in front saying that abortion is not that big of a deal, or they think it is a big deal and it should be allowed. I think the nominally pro-life churches are where the problem rests.

And I think if you go to a church out there, you should ask your clergyman: Are you going to address this topic or are you going to still give the flock something without offending anybody, without scaring anybody, and therefore, not address the issue.

We will now have an opportunity to do something, to reduce the hundreds of thousands of abortions in this State every year but it comes down to what the American people think. The attorney generals that they vote for, are you going to call your district attorney if he refuses to do something?

Like I said, I have been dissatisfied with the clergy, their response over the last 50 years. But we are going to find out now because the ball is in their court as to what they do to influence their flock's view of abortion. And if they do their job, there is going to be a lot less abortions in this country. If they just go and hide, this new decision that everybody is so excited about, is going to have no impact whatsoever.

Sadly, many of us have been waiting for this day for decades, but the result of Dobbs v. Jackson is, I think, largely going to be determined by what the churches make of it.

EFFECTS OF VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTATION ON COVID–19

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, the next topic that I will bring up and that I have talked about at this microphone before, but I still feel has to be mentioned again because the public health professionals of this country continue to drop the ball, is the effect vitamin D can have on your health and whether or not you are going to get COVID.

There was a study done recently by a Dr. Dror in Israel. And you could say that he should have had more people in the study. But according to his study, people who had adequate levels of vitamin D or if you had inadequate levels of vitamin D in your system, you were 11 times more likely to die of COVID and 14 times more likely to be hospitalized.

Now think about that. I have personally known nine people who have died of COVID. I have no idea how much vitamin D they had in their system. Nevertheless, it is relatively easy to increase the vitamin D in your system. It is relatively inexpensive to increase the vitamin D in your system.

Dr. Dror used a threshold of 20 nanograms per milliliter, which is not very much. It should be very easy for the average American citizen to take a couple of vitamin D pills a day and greatly decrease your chances of getting COVID.

Like I said, for whatever motivation, the public health establishment does not educate people on that. I have lectured hospital administrators on this. It would seem to me that if a person who is, say, 60 and up, or anybody who has any other preexisting conditions ought to routinely get a vitamin D test when they go to see a doctor. And if they would get that test and it came back at 16 or 17, they should be very alarmed. The doctor should tell them to take vitamin D, and I am sure they would.

I have heard a person involved in the administration of hospitals saying, Well, you can't get patients to do anything anyway. That is preposterous. Of course, we can get patients to take vitamin D. People are scared enough that today they are all—I see right now people wearing masks, despite the fact that there is some evidence that they might not be effective and despite the fact that they don't make you feel that good.

If you take a patient and show them that their vitamin D levels are below 20 nanograms per milliliter, and tell them that they are 11 more times likely to die of COVID than someone with adequate vitamin D, I would think in almost all cases, people will go out and get that vitamin D and get some zinc with it and greatly reduce their chances of dying of COVID.

Some people will say that vitamin D may not be the thing that keeps people healthy. There may just be a correlation there. The same thing is true of things like diabetes or COPD. We would never say, Oh, we are not going to talk about diabetes and the increased chance of COVID because you can't prove it caused the death of COVID. All you are showing is a correlation.

This is not the first study that came down the pike this way. There are studies mentioned by a professor at the University of Chicago; I talk routinely with a professor at California Berkeley. Top-flight people know that vitamin D saves lives. When you look at the over 1 million Americans who have died of COVID, you have to wonder how many would still be alive today if the public health establishment and the doctors of this country were on board in trying to save these lives.

One of the complaints of doctors is that they feel that they will not be reimbursed by the insurance companies or Medicare adequately to cover the cost of the vitamin D test. I know if you get a vitamin D test at home, it costs like 40 bucks. I don't know what it costs a doctor, but let's face it, tons of money flow through the medical institutions today.

If the only reason that we are not educating people about vitamin D is

these hospitals feel they need more money, that is pretty pathetic.

I encourage anyone out there to Google "vitamin D." Learn a little bit more about it. If you are going to a doctor, even if you have to pay for it yourself, make sure you get a vitamin D test and make sure you have an adequate amount of vitamin D in your system.

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SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, my final topic tonight is, one more time, the border.

I was down on the border again about 3 weeks ago. Things that Americans should know: the number of people streaming across the border is very high. In March, it was 153,000 people let in here.

A lot of time, I think when politicians or commentators talk about what is going on at the border, they misstate the statistics because they get the number of people who come here and the number of people who show up at the border and are turned away confused.

But, in March, we were at 153,000; a year ago, we were at 63,000; and 2 years ago, we were at 11,000. We are at a difference between 11,000 people coming in the country and 153,000 people coming in the country.

President Biden's appointees have said they inherited a mess. They did not inherit a mess. They inherited, in March, 11,000 people coming here, and right now, we are at 153,000.

It is not rocket science as to what has to be done. We have to go back to the Migrant Protection Protocols in which people are held in Mexico pending a hearing. If they have to sit in Mexico, they will not show up here in the first place.

Right now, we have a system in which we know that people who show up who are not from Central America or Mexico will be given a court date and allowed in the country. With complete confidence that that is going to happen, they will come here. And the drug cartels, which may be making more money bringing people here than drugs, will make sure that everybody around the world knows that now you can come to the United States.

I mentioned first the Migrant Protection Protocols because if you talk to the Border Patrol, even more than more money, and they certainly need more money, they just need a change in attitude of the Biden administration.

I really feel that we are losing the country south of the border. We cannot continue to take over 150,000 new people a month who are not appropriately vetted.

Of those 153,000, about 60,000 are what they call gotaways, which means they haven't even met with the Border Patrol. They could be criminals who are coming here. They could have criminal backgrounds. They could be bringing in drugs.

Nobody seems to care, and something that is totally appalling, the Biden administration doesn't seem to care.

I will also point out that over 90 percent of the fentanyl in this country comes across the southern border. We are right now at a point where 110,000 people are dying every year of fentanyl poisoning, illegal drug overdoses in this country, the vast majority of which is fentanyl

I think the idea that the people of this body or the people in the White House do not seem to care a great deal is horrific. Some people think it is a victimless crime to possess fentanyl or to sell fentanyl. They think it is not a violent crime, that we have too many people in prison, and that it is not that important to check people coming across the border.

By the way, we should be getting more dogs at any time down there in the upcoming budget, the drug-sniffing dogs. They just do a tremendous job at the border

In any event, the American people have to speak up. The idea that we spent \$40 billion, or passed a bill for \$40 billion, yesterday and couldn't come up with a couple hundred million dollars for our border is a callousness toward the families of those people who are dying of drug overdoses I cannot fathom. But I am not in the majority. I don't determine what we vote on around here.

In any event, I hope and pray that, in the future, the people of this body and the people of the White House view the 110,000 people who die every year of drug overdoses as a tragedy, that they put themselves in the position of the parents, or the siblings, or the children of the people who die of the drug overdoses.

I will point out, 110,000 is twice the number of people who died in a 12-year period in Vietnam. Think about that, I am old enough to remember Vietnam. It was a big deal. People protested. So many people are dying. Every year, twice as many people die of illegal drug overdoses in this country as died in 12 years in Vietnam.

I hope people in this Chamber decide to do a little more to deal with the problem. I hope our President decides to do a little bit more to deal with the problem.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morninghour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 8 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the adjourned until tomorrow, House Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first and second quarters of 2022, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 8 AND APR. 14, 2022

	[	Date		Per d	iem <sup>1</sup>	Transpo	ortation	Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>						
Hon. Robin Kelly	4/8	4/12	Ecuador		1,122.20						
Hon. Terri Sewell	4/10	4/12	Ecuador		841.65						
Hon. Ted Lieu	4/8	4/12	Ecuador		1,122.20						
Derek Luyten	4/8	4/12	Ecuador		1,122.20						
Samantha Schifrin	4/8	4/12	Ecuador		1,122.20						
Hon. Robin Kelly	4/12	4/13	Colombia		516.60		6,475.71				6,992.31
Hon. Terri Sewell	4/12	4/14	Colombia		611.60		3,077.11				3,688.71
Hon. Ted Lieu	4/12	4/14	Colombia		516.60		2,936.52				3,453.12
Derek Luyten	4/12	4/14	Colombia		611.60		4,256.61				4,868.21
Samantha Schifrin	4/12	4/14	Colombia		611.60		1,363.21				1,974.81
Committee total					8,198.45		18,109.16				26,307.61

HON. DAVID E. PRICE, Apr. 28, 2022

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BARBADOS, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 21 AND APR. 25, 2022

	Date			Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Barbara Lee Hon. Robin Kelly Justin Wein Derek Luvten	4/21 4/21 4/21 4/21	4/25 4/25 4/25 4/25	Barbados		1,380.04 1,380.04 1,380.04 1,380.04				1,964.37 1,632.87 1,502.37 1,572.37		3,344.41 3,012.91 2,882.41 2,952.41
Committee total					5,520.16				6,671.98		12,192.14

HON, DAVID F. PRICE, May 4, 2022.

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

	I	Date		Per diem <sup>1</sup>		diem <sup>1</sup> Transpo		Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Brenda Lawrence	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488.00
	2/21 2/22	2/22 2/25	Liberia Tanzania		395.00 355.05		(3)				395.00 355.05
	2/25	2/26	Cote D'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556.94
Hon. Chellie Pingree	3/19	3/21			557.21		4,669.67				5,226.88
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldovia		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00

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

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022— Continued

	Date			Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Committee total					3,061.20		4,669.67				7,730.87

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO, Apr. 28, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31,

	[	)ate		Per d	iem <sup>1</sup>	Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>						
Hon. Buddy Carter	2/18	2/20	Germany		1.377.43		(3)				1.377.43
Hon, G.K. Butterfield	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488.00
Holi. G.N. Dutterfield	2/21	2/22			395.00		(3)				395.00
	2/22	2/25	Tannania		355.05		(3)				355.05
	2/25	2/26	Cote d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556.94
Hon. Paul Ruiz	2/23	3/7	Dolond		273.90		(3)				273.90
Hand Land Toolings	2/10	3/21			557.21		0.012.07				
HON. LOTI ITANAN	3/19		Poland				8,912.67				9,469.88
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00		(3)				243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00		(3)				466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00		(3)				0.00
Committee totals					4,712.53		8,912.67				13,625.20

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR., Apr. 28, 2022.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee		Date		Per die		Transp	ortation	Other purposes		Tot	al
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dolla equivalen or U.S. currency
lon. Gregory W. Meeks	1/25	1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)	*	3,604.55		4,381.
on. Gregory W. Meekson. Bera		1/29 1/27	Ukraine Belgium		680.00 777.22		(3)	^	7,119.73		7,799. 777.
on. Ami Bera		1/27	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. David Cicilline		1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
n. David Cicilline	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. Colin Allred	1/25	1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
on. Colin Allred		1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. Chrissy Houlahanon. Chrissy Houlahan	1/25 1/27	1/27 1/29	BelgiumUkraine		777.22 680.00		(3)				777 680
on. Tom Malinowski		1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
on. Tom Malinowski	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. Sara Jacobs	1/25	1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
on. Sara Jacobs	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
n. Mark Green		1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
on. Mark Green	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. August Pfluger on. August Pfluger		1/27 1/29	Belgium		777.22 680.00		(3)				777 680
nilip Bednarczyk		1/27	Ukraine Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
nilip Bednarczyk		1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
amilla Hallman		1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
milla Hallman		1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
ıdrei Vasilescu	1/25	1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
ıdrei Vasilescu	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
therine Earle	1/25	1/27	Belgium		777.22		(3)				777
therine Earle	1/27	1/29	Ukraine		680.00		(3)				680
on. Tom Malinowski		2/20 2/20	Germany		1,377.43 1.377.43		(3) (3)				1,377 1.377
on. Darrell Issaon. Gregory W. Meeks	2/17	2/20	Germany Sierra Leone		568.00		(3)	*	27.961.00		28.529
on. Gregory W. Meeks		2/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)	*	7,264.71		7,659
on. Gregory W. Meeks		2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)	*	45,255.42		45,610
on. Gregory W. Meeks		2/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)	*	12,707.30		13,264
on. Ami Bera	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
on. Ami Bera	2/21	51/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395
on. Ami Bera		2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)				355
on. Ami Bera		5/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556
on. Ilhan Omaron. Ilhan Omar		2/21 2/22	Sierra Leone		488.00 395.00		(3)				488 395
on. Ilhan Omar		2/25	Liberia Tanzania		355.05		(3)				355
on. Ilhan Omar		2/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556
éphane Le Bouder		2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
éphane Le Bouder	2/21	2/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395
éphane Le Bouder		2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)				355
ephane Le Bouder		2/27	Cote d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556
nna Charles	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
nna Charles	2/21	2/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395
onna Charles		2/25 2/27	Tanzania		355.05 556.94		(3)				355 556
nna Charles milla Hallman		2/21	Côte d'Ivoire Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
milla Hallman		2/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395
amilla Hallman		2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)				355
amilla Hallnam	2/25	2/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556
ennan Heil	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
ennan Heil	2/21	2/22	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395
ennan Heil	2/22	2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)				355
rennan Heil		2/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556.94		(3)				556
eghan Gallagher	2/19	2/21	Sierra Leone		488.00		(3)				488
leghan Gallagher		2/22 2/25	Liberia		395.00		(3)				395. 355.
leghan Gallagher	2122	2/25	Tanzania		355.05		(3)				ანნ.

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

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 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
 Military air transportation.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022— Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date			Per diem 1		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>						
Meghan Gallagher	2/25	2/27	Côte d'Ivoire		556 94		(3)				556 94
Hon. Gregory W. Meeks	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)	*	9.538.62		9,859.38
Hon, Michael McCaul	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Hon. Ann Wagner	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Hon. David Cicilline	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Hon. Brian Fitzpatrick	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Hon. Susan Wild	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Philip Bednarczyk	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Brennan Heil	3/4	3/7	Poland		320.76		(3)				320.76
Total					39,025.48				113,451.33		152,476.81

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS, Apr. 29, 2022.

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	I	Date		Per d	iem 1	Transp	ortation	Other purposes		Tot	al
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>						
Daniel Rebnord	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21						557.21
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00
Commercial Airfare							1.706.47				1.706.47
Matthew Patane	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21						557.21
matthew rations and an arrangement of the state of the st	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00
Commerical Airfare							1.706.47				1.706.47
Megan Hollingshead	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21		,				557.21
mcgan nonniganeau	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24			466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	A 1.7		0.00						0.00
Commerical Airfare	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00		1.706.47				1.706.47
	3/19	3/21	Daland		557.21		,				557.21
Mitchell Benzine		3/21	Poland								
	3/21		Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
0	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00		4 100 07				0.00
Commercial Airfare							4,192.87				4,192.87
Hon. Jacob LaTurner	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21						557.21
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00
Commercial Airfare							9,586.57				9,586.57
Hon. Patrick Fallon	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21						557.21
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00
Commercial Airfare							1,585.27				1,585.27
Hon. Stephen Lynch	3/19	3/21	Poland		557.21						557.21
	3/21	3/22	Romania		243.00						243.00
	3/22	3/24	Moldova		466.00						466.00
	3/24	3/24	Austria		0.00						0.00
Commercial Airfare							10.627.47				10.627.47
Delegation Expenses							,	17,332.49			17.332.49
								,			,
Committee total					8.863.47		31.111.59	17,332.49			57.307.55

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY, Apr. 28, 2022.

# REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31,

		)ate		Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
Name of Member or employee	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

HOUSE COMMITTEES
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at the right to so indicate and return.

HON. KATHY CASTOR, Apr. 7, 2022.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: EC-4066. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and

Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Water Closets and Uri-[EERE-2017-BT-TP-0028] (RIN: 1904-AE03) received March 30, 2022, 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-4067. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and

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

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

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

Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major general notice — Public Health Determination and Order Regarding Suspending the Right To Introduce Certain Persons From Countries Where a Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists received April 20, 2022, 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-4068. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's notice of agency amended order — Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic received April 20, 2022, 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-4069. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmiting the Commission's final rule — Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection [WC Docket No.: 19-195] received March 30, 2022, 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-4070. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Auctions Division, Office of Economic and Analytics, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Auction of Flexible-Use Licenses in the 2.5 GHz Band for Next-Generation Wireless Services; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 108; Bidding Scheduled To Begin July 29, 2022 [AU Docket No.: 20-429] received March 30, 2022, 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-4071. A letter from the Chief Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands, Repurposed 600 MHz Band, 600 MHz Guard Bands and Duplex Gap, and Channel 37 [ET Docket No.: 14-165]; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions [GN Docket No.: 12-268]; Unlicensed White Space Device Operations in the Television Bands [ET Docket No.: 20-36]; Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands [ET Docket No.: 04-186] received 30, 2022, 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-4072. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Preemption [Docket No.: NHTSA-2021-0030] (RIN: 2127-AM33) received April 26, 2022, 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-4073. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Requirements; Manufacturer Identification; Certification; Replica Motor Vehicles; Importation of Vehicles Theft Prevention Standards [Docket No.: NHTSA-2021-0006] (RIN: 2127-AL77) received April 26, 2022, 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-4074. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity [Docket No.: NHTSA-2021-0004] (RIN: 2127-AL88) received April 26, 2022, 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-4075. A letter from the Branch of Administrative Support Services, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the Endangered Layia carnosa (Beach Layia) to Threatened With Section 4(d) Rule [Docket No.: FWS-R8-ES-2018-0042; FXES1113090FEDR-223-FF09E42000] (RIN: 1018-BD00) received April 26, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4076. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Potomac River, Between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA [Docket Number: USCG-2022-0021] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4077. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zones; Delaware River Dredging, Marcus Hook, PA [Docket Number: USCG-2022-0022] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4078. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Cape Canaveral, FL [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0139] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4079. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0931] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4080. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Markers 636-655, Modoc, AR [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0917] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4081. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Deep Creek, Elizabeth River, Chesapeake, VA [Docket Number: USCG-2022-0011] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4082. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment, Adaptive Driving Beam Headlamps [Docket No.: NHTSA-2022-0013] (RIN: 2127-AL83) received April 26, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4083. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Criteria: Special Class Airworthiness Criteria for the Zipline International Inc. Zip UAS Sparrow Unmanned Aircraft [Docket No.: FAA-2020-1084] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4084. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Make Inoperative Exemptions; Vehicle Modifications To Accommodate People With Disabilities; Modifications by Rental Car Companies [Docket No.: NHTSA-2016-0031] (RIN: 2127-AL67) received April 26, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4085. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB, Support and Services (Formerly Known as Saab AB, Saab Aeronautics) [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0841; Airplanes Project Identifier MCAI-2021-00622-T; Amendment39-21863; AD 2021-26-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4086. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0567; Project Identifier AD-2021-00663-E; Amendment 39-21865; AD 2021-26-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4087. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0658; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01582-T; Amendment 39-21850; AD 2021-25-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

EC-4088. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0784; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01455-T; Amendment 39-21857; AD 2021-25-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4089. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones

Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0621; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01517-T; Amendment 39-21849; AD 2021-25-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4090. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Stemme AG Gliders [Docket No.: FAA-2021-1175: Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01409-G; Amendment 39-21897; AD 2022-01-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4091. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2021-1182; Project Identifier AD-2021-01393-E; Amendment 39-21902; AD 2022-02-05] (RIN: 2021-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

EC-4092. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Bell Textron Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.) Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2021-1003; Project Identifier AD-2021-01141 -R; Amendment 39-21899; AD 2022-02-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4093. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0689; Project Identifier AD-2020-01589-R; Amendment 39-21898; AD 2022-02-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4094. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0609; Project Identifier AD-2021-00274-T; Amendment 39-21861; AD 2021-26-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-

EC-4095. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0794; Project Identifier AD-2021-00400-T; Amendment 39-21869; AD 2021-26-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4096. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0665; Project Identifier AD-2021-00270-T; Amendment 39-21848; AD 2021-25-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law

104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-

EC-4097. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule - Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0570; Project Identifier 2019-SW-091-AD; Amendment 39-21888; AD 2021-26-29] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received March 18, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4098. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's policy statement — Statement on Attorney Fees [FMC Docket No.: 21-14] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): Public Law 104-121. Sec. 251: (110 Stat. 868): to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4099. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's policy statement — Policy State on Representative Complaints [FMC Docket No.: 21-13] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121. Sec. 251: (110 Stat. 868): to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-

EC-4100. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's policy statement -Statement on Retaliation [FMC Docket No.: 21-15] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4101. A letter from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards [Docket No.: PHMSA-2013-0255; Amdt. Nos.: 192-xxx; 195-xxx] (RIN: 2137-AF06) received April 6, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## 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. CAWTHORN:

H.R. 7715. A bill to require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to include, to the extent possible, aborted children in death numbers and rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 7716. A bill to help persons in the United States experiencing homelessness and significant behavioral health issues, including substance use disorders, by authorizing a grant program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist State and local governments, Continuums of Care, community-based organizations that administer both health and homelessness services, and providers of services to people experiencing homelessness, better coordinate health care and homelessness services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 7717. A bill to establish and strengthen projects that defray the cost of related instruction associated with pre-apprenticeship and qualified apprenticeship programs, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself and Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma):

H.R. 7718. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to work through the Codex process to review and update internationally recognized standards for infant formula to ensure that such standards are consistent with the requirements applicable to the importation of infant formula into the United States: to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. FISCHBACH (for herself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Babin, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, NORMAN. Mr. FEENSTRA, GROTHMAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. Palazzo, Mr. Buck, Mr. Moore of Alabama, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Good of Virginia, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. CLINE, Mr. BANKS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 7719. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination by abortion against an unborn child on the basis of results from laboratory developed tests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 7720. A bill to establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself and Ms. STANSBURY):

H.R. 7721. A bill to provide compensation for victims of the fire initiated as a prescribed burn by the Forest Service in the Sante Fe National Forest in San Miguel County, New Mexico; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mrs. LESKO:

H.R. 7722. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to reissue the final environmental impact statement for the Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. Con-NOLLY, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALO-NEY of New York):

H.R. 7723. A bill to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to extend the availability of paid leave for Federal employees for purposes relating to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and Veterans' Affairs, 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. MORELLE (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. GOLDEN):

H.R. 7724. A bill to direct the President to seek to obtain an agreement between the United States and other countries that have frozen the assets of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation under which parties to the agreement will use such assets to provide

for the reconstruction of Ukraine upon cessation of hostilities in Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mrs. MIL-LER of Illinois, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BUCK, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 7725. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit the availability of asylum for aliens transiting through third countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H.R. 7726. A bill to authorize the tenth general capital increase for the Inter-American Development Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 7727. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require that institutions of higher education maintain certain adjusted cohort default rates to participate in programs under title IV of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 7728. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include court-ordered receivership in the list of actions resulting in a change of ownership of institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. OMAR):

H.R. 7729. A bill to require the student loan ombudsman of the Department of Education to provide student loan data to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 7730. A bill to provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself and Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida):

H.R. 7731. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H. Res. 1103. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H. Res. 1104. A resolution electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR):

H. Res. 1105. A resolution expressing support for increasing the number of Latino students and young professionals entering careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Bera, and Mr. Meeks):

H. Res. 1106. A resolution expressing support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, its member states, and the United States-ASEAN Special Summit in Washington, DC, and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to continue to remain a strong, reliable, and active partner to ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS:

H. Res. 1107. A resolution designating the week of May 1, 2022, through May 7, 2022, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

# CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CAWTHORN:

H.R. 7715.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 7716.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 7717.

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."

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 7718.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mrs. FISCHBACH:

H.R. 7719.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 7720.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitu-

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 7721.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. LESKO:

H.R. 7722.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 7723.

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.

By Mr. MORELLE:

H.R. 7724.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 7725.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Ms. PLASKETT:

H.R. 7726.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 7727.

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

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

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 7728.

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

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

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 7729.

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

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

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 7730.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia:

I.R. 7731.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 38: Mr. MEIJER.

H.R. 82: Ms. HERRELL.

H.R. 95: Mr. CARL.

H.R. 234: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 288: Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 308: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

 $H.R.\ 402;\ Ms.\ Salazar$  and  $Mr.\ Levin$  of Michigan.

H.R. 419: Mrs. Harshbarger and Mr. Nor-Man.

 $\rm H.R.~426:~Mrs.~Wagner,~Mr.~Bost,~Mr.~Feenstra,~Mr.~Kustoff,~Mr.~Carl,~Mr.~Grothman,~and~Mr.~Scalise.$ 

H.R. 481: Mr. Sessions and Mr. Casten.

H.R. 580: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 666: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 705: Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. Carl, Mr. Graves of Louisiana, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Pfluger, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Rogers of Alabama, and Mr. Crenshaw.

H.R. 851: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

H.R. 959: Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 1011: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R.~1179: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky and Mr. BOST.

H.R. 1182: Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Eshoo.

H.R. 1183: Mr. Ruiz.

H.R. 1297: Mr. SCHNEIDER.

H.R. 1321: Mr. CARL.

H.R. 1408: Ms. Schakowsky. H.R. 1587: Mr. Smucker and Mr. Cawthorn.

H.R. 1647: Mr. Armstrong.

- H.R. 1744: Mr. CLEAVER.
- H.R. 1801: Mr. KILMER.
- H.R. 1816: Mr. McGovern and Ms. Titus.
- H.R. 1842: Mr. Langevin, Mr. Huffman, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. Moulton, Ms. Jacobs of California, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.
  - H.R. 1956: Mr. Armstrong.
- H.R. 1977: Mr. BUDD and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
  - H.R. 2021: Mr. PERLMUTTER.
  - H.R. 2075: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
  - H.R. 2229: Mr. NADLER.
- H.R. 2252: Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
  - H.R. 2255: Mr. KILDEE.
  - H.R. 2256: Ms. PORTER.
- H.R. 2374: Mr. GROTHMAN.
- H.R. 2376: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
- H.R. 2436: Mr. BOWMAN
- H.R. 2447: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.
- H.R. 2460: Mr. Graves of Louisiana.
- H.R. 2616: Ms. Adams.
- H.R. 2767: Ms. WILD.
- H.R. 2773: Mr. Suozzi.
- H.R. 2907: Mrs. Walorski. H.R. 2965: Ms. NORTON.
- H.R. 2972: Mr. AGUILAR and Ms. STRICK-LAND.
- H.R. 2992: Mr. CICILLINE.
- H.R. 3079: Mr. Graves of Missouri, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Ms. VAN DUYNE.
  - H.R. 3114: Ms. Stevens.
- H.R. 3150: Mrs. Watson Coleman and Ms. Sewell.
- H.R. 3165: Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. ESPAILLAT.
  - H.R. 3166: Ms. WILD.
- H.R. 3173: Mr. Obernolte, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. BANKS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. Costa, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. COURTNEY, and Ms. BASS.
- H.R. 3244: Mr. CARBAJAL.
- H.R. 3294: Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SCHNEIDER.
- H.R. 3353: Mr. Malinowski.
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- SMUCKER, and Mr. PALMER. H.R. 7651: Mr. Bucshon.
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- H. Res. 1091: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. CLINE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CAREY, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. LAMBORN, and Ms. VAN DUYNE.
- H. Res. 1100: Mr. CASE and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.



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The Senate met at 8:26 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK KELLY, a Senator from the State of Arizona.

# APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2022.

To the Senate.

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

Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore.

Mr. KELLY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Washington.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning hour be deemed expired.

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

#### JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of proceedings be approved to date.

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time for

the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CAL-ENDAR—S. 4190, S. 4191, and H.R. 7691

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I understand that there are three bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 4190) to provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to Ukraine for military, economic, and humanitarian aid.

A bill (S. 4191) to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the establishment or operation of the Disinformation Governance Board in the Department of Homeland Security

A bill (H.R. 7691) making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Ukraine for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022, THROUGH MAY 7, 2022, AS "NATIONAL SMALL BUSI-NESS WEEK"

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 630, which was submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 630) expressing the support for the designation of the week of May 1, 2022, through May 7, 2022, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. CANTWELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 630) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

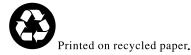
REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITED STATES ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 29, S. Res. 122.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



A resolution (S. Res. 122) reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic, and with an amendment to strike the preamble and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

Whereas, from the American Revolution, through two World Wars, the Cold War, and the fight against international terrorist organizations, the United States has successfully relied on alliances and partnerships with like-minded countries to further our vital security, political, and economic interests, starting with the Treaty of Alliance with France in 1778 and continuing to the present day;

Whereas these treaty alliances provide a unique strategic advantage to the United States and are among the Nation's most precious assets, enabling the United States to advance its vital national interests, defend its territory, expand its economy through international trade and commerce, establish enduring cooperation among like-minded countries, prevent the domination of Europe or the Indo-Pacific and its surrounding maritime and air lanes by a hostile power or powers, and deter potential aggressors;

Whereas United States treaty alliances advance critical shared interests, including upholding regional stability and security, deterring adversaries, maintaining maritime freedom of navigation, promoting global economic prosperity, combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, supporting international institutions and architecture, advancing democracu, human rights, and the rule of law, upholding international law, and promoting shared values and norms:

Whereas the combined strength conferred by treaty alliances enables the United States and its allies to leverage a multinational response to important challenges and advance joint initiatives that tackle global problems with a unity of purpose;

Whereas, after the end of the Second World War, the United States Government strategically invested in building a global network of alliances and partnerships, including through the Marshall Plan in Europe and with our post-war partners in Asia, which helped these countries grow into democratic, prosperous, peaceful nations with whom the United States could effectively partner;

Whereas the United States-Japan, United States-Republic of Korea, United States-Australia, United States-Philippines, and United States-Thailand alliances are the foundation of regional stability in the Indo-Pacific;

Whereas the United States greatly values other partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, including with India, Singapore, Indonesia, Taiwan, New Zealand, and Vietnam;

Whereas the United States maintains an unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan under Article 5 of the United States-Japan security treaty, which includes the Senkaku Islands, as recently reaffirmed by President Joseph R.

Whereas the United States-Japan alliance is one of the most important political, economic, and military alliances in the world, the cornerstone of peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region, and is crucial to maintaining a favorable balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region and advancing a free and open region characterized by a commitment to democratic governance, the free flow of commerce, and shared rules and norms;

Whereas the United States-Republic of Korea alliance is the linchpin of peace, security, and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in the

Indo-Pacific region and is critical to closely coordinating to face the challenges posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and addressing future security challenges;

Whereas the United States-Australia alliance remains an anchor of stability in the Indo-Pacific and the world, while Australia's 2020 Defense Strategic Update and 2020 Force Structure Plan recognize and respond to Australia's evolving strategic threat environment, including by committing to boost its defense spending by 40 percent over the next decade and to bolster its high-end military capabilities, which provides further opportunities for the United States and Australia to boost cooperation on defense and strategic and emerging technologies;

Whereas a strong United States-Philippine alliance is vital to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) is important for the security of both nations, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken has reaffirmed former Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo's March 2019 statement regarding the clear application of the MDT to armed attacks against Philippine armed forces, public vessels, or aircraft in the Pacific, which includes the South China Sea:

Philippines is of unique Whereas the geostrategic importance, is a crucial partner in the areas of counterterrorism and maritime security, and plays an important role in upholding regional security in the South and West Pacific, including the First and Second Island Chains, and a strong relationship between the United States military and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, solidified through agreements such as the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement and the Visiting Forces Agreement, is in the national interests of both the Philippines and the United States;

Whereas the United States and Thailand are increasing their defense cooperation to advance shared interests in the Indo-Pacific:

Whereas the United States has an opportunity to strengthen its relationships, including defense relationships, with treaty allies and other partners in Southeast Asia, especially through cooperation that enables these partners to better contend with infringements on their sovereignty, including by encouraging allies to make specific investments to enhance their area denial and mobile defense-in-depth capabilities;

Whereas, in 1949, the United States joined with several European countries to conclude the North Atlantic Treaty, which formed a basis for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in order "to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law" and to 'promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area'':

Whereas 30 European and North American nations are members of NATO, and all signatories to the North Atlantic Treaty have "resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security'

Whereas, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the NATO alliance invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty for the first and only time, reaffirming that an armed attack against one member of the alliance shall be considered an attack against all;

Whereas NATO serves as a force multiplier, reducing the burden borne by the United States, has command structures, training institutions, and multilateral exercises that have generated unprecedented contributions to United States national security priorities and enabled NATO soldiers to serve alongside members of the United States Armed Forces, including through NATO's ongoing support of Operation Resolute Support in Afghanistan, NATO's Kosovo Force, Operation Sea Guardian in the Mediterranean Sea, the capacity-building NATO Mission Iraq, support for African Union missions, and air policing missions in member and nonmember nations of Eastern Europe, and has taken a strong stand against Russian aggression in Eastern

Whereas, in his February 19, 2021, speech to the Munich Security Conference, President Biden reaffirmed, "The transatlantic alliance is . . the strong foundation on which our collective security and our shared prosperity are built. The partnership between Europe and the United States, in my view, is and must remain the cornerstone of all that we hope to accomplish in the 21st century, just as we did in the 20th century. . . . The United States is fully committed to our NATO Alliance, and I welcome Europe's growing investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defense.

Whereas previous Democratic and Republican Administrations alike have recognized that strong, healthy, and politically sustainable alliances require equitable, fair, reasonable, and mutually beneficial burden-sharing arrangements, and that the key to alliance success is a diplomatic and security posture characterized by the effective marshaling of resources and acquisition and deployment of complementary capabilities, such as the increase in defense spending by all NATO nations since the Wales Declaration of 2014, with 11 members now spending 2 percent of their GDP on defense and several more on track to meet that benchmark by 2024;

Whereas the United States extended nuclear deterrence commitments to NATO and Indo-Pacific allies are foundational to the health, strength, and effectiveness of these alliances and to continued international security and sta-

bility;

Whereas maintaining robust United States diplomatic, economic, and defense budgets are critical to advancing cooperation with allies and partners on shared challenges, and deep and precipitous cuts in United States diplomatic. economic, and defense budgets would damage the health, robustness, and effectiveness of United States alliances:

Whereas, in a sign of our shared security objectives and cooperation, our allies and partners have hosted United States military installations and welcomed members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas citizens of our allies and partners have sacrificed their lives in support of efforts to combat terrorism and promote security in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere, and have contributed significant forces to our military endeavors, placing more combat power on the battlefield, while reducing the burden borne by the United States;

Whereas the United States has worked with our allies and partners to mitigate conflict and humanitarian crises around the world and United States allies have made significant contributions to address humanitarian food security, health, climate-related, and other pressing challenges around the world:

Whereas the United States and its allies face an increasingly challenging security environment in the 21st century, characterized by strategic competition with revisionist powers such as the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, which seek to destabilize the international system;

Whereas this security environment demands United States and allied commitment to strengthening and advancing our alliances so that they are postured to meet these challenges, and will require sustained political will, concrete partnerships, economic, commercial, and technological cooperation, consistent and tangible commitments, high-level and extensive consultations on matters of mutual interest, mutual and shared cooperation in the acquisition of key capabilities important to allied defenses, and unified mutual support in the face of political, economic, or military coercion:

Whereas, on February 4, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden stated that United States diplomacy, including with allies and partners, will be "rooted in America's most cherished democratic values: defending freedom, championing opportunity, upholding universal rights, respecting

the rule of law, and treating every person with dignity," and that United States foreign policy will "better unite our democratic values with our diplomatic leadership"; and

Whereas successive generations of leaders of the United States and its allies have successfully managed the challenges and constraints inherent in alliances, thus ensuring that the benefits of alliances outweigh the costs: Now, therefore,

That the Senate-

(1) reaffirms the enduring commitment of the United States to our treaty allies in the Indo-Pacific region and NATO, as well as to other partners, including our treaty obligations for mutual defense;

(2) emphasizes the primary importance of the United States relationships, alliances, and partnerships to alobal peace and prosperity:

(3) recognizes the many contributions that alliances and partnerships have made to advance the interests of the United States and to promote shared interests:

(4) underscores that alliances have enhanced mutual security by jointly sharing in common defense, including the defense of the United States, and that strong alliances and partnerships generate decisive and sustained United States military advantages;

(5) encourages dealing constructively with significant tensions in the United States alliance relationships to ensure they do not create fis-

sures that adversaries can exploit;

(6) welcomes and seeks to advance the continued collaboration of the United States and our allies and partners to respect and defend the rules-based international order and the values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law that undergird our common security and prosperity;

(7) reaffirms bipartisan support for equitable and mutually beneficial burden-sharing arrangements, including fair and additional substantive contributions by United States allies, and acknowledges the special measures agreements (SMA) reached by the Biden Administration with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and urges ongoing consultations to consider additional allied contributions beyond the traditional SMA categories and to use these consultations as an opportunity to strengthen our alliances with these two partners;

(8) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to strengthening and boosting our alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, including to contend with China's growing power projection capabilities and use of coercive and grey-zone tactics, and to jointly develop, regulate, and monitor the production, use, and protection of strategic and emerging technologies;

(9) encourages the Biden Administration to focus significantly on growing defense cooperation with Australia, especially in light of the country's 2020 Defense Strategic Update, and to build on United States-Japan initiatives that advance alliance defense cooperation that contributes to a free and open Indo-Pacific, and to further boost cooperation with both allies on the research, development, and regulation of strategic and emerging technologies, including defense technologies;

(10) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the NATO alliance and to NATO efforts to counter Kremlin aggression, including military aggression and attempts to erode democratic institutions in the United States and

other NATO member states;

(11) urges the Biden Administration to work with its NATO partners to advance the efforts currently underway within NATO to better prepare the alliance to confront future and emerging challenges, and to continue to encourage NATO nations to contribute more to the alliance and improve their capabilities;

(12) calls upon Indo-Pacific and NATO allies to collaborate with the United States in developing the next generation of defense technologies, including disruptive and emerging

technologies, while working together to improve multilateral export controls, common standards for technology security, and norms and standards for new and emerging technologies;

(13) asks all members of NATO, including the United States, to devote significant energy to the development of a new, forward-looking strategy to replace the 2010 Strategic Concept and focus on the many emerging challenges that face the alliance, including China, Russia, and instability on Europe's southern border;

(14) calls on the Biden Administration to ensure United States policy and posture reflects the requirements of extended deterrence to preserve nonproliferation benefits, assure allies, and to deter, and if necessary, respond, across the spectrum of nuclear and nonnuclear scenarios in defense of allies and partners:

(15) supports maintaining robust diplomatic, economic, and defense budgets as critical to advancing cooperation with allies and partners on

shared challenges: and

(16) reaffirms United States commitment to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, adopted at Paris on December 10, 1948, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the United States on December 16, 1966, and ratified by the United States on June 8, 1992, and welcomes similar commitments from its allies and partners.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment to the resolution be agreed to; that the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; that the committee-reported amendment to the preamble be agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 122), as amended, was agreed to.

The committee-reported amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows: S. RES. 122

Whereas, from the American Revolution, through two World Wars, the Cold War, and the fight against international terrorist organizations, the United States has successfully relied on alliances and partnerships with like-minded countries to further our vital security, political, and economic interests, starting with the Treaty of Alliance with France in 1778 and continuing to the present day;

Whereas these treaty alliances provide a unique strategic advantage to the United States and are among the Nation's most precious assets, enabling the United States to advance its vital national interests, defend its territory, expand its economy through international trade and commerce, establish enduring cooperation among like-minded countries, prevent the domination of Europe or the Indo-Pacific and its surrounding maritime and air lanes by a hostile power or powers, and deter potential aggressors;

Whereas United States treaty alliances advance critical shared interests, including upholding regional stability and security, deterring adversaries, maintaining maritime freedom of navigation, promoting global economic prosperity, combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, sup-

porting international institutions and architecture, advancing democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, upholding international law, and promoting shared values and norms;

Whereas the combined strength conferred by treaty alliances enables the United States and its allies to leverage a multinational response to important challenges and advance joint initiatives that tackle global problems with a unity of purpose;

Whereas, after the end of the Second World War, the United States Government strategically invested in building a global network of alliances and partnerships, including through the Marshall Plan in Europe and with our post-war partners in Asia, which helped these countries grow into democratic, prosperous, peaceful nations with whom the United States could effectively partner;

Whereas the United States-Japan, United States-Republic of Korea, United States-Australia, United States-Philippines, and United States-Thailand alliances are the foundation of regional stability in the Indo-Pacific;

Whereas the United States greatly values other partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, including with India, Singapore, Indonesia, Taiwan, New Zealand, and Vietnam;

Whereas the United States maintains an unwavering commitment to the defense of Japan under Article 5 of the United States-Japan security treaty, which includes the Senkaku Islands, as recently reaffirmed by President Joseph R. Biden;

Whereas the United States-Japan alliance is one of the most important political, economic, and military alliances in the world, the cornerstone of peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region, and is crucial to maintaining a favorable balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region and advancing a free and open region characterized by a commitment to democratic governance, the free flow of commerce, and shared rules and norms:

Whereas the United States-Republic of Korea alliance is the linchpin of peace, security, and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in the Indo-Pacific region and is critical to closely coordinating to face the challenges posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and addressing future security challenges:

Whereas the United States-Australia alliance remains an anchor of stability in the Indo-Pacific and the world, while Australia's 2020 Defense Strategic Update and 2020 Force Structure Plan recognize and respond to Australia's evolving strategic threat environment, including by committing to boost its defense spending by 40 percent over the next decade and to bolster its high-end military capabilities, which provides further opportunities for the United States and Australia to boost cooperation on defense and strategic and emerging technologies;

Whereas a strong United States-Philippine alliance is vital to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) is important for the security of both nations, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken has reaffirmed former Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo's March 2019 statement regarding the clear application of the MDT to armed attacks against Philippine armed forces, public vessels, or aircraft in the Pacific, which includes the South China

Whereas the Philippines is of unique geostrategic importance, is a crucial partner in the areas of counterterrorism and maritime security, and plays an important role in upholding regional security in the South and West Pacific, including the First and Second Island Chains, and a strong relationship between the United States military and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, solidified

through agreements such as the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement and the Visiting Forces Agreement, is in the national interests of both the Philippines and the United States;

Whereas the United States and Thailand are increasing their defense cooperation to advance shared interests in the Indo-Pacific;

Whereas the United States has an opportunity to strengthen its relationships, including defense relationships, with treaty alies and other partners in Southeast Asia, especially through cooperation that enables these partners to better contend with infringements on their sovereignty, including by encouraging allies to make specific investments to enhance their area denial and mobile defense-in-depth capabilities;

Whereas, in 1949, the United States joined with several European countries to conclude the North Atlantic Treaty, which formed a basis for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in order "to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law" and to "promote stability and wellbeing in the North Atlantic area":

Whereas 30 European and North American nations are members of NATO, and all signatories to the North Atlantic Treaty have "resolved to unite their efforts for collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security":

Whereas, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the NATO alliance invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty for the first and only time, reaffirming that an armed attack against one member of the alliance shall be considered an attack against all:

Whereas NATO serves as a force multiplier. reducing the burden borne by the United States, has command structures, training institutions, and multilateral exercises that have generated unprecedented contributions to United States national security priorities and enabled NATO soldiers to serve alongside members of the United States Armed Forces, including through NATO's ongoing support of Operation Resolute Support in Afghanistan, NATO's Kosovo Force, Operation Sea Guardian in the Mediterranean Sea, the capacity-building NATO Mission Iraq, support for African Union missions, and air policing missions in member and nonmember nations of Eastern Europe, and has taken a strong stand against Russian aggression in Eastern Europe:

Whereas, in his February 19, 2021, speech to the Munich Security Conference, President Biden reaffirmed, "The transatlantic alliance is... the strong foundation on which our collective security and our shared prosperity are built. The partnership between Europe and the United States, in my view, is and must remain the cornerstone of all that we hope to accomplish in the 21st century, just as we did in the 20th century... The United States is fully committed to our NATO Alliance, and I welcome Europe's growing investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defense.";

Whereas previous Democratic and Republican Administrations alike have recognized that strong, healthy, and politically sustainable alliances require equitable, fair, reasonable, and mutually beneficial burden-sharing arrangements, and that the key to alliance success is a diplomatic and security posture characterized by the effective marshaling of resources and acquisition and deployment of complementary capabilities, such as the increase in defense spending by all NATO nations since the Wales Declaration of 2014, with 11 members now spending 2 percent of their GDP on defense and several more on track to meet that benchmark by 2024;

Whereas the United States extended nuclear deterrence commitments to NATO and Indo-Pacific allies are foundational to the health, strength, and effectiveness of these alliances and to continued international security and stability;

Whereas maintaining robust United States diplomatic, economic, and defense budgets are critical to advancing cooperation with allies and partners on shared challenges, and deep and precipitous cuts in United States diplomatic, economic, and defense budgets would damage the health, robustness, and effectiveness of United States alliances:

Whereas, in a sign of our shared security objectives and cooperation, our allies and partners have hosted United States military installations and welcomed members of the United States Armed Forces:

Whereas citizens of our allies and partners have sacrificed their lives in support of efforts to combat terrorism and promote security in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere, and have contributed significant forces to our military endeavors, placing more combat power on the battlefield, while reducing the burden borne by the United States;

Whereas the United States has worked with our allies and partners to mitigate conflict and humanitarian crises around the world, and United States allies have made significant contributions to address humanitarian, food security, health, climate-related, and other pressing challenges around the world:

Whereas the United States and its allies face an increasingly challenging security environment in the 21st century, characterized by strategic competition with revisionist powers such as the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, which seek to destabilize the international system;

Whereas this security environment demands United States and allied commitment to strengthening and advancing our alliances so that they are postured to meet these challenges, and will require sustained political will, concrete partnerships, economic, commercial, and technological cooperation, consistent and tangible commitments, highlevel and extensive consultations on matters of mutual interest, mutual and shared cooperation in the acquisition of key capabilities important to allied defenses, and unified mutual support in the face of political, economic, or military coercion;

Whereas, on February 4, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden stated that United States diplomacy, including with allies and partners, will be "rooted in America's most cherished democratic values: defending freedom, championing opportunity, upholding universal rights, respecting the rule of law, and treating every person with dignity," and that United States foreign policy will "better unite our democratic values with our diplomatic leadership"; and

Whereas successive generations of leaders of the United States and its allies have successfully managed the challenges and constraints inherent in alliances, thus ensuring that the benefits of alliances outweigh the costs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate-

(1) reaffirms the enduring commitment of the United States to our treaty allies in the Indo-Pacific region and NATO, as well as to other partners, including our treaty obligations for mutual defense:

(2) emphasizes the primary importance of the United States relationships, alliances, and partnerships to global peace and prosperity:

(3) recognizes the many contributions that alliances and partnerships have made to advance the interests of the United States and to promote shared interests;

(4) underscores that alliances have enhanced mutual security by jointly sharing in common defense, including the defense of the United States, and that strong alliances and partnerships generate decisive and sustained United States military advantages;

(5) encourages dealing constructively with significant tensions in the United States aliance relationships to ensure they do not create fissures that adversaries can exploit;

(6) welcomes and seeks to advance the continued collaboration of the United States and our allies and partners to respect and defend the rules-based international order and the values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law that undergird our common security and prosperity;

(7) reaffirms bipartisan support for equitable and mutually beneficial burden-sharing arrangements, including fair and additional substantive contributions by United States allies, and acknowledges the special measures agreements (SMA) reached by the Biden Administration with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and urges ongoing consultations to consider additional allied contributions beyond the traditional SMA categories and to use these consultations as an opportunity to strengthen our alliances with these two partners:

(8) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to strengthening and boosting our alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, including to contend with China's growing power projection capabilities and use of coercive and grey-zone tactics, and to jointly develop, regulate, and monitor the production, use, and protection of strategic and emerging technologies:

(9) encourages the Biden Administration to focus significantly on growing defense coperation with Australia, especially in light of the country's 2020 Defense Strategic Update, and to build on United States-Japan initiatives that advance alliance defense coperation that contributes to a free and open Indo-Pacific, and to further boost cooperation with both allies on the research, development, and regulation of strategic and emerging technologies, including defense technologies.

(10) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the NATO alliance and to NATO efforts to counter Kremlin aggression, including military aggression and attempts to erode democratic institutions in the United States and other NATO member states:

(11) urges the Biden Administration to work with its NATO partners to advance the efforts currently underway within NATO to better prepare the alliance to confront future and emerging challenges, and to continue to encourage NATO nations to contribute more to the alliance and improve their capabilities:

(12) calls upon Indo-Pacific and NATO allies to collaborate with the United States in developing the next generation of defense technologies, including disruptive and emerging technologies, while working together to improve multilateral export controls, common standards for technology security, and norms and standards for new and emerging technologies;

(13) asks all members of NATO, including the United States, to devote significant energy to the development of a new, forward-looking strategy to replace the 2010 Strategic Concept and focus on the many emerging challenges that face the alliance, including China, Russia, and instability on Europe's southern border;

(14) calls on the Biden Administration to ensure United States policy and posture reflects the requirements of extended deterrence to preserve nonproliferation benefits, assure allies, and to deter, and if necessary, respond, across the spectrum of nuclear and nonnuclear scenarios in defense of allies and partners:

(15) supports maintaining robust diplomatic, economic, and defense budgets as critical to advancing cooperation with allies and partners on shared challenges; and

(16) reaffirms United States commitment to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, adopted at Paris on December 10, 1948, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the United States on December 16, 1966, and ratified by the United States on June 8, 1992, and welcomes similar commitments from its allies and partners.

COMMEMORATING THE 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1991 PARIS PEACE AGREEMENTS WITH CAMBODIA

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 316, S. Res. 427.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 427) to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

#### S. RES. 427

Whereas the agreements signed at the Paris Conference on Cambodia on October 23, 1991 (commonly referred to as the "Paris Peace Agreements"), led to the end of a brutal 12-year civil war in Cambodia and paved the way to national reconciliation through the expulsion of foreign forces and the guarantee of the right to self-determination of the Cambodian people through free and fair elections;

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements represented a landmark achievement for the Cambodian people, Cambodia, the international community, and the United States and are the foundation for the peace enjoyed by Cambodia today:

Whereas the United States was a party to the negotiation and conclusion of the Paris Peace Agreements, which also included leadership and participation of a broad international coalition composed of Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia, and Cambodia;

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements authorized the creation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), which was an unprecedented international effort to help administer Cambodia and guide the country as it emerged from years of civil war;

Whereas the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia successfully prevented the resurgence of the genocidal Khmer Rouge, created the atmosphere for national reconciliation, was instrumental to

the return of hundreds of thousands of Cambodian refugees to their homes, and laid the groundwork for a new Constitution and free and fair elections that featured broad participation;

Whereas, since the United Nations Security Council established the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia through United Nations Security Council Resolution 745 in 1992, the United States and the international community have continued to support the peace, security, and prosperity of Cambodia, as demonstrated through the delivery by the United States of more than \$1,500,000,000 in development assistance and more than \$3,000,000,000 in total assistance to Cambodia, according to the Department of State:

Whereas the implementation of the Paris Peace Agreements established institutions critical to peace, development, and freedom in Cambodia, including the beginnings of a vibrant civil society and independent media;

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements set forth a democratic process for the election of a constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which obligates the Kingdom to "respect human rights as stipulated in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human rights, the covenants and conventions related to human rights, women's and children's rights":

Whereas the actions of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the ruling Cambodian People's Party since 1993 to consolidate power, which have infringed on the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Cambodian people and culminated in the banning of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in 2017, effectively turning Cambodia into a one-party state, violate the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia and challenge the full implementation of the Paris Peace Agreements:

Whereas the reported use of Cambodia's Ream Naval Base on the Gulf of Thailand by the People's Republic of China would be inconsistent with Cambodia's status of neutrality under the Paris Peace Agreements, which the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia later defined, in part, as "not permit(ting) any foreign military base on its territory"; and

Whereas the politically motivated arrests of more than 150 people associated with the Cambodia National Rescue Party since June 2019 and irregular judicial prosecutions of detainees further undermine the intent of the Paris Peace Agreements to allow full political participation in free and fair elections: Now, therefore, be it

That the Senate-

(1) remains committed to the Cambodian people and their aspirations for a more peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign country, as envisioned in the agreements signed at the Paris Conference on Cambodia on October 23, 1991 (commonly referred to as the "Paris Peace Agreements"), with the support of the international community;

(2) calls upon all signatories of the Paris Peace Agreements, including Cambodian stakeholders, to reaffirm their commitments under the Agreements, the fulfillment of which will advance the peace, prosperity, rights, and freedoms enjoyed by the Cambodian people 30 years after the signing of the Agreements; and

(3) emphasizes the need for the Government of Cambodia—

(A) to commit to free and fair multiparty elections in the upcoming communal elections in 2022 and national elections in 2023 as an expression of its commitment to the self-determination of the Cambodian people:

(B) to uphold its commitments to protecting human rights, democratic institutions, and free and fair elections;

(C) to dismiss all politically motivated charges, prosecutions, and sentencings of the opposition, journalists, and civil society activists:

(D) to refrain from actions that violate its status of neutrality; and

(E) to use its role as 2022 Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to strengthen the institution and ASEAN's independence and uphold the values of the ASEAN Charter and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, done at Denpasar February 24, 1976.

Ms. CANTWELL. I further ask that the committee-reported substitute to the resolution be agreed to.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

Ms. CANTWELL. I know of no further debate on the resolution, as amended.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

The resolution (S. Res. 427), as amended, was agreed to.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 427

Whereas the agreements signed at the Paris Conference on Cambodia on October 23, 1991 (commonly referred to as the "Paris Peace Agreements"), led to the end of a brutal 12-year civil war in Cambodia and paved the way to national reconciliation through the expulsion of foreign forces and the guarantee of the right to self-determination of the Cambodian people through free and fair elections;

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements represented a landmark achievement for the Cambodian people, Cambodia, the international community, and the United States and are the foundation for the peace enjoyed by Cambodia today:

Whereas the United States was a party to the negotiation and conclusion of the Paris Peace Agreements, which also included leadership and participation of a broad international coalition composed of Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia, and Cambodia;

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements authorized the creation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), which was an unprecedented international effort to help administer Cambodia and guide the country as it emerged from years of civil war;

Whereas the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia successfully prevented the resurgence of the genocidal Khmer Rouge, created the atmosphere for national reconciliation, was instrumental to

the return of hundreds of thousands of Cambodian refugees to their homes, and laid the groundwork for a new Constitution and free and fair elections that featured broad participation:

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Whereas the implementation of the Paris Peace Agreements established institutions critical to peace, development, and freedom in Cambodia, including the beginnings of a vibrant civil society and independent media:

Whereas the Paris Peace Agreements set forth a democratic process for the election of a constituent assembly that adopted the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which obligates the Kingdom to "respect human rights as stipulated in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human rights, the covenants and conventions related to human rights, women's and children's rights";

Whereas the actions of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the ruling Cambodian People's Party since 1993 to consolidate power, which have infringed on the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Cambodian people and culminated in the banning of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in 2017, effectively turning Cambodia into a one-party state, violate the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia and challenge the full implementation of the Paris Peace Agreements;

Whereas the reported use of Cambodia's Ream Naval Base on the Gulf of Thailand by the People's Republic of China would be inconsistent with Cambodia's status of neutrality under the Paris Peace Agreements, which the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia later defined, in part, as "not permit(ting) any foreign military base on its territory"; and

Whereas the politically motivated arrests of more than 150 people associated with the Cambodia National Rescue Party since June 2019 and irregular judicial prosecutions of detainees further undermine the intent of the Paris Peace Agreements to allow full political participation in free and fair elections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate-

(1) remains committed to the Cambodian people and their aspirations for a more peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign country, as envisioned in the agreements signed at the Paris Conference on Cambodia on October 23, 1991 (commonly referred to as the "Paris Peace Agreements"), with the support of the international community;

(2) calls upon all signatories of the Paris Peace Agreements, including Cambodian stakeholders, to reaffirm their commitments under the Agreements, the fulfillment of which will advance the peace, prosperity, rights, and freedoms enjoyed by the Cambodian people 30 years after the signing of the Agreements: and

(3) emphasizes the need for the Government of Cambodia—

(A) to commit to free and fair multiparty elections in the upcoming communal elections in 2022 and national elections in 2023 as an expression of its commitment to the self-determination of the Cambodian people;

- (B) to uphold its commitments to protecting human rights, democratic institutions, and free and fair elections;
- (C) to dismiss all politically motivated charges, prosecutions, and sentencings of the opposition, journalists, and civil society activists:
- (D) to refrain from actions that violate its status of neutrality; and

(E) to use its role as 2022 Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to strengthen the institution and ASEAN's independence and uphold the values of the ASEAN Charter and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, done at Denpasar February 24, 1976.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING THE UNITED NA-ARMS TIONS **EMBARGO** ONSOUTH SUDAN UNTIL CONDI-TIONS FOR PEACE, STABILITY, DEMOCRACY, DEVELOP-AND MENT EXIST

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 322, S. Res. 473.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 473) expressing the sense of the Senate on the necessity of maintaining the United Nations arms embargo on South Sudan until conditions for peace, stability, democracy, and development exist.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. CANTWELL. I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 473) was agreed to.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of December 8, 2021, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONDEMNING THE OCTOBER 25, 2021, MILITARY COUP IN SUDAN AND STANDING WITH THE PEO-PLE OF SUDAN

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 324, S. Con. Res.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 20) condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. CANTWELL. I know of no further debate on the concurrent resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 20) was agreed to.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

(The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 4, 2021, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A FREE, FAIR, AND PEACEFUL DECEMBER 4, 2021, ELECTION IN THE GAMBIA

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 339, S. Res. 456.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 456) expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic, and with an amendment to strike the preamble and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

Whereas, in 1965, The Gambia became independent from Great Britain:

Whereas, in 1970, The Gambia became a republic following a public referendum, and Dawda Jawara was elected president and subsequently reelected an additional five times;

Whereas, from 1970 to 1994, The Gambia was one of Africa's longest running democracies and home to the continent's human rights body, the African Commission on Human and People's Rights;

Whereas, in 1994, President Jawara was forcibly removed from office in a coup by the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council (AFPRC), led by Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh;

Whereas, after two years of direct AFPRC rule that was heavily criticized by the international community, a flawed constitutional reform process occurred and The Gambia scheduled a new presidential election;

Whereas, in the lead up to the September 1996 presidential election, the Jammeh military government outlawed the country's main opposition parties, restricted media freedom, prohibited meetings between rival candidates and foreign

diplomats, and used soldiers to attack opposition rallies;

Whereas Jammeh won the 1996 presidential election in a process widely regarded as flawed by international observers;

Whereas President Jammeh won reelection in 2001, 2006, and 2011 in electoral processes marred by political repression, intimidation, and technical flaws;

Whereas Jammeh's presidency saw targeted violence and widespread gross human rights violations, particularly against members of the media, including the murder of editor Deyda Hydara and the disappearance of journalist Ebrima Manneh:

Whereas President Jammeh personally ordered the kidnapping and torture of individuals he accused of "witchcraft" and threatened others over their sexual orientation;

Whereas thousands of Gambians fled into exile out of concern for their safety, becoming refugees in Africa at large and elsewhere;

Whereas the Jammeh government's human rights record was widely criticized by regional and international human rights groups, as well as the United States, European Union, and members of the United States Senate;

Whereas, in December 2016, opposition grand coalition candidate Adama Barrow, who campaigned on the promise of electoral and constitutional reform, won an upset election victory against President Jammeh;

Whereas, immediately after the 2016 election, Jammeh publicly accepted the defeat, but then later rejected the results and refused to depart the presidency;

Whereas Jammeh's refusal to accept defeat was widely condemned, with the African Union refusing to recognize him as president and the Economic Community of West African States deploying an international intervention force to The Gambia:

Whereas, on January 19, 2017, Barrow was sworn in as president at the Gambian Embassy in Senegal:

Whereas, on January 20, 2017, Jammeh and his family departed The Gambia, reportedly stealing more than \$1,000,000,000 from state coffers, eventually to appear in Equatorial Guinea, where he remains in political exile with impunity;

Whereas President Barrow initially agreed to limit his term to a three-year transition ending on January 19, 2020, but later stated his intent to serve the full five-year constitutional term and run for reelection;

Whereas the Gambian Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission (TRRC) was established by an act of the Gambian Parliament to examine abuses committed during the Jammeh era and make recommendations as to whom to hold accountable;

Whereas more than 370 victims and former government officials testified at widely viewed TRRC hearings that documented widespread human rights abuses;

Whereas, on November 25, 2021, the TRRC submitted its final report to President Barrow detailing the death of more than 240 people, torture, rape, and disappearances under the Jammeh regime;

Whereas, on December 4, 2021, The Gambia held the first post-Jammeh era presidential election, which included six presidential candidates;

Whereas the December 4, 2021, election occurred peacefully, with high voter turnout and under the observation of a significant number of domestic and international monitors;

Whereas, on December 5, 2021, The Gambia's Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) announced results showing that President Barrow had won reelection:

Whereas, on December 5, 2021, domestic election observers and other stakeholders released a joint statement noting that "the elections were conducted generally in an atmosphere of transparency and fairness as observed by domestic and international observers" and reminded can-

didates of the Code of Conduct for Peaceful Elections provision to "accept the results of the election as announced by the Chairperson of the IEC":

Whereas, on December 5, 2021, former President of Sierra Leone Ernest Bai Koroma, who led an election observation mission from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), appealed to all the Gambian candidates "to accept the outcome of the election in good faith":

Whereas, on December 24, 2021, the Gambia Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission published its findings that former President Jammeh was responsible for more than 20 years of killings, torture, and rape and recommended that those responsible be prosecuted, saying, "To forgive and forget with impunity the violations and abuses. .. would not only undermine reconciliation but would also constitute a massive and egregious cover-up of the crimes committed.":

Whereas, on December 28, 2021, the Gambia Supreme Court dismissed a challenge to the election results; and

Whereas, on January 18, 2022, the Independent Electoral Commission announced that National Assembly elections will be held on April 9, 2022: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Senate-

- (1) congratulates the Gambian people on the successful 2016 and 2021 presidential elections;
- (2) supports the courageous and necessary work and recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission to bring accountability, healing, and reconciliation to the nation, and calls on the government to follow through with appropriate actions with regards to justice, accountability, and reparations for victims;
- (3) calls on all parties and voters to again peacefully participate in the upcoming April legislative election and to peacefully follow all legal processes with regards to the results; and
- (4) expresses the support of the American people in The Gambia's continued and noteworthy democratic path forward.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I further ask that the committee-reported amendment to the resolution be withdrawn and that the Durbin substitute amendment at the desk to the resolution be agreed to.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 5031) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)  $\,$ 

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: "That the Senate—

- (1) congratulates the Gambian people on the successful 2016 and 2021 presidential elections and the April 2022 legislative election;
- (2) supports the courageous and necessary work and recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission to bring accountability, healing, and reconciliation to the nation, and calls on the government to follow through with appropriate actions with regards to justice, accountability, and reparations for victims; and
- (3) expresses the support of the American people in The Gambia's continued and noteworthy democratic path forward.

Ms. CANTWELL. I know of no further debate on the resolution, as amended.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there further debate?

Hearing no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution, as amended.

The resolution (S. Res. 456), as amended, was agreed to.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment to the preamble be withdrawn; that the Durbin substitute amendment at the desk to the preamble be agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The committee-reported amendment to the preamble was withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 5032) to the preamble in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

[Purpose: To amend the preamble]

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, in 1965, The Gambia became independent from Great Britain;

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Whereas, after two years of direct AFPRC rule that was heavily criticized by the international community, a flawed constitutional reform process occurred and The Gambia scheduled a new presidential election;

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- (2) supports the courageous and necessary work and recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations Commission to bring accountability, healing, and reconciliation to the nation, and calls on the government to follow through with appropriate actions with regards to justice, accountability, and reparations for victims; and
- (3) expresses the support of the American people in The Gambia's continued and noteworthy democratic path forward.

# ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day. and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the motion to discharge the Boyle nomination; further, that the vote on the motion to discharge occur at 12 noon; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday'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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

# ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come be-

fore the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:34 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10 a.m.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination pursuant to S. Res. 27 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar:

CHARLOTTE N. SWEENEY, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLO-

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 11, 2022:

#### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

PHILIP NATHAN JEFFERSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

ALVARO M. BEDOYA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2019.

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

JULIA RUTH GORDON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(D):

#### To be rear admiral

MICHAEL H DAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR OPERATIONS, A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 305:

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. PETER W. GAUTIER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE COMMANDANT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 304:

#### To be admiral

VICE ADM. STEVEN D. POULIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDANT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 302:

#### To be admiral

ADM. LINDA L. FAGAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 305:

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. KEVIN E. LUNDAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14. U.S.C., SECTION 305:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ANDREW J. TIONGSON

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 833, MY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MOLDOVA'S DEMOCRACY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ON APRIL 27, 2022

## HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker. I rise to support H. Res. 833, a bipartisan resolution co-authored by Moldova Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman AUGUST PFLUGER, and myself, to support the Republic of Moldova's democracy, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

I would also like to thank Chairman MEEKS for his support for strengthening U.S.-Moldova relations and his expedited consideration of this resolution on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Moldova is a small but significant country that achieved independence after the fall of the Soviet Union and has worked to chart its. own path forward as a young democracy.

This year, we celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the opportunities we have to strengthen U.S.-Moldova relations.

Today, Moldova is a bright spot in the region.

Over the last two years, the Moldovan people elected their first female president and a new parliament with a clear mandate to implement crucial governance and economic reforms, such as strengthening the capacity and independence of democratic institutions—including the judiciary, combatting corruption, expanding economic prosperity, enhancing European cooperation and integration, and increasing energy security and diversification.

Moldova is trying to do exactly what we urge on our counterparts all over the world—responding and being accountable to all of its citizens. We must support and help Moldova in these critical endeavors—particularly in the face of Russian military aggression in neighboring Ukraine.

President Putin's unprovoked and barbaric military invasion of Ukraine has grave security implications for Moldova, by virtue of its proximity and the presence of Russian-backed separatist troops in Transnistria—a breakaway region within Moldova's internationally recognized borders. Already, we are hearing of a potential false flag operation within Transnistria. We have seen this before, and we must be vigilant.

Since Putin's brutal invasion, Moldova has punched above its weight and opened its arms to hundreds of thousands fleeing Ukrainian refugees, providing them humanitarian assistance and a safe place to turn, despite limited resources

As a country largely dependent on Russia for energy, the Moldovan government has also

worked hard to swiftly accelerate energy diversification and ensure the resilience of its infrastructure.

The United States and the international community must do all we can to provide Moldova the resources needed to succeed in these efforts, while also supporting their efforts to stay the course on implementing important governance and economic reforms. That is exactly what this resolution supports.

I've had the pleasure of visiting Moldova and welcoming Moldovans to our country many times by virtue of North Carolina's sister-state relationship with Moldova, co-chairing the Moldova Caucus, and engaging Moldovans in the parliamentary-development work of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which I chair.

Most recently, as HDP resumed in-person meetings, a young articulate group of Moldovan parliamentarians joined us for a five-country conference at the Marshall Center in Germany and made a significant contribution to the program.

The Moldovan Parliament has made great institutional strides, particularly since the landmark elections of 2019, and HDP looks forward to continuing engagement with them.

The North Carolina partnership, nurtured by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and hundreds of citizen-diplomats in both countries, has been a remarkable success—which is acknowledged in this resolution. Since 1996, the North Carolina National Guard has anchored the partnership, which has now come to involve exchanges and cooperation beyond the military, including civil emergency operations, expansion of markets, humanitarian efforts, and cultural, scientific, and educational initiatives.

The resolution before us honors the achievements of independent Moldova, celebrates 30 years of cordial United States relations, urges continued progress on economic and political reform, and does all of this in full awareness of the perils Moldova faces.

It is a timely and compelling resolution, and I urge unanimous support.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED GARONE

# HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed Garone's long history of leadership in New Hampshire and in celebration of his Golden Anniversary of the Derry Chief of Police. Ed first answered the call to service in his community in 1964 with the Lebranon Police Department and moved up the ranks over the next eight years, being named the Derry Chief of Police in 1972.

When Ed was promoted to Chief in 1972, he oversaw 16 officers. Today, he oversees more than 70 officers and runs a department of exemplary police officers and staff. He works to ensure the safety of citizens in his community, but also for the officers he oversees. Over the years he has worked on projects that focused on bettering Derry and the community.

As Chief, Éd has continuously shown dedication to bettering the community issue by issue since the 1970s. Ed has always gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of the good people of Derry, and all Granite Staters, by spearheading efforts to combat the opioid epidemic—both in Derry and across the state.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Ed for his continued dedication to the Granite State and to congratulate him on this momentous milestone.

HONORING PAULA MOLTZAN, OLYMPIC ATHLETE

## HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Minnesota native Paula Moltzan for earning 12th in giant slalom, 8th in slalom, and 4th in the mixed team in the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Paula, who has been on the Olympic Alpine Team since 2012, has had an amazing track record, becoming the first American woman to win a slalom gold at Junior Worlds. During her time at the University of Vermont she was the fifth female to win the NCAA slalom title and the first freshman to do so since 1986. With her lifelong dedication to skiing, Paula is reminder to all of us that hard work and dedication pay off.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Paula and congratulate her on her impressive Olympic performance.

HONORING BISHOP JUAN L. MORRISON

## HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Juan L. Morrison.

From a young age, Bishop Morrison was taught to love and serve others. As the son of a pastor, the values of being humble, pious, and charitable were instilled within him, forming a man devoted to his faith and community.

Academically, Bishop Morrison was driven. He received a master's degrees in Education Administration, Counseling, and Psychology, as well as a Doctorate in Philosophy. Bishop Morrison then spent thirty-five years in Springfield teaching both in the public school system and at Lincoln Land Community College.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor. Not only did Bishop Morrison have an influence in the classroom but also on his faith and community. For thirty-six years, he served as the Pastor and Founder of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, as well as its superintendent, and the first Administrative Assistant

Bishop Morrison lived a life that we all strive for. He loved his faith, his family, and his community. His impact and devotion to his faith has surely inspired many and will always be missed. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Clementine, to their children, Juan, Daryl, and Cheryl, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. May Bishop Morrison rest in peace.

#### MIKE LITZAU

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Litzau for receiving the 2021 Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Pioneer Award is given to an exceptional leader in the community who has served Arvada for many years and contributed in unprecedented ways. This award is only given as needed and is regarded with the highest level of accolades for the recipient's accomplishments.

This year's winner, Mike Litzau, is very well-deserving of this recognition for his many community efforts and volunteer service throughout the years. Mike served on the Arvada Chamber Board of Directors and currently sits on the Advocacy KAPS Council and Legacy Board. He was also recognized by the Chamber in 2018 with a "Behind the Scenes" Award and in 2014 as "Man of Year". Mike served on the Arvada Economic Development Association Board of Directors for 21 years, including four years as President was awarded for his distinguished service in 2014.

In addition, Mike served on the Arvada Community Food Bank (Community Table) Board of Directors for 12 years, including as President for six years. There he coordinated a capital campaign to renovate a former library building for the food bank in 2009. Mike has been a member of the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Club for 12 years, serving in leadership positions as the Treasurer for nine years and currently serves as President. Mike also serves on the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Board, the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board, and the SCU Community Foundation Board. He has also coordinated an Arvada Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for over ten years.

Mike has been quite the force for good in the Arvada community and has made a difference in the community as a whole with his positive attitude and smile for everyone he meets. Congratulations again to Mike Litzau for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF RUSS SANDERS

#### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russ Sanders, former Fire Chief of my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and one of the American fire service's most respected and dedicated leaders.

Russ has long been an advocate for firefighter safety and health, serving as a leader in the fire service locally, nationally, and internationally for more than 50 years.

He retired in January from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), where he served as a regional and international director for many years. Chief Sanders has also served as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and as the leader of the NFPA's Urban Fire Forum. Before that, he served for nearly 30 years in the Louisville, KY Fire Department, his last nine years as Chief of the Department.

Sanders obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Master of Education Degree, and a Master of Science Degree—all from the University of Louisville. Russ is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and Harvard University's Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program.

Russ has dedicated his life to the advocacy of the fire service in the United States, tackling issues from firefighter health and safety to the development of fire and life safety standards, codes, and policies designed to protect the public. He also served as a subject matter expert on several major fire research studies conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Chief Sanders is admired and respected by his peers in the United States and Internationally. In 2019, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) acknowledged his contributions to the U.S. fire service by recognizing him as the recipient of the CFSI's Annual Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award for his exemplary leadership.

Russ' dedication to making the fire service stronger, more effective, and safer has directly touched the lives of every firefighter in this country—and the American people are safer today because of his efforts. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Chief Russ Sanders for his leadership and years of service to my city, to our nation, and to his fellow firefighters.

### RECOGNIZING RICHARD AND DIANE WOJTOWICZ

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Richard and Diane Wojtowicz to their community of Williamsville, NY. Members of the Williamsville community for almost 50 years, the Wojtowiczs have both spent their careers working to improve and strengthen the quality of life in their town.

A graduate of Canisius College and the current Director of Corporate Relations for Mainstream Funding Systems, Mr. Wojtowicz is a former Town Councilman and has lifelong experience in service to the Williamsville area. Mrs. Wojtowicz is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton College and is Executive Secretary to the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Funding Systems. Through her involvement in many community organizations and her volunteer work, Mrs. Wojtowicz has shown she is equally devoted to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz currently serve on the Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Village Board of Trustees. As members of the Board of Trustees, they strive to preserve the history and cultural heritage of the Buffalo Niagara Re-

gion.

As members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Board, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz are avid supporters of the arts. Mr. Wojtowicz is a musician himself, playing drums professionally with many western New York bands, and Mrs. Wojtowicz's appreciation for the arts is apparent through her volunteer work with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra. Arts in the western New York area are fueled by the support of community members like the Wojtowiczs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have further dedicated themselves to the Williamsville community through their service to the youth community. Mrs. Wojtowicz serves currently as the vice president of the Amherst Youth Foundation Board, and Mr. Wojtowicz is the Foundation's current secretary. While serving as Town Councilman, Mr. Wojtowicz was the board's liaison to the Recreation Department. the Youth Board, the Library, and the Government Studies Committee. He also served as a consultant to Junior Achievement, helping young people develop the skills to succeed in today's economy. Through their service, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have shown a commitment to helping future generations of Williamsville residents.

As is exemplified by previous recognition they have earned, the Wojtowiczs are valued members of their community. In appreciation for her work with Rotary International, Mrs. Wojtowicz was awarded the "Unsung Hero" award. For his generosity and care, Mr. Wojtowicz has been honored by Rotary International with the "Rotarian of the Year" award, "Service Above Self Award," and many "Paul Harris" recognition awards. Mr. Wojtowicz also received the "Businessman of the Year" award from the General Pulaski Association of Western New York.

Dedicated to bettering the Amherst-Williamsville area, the Wojtowiczs' contributions to the arts, youth engagement, and local business have left a lasting impact. Our community is indebted to Richard and Diane Wojtowicz for their exemplary and selfless actions. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz for everything they have done over the years to better the lives of their fellow Williamsville residents.

HONORING ARMY SERGEANT DARBY MORIN

#### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Army Sergeant

Darby Morin, an honorable serviceman, husband, and father.

Sergeant Morin began his military career as an Army Transportation specialist, maintaining Army vehicles. With the support of his family, Darby became a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist. This new role gave him the skills and knowledge to defend our nation against the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

We are forever indebted to our servicemembers for their sacrifice and recognize the irreplaceable support military spouses and families provide for our nation's heroes. Military families serve alongside their loved ones, and today, we remember their tremendous sacrifice and mourn their loss.

I am pleased to know that my staff was able to join Sergeant Morin's family and U.S. Bank in recognizing his impressive and enduring legacy during the Gold Star Family event, Driven to Serve. While we all mourn this loss, Sergeant Darby Morin's commitment to serving our nation will never be forgotten.

HONORING BATOYUN "OYUNA" URANCHIMEG, PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batoyun "Oyuna" Uranchimeg on her performance at the 2022 Paralympic Games in Beijing, which earned the U.S. Wheelchair Curling Team 5th place.

Oyuna began curling in 2016 and has since become an instrumental member of the USA Wheelchair Curling Development Team. She has shown us that strength is about the determination to persevere. Her performance has been inspirational, and I look forward to watching what she accomplishes next.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Oyuna and congratulate her on her impressive Paralympic performance.

HONORING CURT RHODES

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curt Rhodes.

Curt was a friend to everyone he met. Whether he was watching races at the Macon Speedway, attending events with the UMP Modified Racing Series, or watching his favorite team, the St. Louis Blues, Curt was loved by those around him.

If there is one thing Curt loved more than the Blues or a day at the speedway, it was his family. Curt loved nothing more than to be with his family. His brother Joe, his sister Debbie, his nephews Brandon, Justin, Tyler, and Ryan, and his nieces Hannah and Kristy meant the world to him. Curt and his wife Katrina raised a beautiful family of their own, including his son Zachary and his daughter Kassandra. Curt was loved and will be remembered by many.

Curt was born in Edmonton Alberta, Canada but eventually moved to my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois. He lived a fulfilling, honest life and was dedicated to his family, his community and being a friend to all.

On January 31, 2022, Curt passed away in Springfield, Illinois. Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family. Curt will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

JEFF CANNON

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Cannon for receiving the 2021 Man of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Man of the Year Award is given annually to a man who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve his community.

Jeff has been a tireless volunteer in Arvada for more than 40 years. Most notably, he has served with the Arvada Jaycee's since 1981 and has held many positions in the organization, including Chapter President, Colorado Secretary, Colorado State President and Colorado Senate President. He has managed the Arvada Harvest Festival as well as many other community events through the years. In addition, he's served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Arvada Planning Commission, and served as President of Arvada Sister Cities. His commitment to serving the Arvada community is unparalleled.

Congratulations again to Jeff Cannon on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH ROTH'S RETIREMENT FROM HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, who has announced his retirement after serving the organization for nearly 30 years at its helm. During this time, he developed the organization to become a leading defender of human rights with a budget of nearly \$100 million and over 500 staff operating in 100 countries.

Mr. Roth, a former federal prosecutor in New York and during investigations of the Iran-Contra Affair, began his career in human rights work as a volunteer for 6 years before joining HRW as Deputy Director in 1987. At the time, HRW consisted of regional human rights monitoring groups, including Helsinki Watch—a product of the 1975 Helsinki Accords to monitor compliance of human rights in Soviet bloc countries that called for the "naming and shaming" of violators of human rights—Americas Watch, Asia Watch, Middle East Watch and Africa Watch. Jointly, the groups were known as "The Watch Commit-

tees." The year following his appointment as Deputy Director, the collective was consolidated under the name Human Rights Watch. In 1993, Kenneth Roth was named Executive Director of HRW following its first Director, Aryeh Neier.

As Executive Director, Mr. Roth demonstrated an even-handed approach to his position and has not shied away from bringing attention to human rights violations committed by governments and individuals around the world. HRW has brought to our awareness abuses occurring in Ethiopia, Yemen, Egypt, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region documenting repression of the Uyghur minority population, to name a few countries. HRW reports have also criticized U.S. administrations over the use of "black sites" and laws on surveillance following the September 11 attacks, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies, and isolationist policies. Additionally, through its staff reporting and advocacy, HRW reports have been instrumental in investigations and convictions of warlords, wartime leaders and individuals accused of committing human rights abuses, including Liberia's Charles Taylor. Peru's Alberto Fuiimori and Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Mr. Roth has also demonstrated that he is no stranger to "good trouble." Roth has received criticism from the Rwandan government over HRW's reporting of genocide and other crimes committed by its President, Paul Kagame. Additionally, he was denied entry into Egypt in 2014 over the report All According to Plan: The Rab'a Massacre and Mass Killings of Protestors in Egypt, which placed responsibility for mass killings of protestors following the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi on senior officials, including then Defense Minister and current President, Abdul Fattah al-Sisi. He faced Chinese sanctions and was similarly denied entry into Hong Kong, where he planned to release the World Report 2020 showing Chinese policies to "restrict freedom of religion" in Tibetan areas, forced and deceptive marriages through "bride trafficking," violations of the Refugee Convention by returning North Korean refugees, and forced detainment of Turkic Muslims in "political education" camps-a tactic currently being used by Russia against Ukrainian children.

Over the span of his 30-year career, Kenneth put feet on the ground meeting with communities impacted by human rights violations, speaking with over 2 dozen world leaders to address and end abuses, and leading factfinding investigative trips to over 50 countries, including Haiti, Cuba, Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. He focused HRW teams on issues pertaining to women, children, and senior populations; refugees; persons with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; poverty and inequality; climate change; and on human rights abuses here in the United States of America. HRW began documenting abuses in realtime with the aim of ending atrocities sooner rather than later and incorporating videos and graphics in its reports as well as using social media for advocacy. The organization supported bringing perpetrators to justice through war crimes tribunals at the United Nations Security Council and the creation of the International Criminal Court as a body to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Kenneth pushed the ICC to

prohibit cluster munitions and the use of child soldiers, and in 1997, the HRW shared a Nobel Peace Prize for its work to ban antipersonnel landmines.

As Kenneth Roth prepares to step down from his position amid Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, I am mindful of the human rights abuses being committed in both Ukraine and inside of Russia at the orders of Vladimir Putin. War crimes, crimes against humanity and strong evidence of genocide abound in Ukraine. Political arrests, which HRW has documented extensively in countries as nearby as Nicaragua and Cuba and ones as far away as Uzbekistan, are taking place in Russia with the arrest of protestors, journalists, politicians, and anyone who dares speak out against Putin's war in Ukraine, including the recently jailed Russian politician and journalist, Vladimir Kara-Murza. Kenneth Roth's reports have criticized Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which remains a clear, gross, and uncorrected violation of Helsinki Final Accord principles by Putin and his regime. In April 2022, HRW's operations in Russia were suspended as part of Putin's silencing of criticism over his unprovoked war.

In recognition of Kenneth Roth's 30-year leadership of Human Rights Watch and the organization he has built to bring attention to human rights abuses around the world and the recommendations he has made to end and correct these atrocities, I ask my colleagues to join me in saying job well-done and in wishing him well in his retirement. His presence will surely be missed, but I am confident that the human rights monitoring infrastructure put into place will remain strong and that his leadershe will serve as a guide for future leaders of HRW and for all who work in the areas of human rights monitoring and advocacy.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVER-SARY OF FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Fordson High School, located in Dearborn, Michigan. For the past century, Fordson High School has educated the students of Dearborn and brought pride to our community. For this they are worthy of commendation as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Completed in 1928 in the former village of Fordson, at the time Fordson High School was hailed as "one of the finest school buildings in the United States." The school's famous architecture was inspired by buildings at Oxford University and the University of Michigan Law School. The striking Fordson Tower has been used as a site of protest, a media center, and even as a lookout for enemy aircraft during World War II. From the very first day that classes were held at the school, students have found a home and a love of learning at Fordson.

Fordson High School is representative of the diverse Dearborn community that it serves, from the early days of it being a school for the sons and daughters of Ford factory workers to a haven for immigrants escaping violence, Fordson has programs to ensure that each student has what they need to succeed. Students are offered the opportunity to participate in sports and various clubs that support the study of medicine, debate, and entrepreneurship. With the strong Fordson tradition and a roster of great student athletes across all sports, the Fordson Tractors have won state championships in football, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. The students of Fordson High School have grown up to become politicians, judges, directors, athletes, actors, and leaders in business. They've served our country and helped empower our community for generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the students, staff, and alumni of Fordson High School as they celebrate 100 fantastic years in Dearborn, Michigan. Every time I visit Fordson I am amazed by how thoughtful and engaged in the community the students are. These great students give me hope for the next generation and never fail to make us proud each day. Fordson has been the heart and soul of Dearborn for the past century, and we wish the students, staff, and alumni the very best in the years come.

### HONORING THE LIVES OF ANTHONY AND ROBERT DUDCHIK

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the heartbreaking loss of two young beams of light from Eastern Connecticut, Anthony and Robert Dudchik. The two brothers lost their lives in a horrific car accident on April 28, 2022, along with another young friend. Their passing has been devastating to their families, communities and has without exaggeration, been felt across the entire state.

Born in 2000 and 2002 in the neighboring town of Middletown, Anthony and Robert were adopted and raised by Tom and Nora Fitzgerald Dudchik of East Haddam, Connecticut. These two were inseparable since birth and grew up and thrived in Tom and Nora's loving, nurturing home.

Their stories intertwined, both Anthony and Robert brought a caring and attentive nature to every task or goal before them, qualities which I am sure they absorbed from Tom and Nora's upbringing. As graduates of Nathan Hale-Ray High School, they were both star athletes and had previously worked at East Haddam's Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies store, a local landmark, where they became friendly, familiar faces to the local community. Upon graduating, Robert had most recently moved to East Haven where he had taken off a career in aviation as a flight attendant for Tweed-New Haven's Avelo Airlines, where he was also among the inaugural graduating class. He dreamed of moving to Japan to teach English. Anthony, who had also moved to New Haven for school, was a rising Sophomore Journalism Major at Southern Connecticut State University. He had a strong passion for photography.

The losses of Robert and Anthony are indescribably difficult because the trajectory of their lives was so crystal clear, and yet also so incomplete. Even at such young ages, their

combined story has touched countless individuals throughout all of Connecticut. They brought such incredible joy, inspiration and pride to Tom and Nora as well as their surviving friends and family. Tom and Nora in the past few weeks have shown great strength and grace and have publicly urged all who will listen to learn more about and support adoption and the children who need loving homes.

Madam Speaker, in moments like these where it is hard to find solace, we can only learn to cherish their memories which will not soon leave this earth, but instead appreciate with time. In keeping their memories alive, we will also pay respect to the strength that foster families bring to our communities, which the Dudchiks have exemplified so well. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring their memory, and ensuring that the brightness which emanated from their lives will never leave us.

HONORING JOHN W. BIPPUS AS THE THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB BRUCE C. SNOOK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

#### HON, FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very important member of the Three Rivers community, Mr. John Bippus, for receiving the title of Three Rivers Lions Club Bruce C. Snook Citizen of the Year.

John moved to Three Rivers in 1968 at nine years old. His father, a local businessman, played a formidable role in the development of John's entrepreneurial spirit. John would help at his parent's gas station as a teen pumping gas, changing tires and getting the job done. John's familiarity with vehicles naturally led him to pursue an automotive sales position after graduating from Three Rivers High School and later found his true calling—real estate. John went on to get his broker's license and open his own business in his hometown over thirty years ago.

John's position in the community goes well beyond the real estate industry. John also founded John Bippus Charities which has donated to over twenty Michigan organizations. John has also led the community through his participation in local government, including the Three Rivers City Commission, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, the St. Joseph County Board of Road Commissioners and the Glen Oaks Board of Trustees.

John has led and selflessly given to the community of Three Rivers and is most deserving of this recognition. What's also important is that I have personally known Bruce Snook all my years and the qualities and values he has lived. That's why this recognition is so special to me.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. ED TERRY

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mr. Ed Terry and his more than fifty

years of remarkable public service as an agricultural teacher in in Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Ed began his teaching career in Farmington in 1968. In 1977, he transitioned to teaching agricultural education at Randolph High School, and he has been there ever since.

Over his forty-five years at Randolph High School, Ed has dedicated himself to supporting students and catalyzing growth and development for them in all careers that they have chosen to pursue.

Despite incremental changes to the agriculture industry over the past fifty years, Ed's passion and support has been unwavering. Without a doubt, he has been a primary contributor in fortifying the pillars that make our communities strong and united.

And Ed's influence has been much wider than just Randolph High School. He has mentored students in an outreach program in recent years that welcomes students from surrounding communities that don't have agriculture classes or FFA programs. These communities include-but are not limited to-Northfield, Hastings, Rosemount, Lakeville, and Faribault.

Ed has also been a trusted advisor to many local farm families working through transitions in their operations.

Ed has not only provided service and knowledge to students but has also instructed adult education classes in agriculture in Randolph and surrounding communities.

Ed's dedication to teaching youth about the importance of small farms, and the process by which food comes to their table, is crucial to sustaining local farmers.

As a testament to Ed's commitment to his students and as a reflection of his generosity, he has not missed a single one of his students' graduation open houses over the years. including students from the outreach programs.

I am grateful for Ed's commitment to our agriculture community and applaud his many accomplishments. And I deeply admire Ed's desire to pass on his knowledge to younger generations.

I commend Mr. Ed Terry for more than fifty years of remarkable, impactful, and community-sustaining public service. He is a backbone of our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN BOYNTON

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Boynton.

Teachers hold a special place in our community. Not only do they teach our next generation of Americans, but they also shape them into kind, curious, and thoughtful human beings. Teachers like Dan Boynton showed just how impactful teachers can be in the lives of their students.

Dan taught and coached football at Central Catholic, St. Teresa High School, and Maroa-Forsyth High School. No matter what school he taught at, Dan was loved by many for his ability to make a connection with his students. As a consumer education and Intro to Business teacher, Dan was a role model to the many students he taught.

The connection that Dan retained with his students allowed the passion he had for teaching to show. He was often seen as a figure that you could approach about anything, and he was especially known for supporting his players in any way possible. Even limited by his health. Dan made sure he would always be cheering for his team.

Dan passed away in March after a yearlong battle with brain cancer. Dan was a role model for his school and his community, and his kindness and warm spirit will be missed by many. Me and my family send our thoughts and prayers to him, his wife, and their children. May he rest in peace.

GENESIS RODRIGUEZ ESPARZA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Genesis Rodriguez Esparza for receiving the 2021 Rising Star Award by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Rising Star Award is given to an Arvada high school student who has exhibited extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship and positive community impact.

Genesis is a senior at Pomona High School. She recently earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for encouraging more Latina and females in the STEM fields by creating a bilingual program with activities and resources to help introduce more households to STEM, especially in the Hispanic community. For the last two years, she worked tirelessly to develop and host events locally and globally in order to test and create these resources. Throughout this project, Genesis showed great confidence and amazing leadership and organization skills-all while attending her senior year, preparing for college, and overcoming the various different challenges the pandemic presented. Genesis' passion and genuine care for her community is the reason she is being

Congratulations again to Genesis Rodriguez Esparza on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING WYN THOMAS

#### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding high school student in my district: Wyn Thomas, a senior at Stevenson High School, Wyn was one of eight student winners nationwide selected in the #Enough: Plays to End Gun Violence Competition for her outstanding play, Write Their Wrongs.

I had the honor of sitting down with Wyn to discuss her play and the importance of ending our nation's gun violence epidemic. When I first read Wyn's play, I was incredibly moved at how she captured the frustration and devastation that we all feel about school shootings.

I am grateful for students like Wyn who will continue to advocate that we address our Nation's devastating gun violence epidemic. Congratulations to Wyn on this incredible honor.

I include in the RECORD the text of Wyn's play:

WRITE THEIR WRONGS

(Wyn Thomas)

Location: A high school classroom after school, where the Writer's Club used to meet before there was a shooting in the school. Maya was locked down in this room during the shooting.

(Maya sits at a table anxiously. She has notebooks and a laptop set up. Jimmy, with his arm in a sling, and Emily enter.)

Maya: You're late.

Emily: Well, we got here before Lydia.

Maya: Did you hear from her? Is she coming? Jimmy: Why would she?

Maya (pulling out chairs for them)

Because she can take . . . everything that happened to us, and do something with it. We can write something that makes a difference in the world.

Jimmy: Yeah, we already heard your soapbox speech over the phone. Emily: I don't know if this is up Lydia's alley.

Maya: Why wouldn't it be? She's in the writer's club, isn't she? (They sit.)

Mava: So, how are you guys?

Emily: I'm fine.

Jimmy (sarcastic, bitter)

Never been better.

Emily: Jimmy.

Jimmy: What? (To Maya) Did you want the real answer?

Maya: Yeah, I do. That's how we're going to write something meaningful.

Emily: That's how we're actually going to make a change.

Jimmy: Fine . . . um . . . (vulnerable) The surgery was hard. Recovery is harder, because I can't really move, which means I can't go to the places I love. Like your mom's house.

Maya: Jimmy, this is serious. Do you have anv actual ideas?

Jimmy: No.

Emily (under her breath): Tyler always had ideas.

Jimmy: Well Tyler's not gonna show up, now is he?

(Awkward silence.)

Emily (breaking the tension): Are we writing an essay?

Maya: Maybe a play? Or a poem?

Emily: You think Republican senators can understand poetry?

Maya: True, but we have to write something, so . . . let's start with an idea. We never thought it would happen here, but then it did. Shock people out of ignorance.

Emily: The thing is, I  $\operatorname{didn}$ 't think it could never happen here. I did the walk out in eighth grade and went to protests starting freshman year because I knew it could.

Maya: But, like, you were surprised when it actually happened.

Emily: Yeah, but . . . (referring to herself and Jimmy) we're walking down the hall, and we hear it and— . . . (She breaks off.)

Maya: Then what happened? What did you

see?

Emily: He— . . . (She can't find the words.) Maya: He what?

(Emily pushes away the memory.)

Emily: I just thought "today's the day." Like it was inevitable. Which it practically is with current laws.

(Lydia enters slowly, but the others haven't noticed yet.)

Jimmy: And I just thought . . . Thank God I don't have to take that math test. And I stand by that.

Emily (ignoring him): Let's drop the "it can't happen here" and dig into policy, because it did happen here and it can happen anywhere else in this country.

Maya: Ok, but . . . we still don't have a

Emily: We could use me and Jimmy's experience, and use Tyler.

Lydia (quiet): What about my brother?

(They turn and see her.)

Emily (surprised): You came.

(Beat.)

Jimmy: Does that mean that you're less broken or more broken than we thought?

Maya: Jimmy.

Lydia (unphased): You said you're using my brother?

Maya: That came out wrong. She didn't mean use him, she meant use his story . . . for the piece.

Lydia (unreadable): Huh.

(She sits down, and fidgets with the zipper on her jacket. The others look at her, then at each other.)

Maya (hesitant): Do you have any ideas, Lydia?

(Lydia doesn't say anything).

Okav.

Emily (to Maya, breaking silence): I don't think an essay is enough to get people to listen. People write essays on gun violence every day, and look where we are.

Maya: But ours is gonna be different.

Emily: What about a song?'That would be different.

Maya: The medium isn't what's gonna set us apart, it's the fact that our story will be real. We have the power to write something real, because we're the ones that actually went through it. (Slight beat.)

Are you sure you're okay. Lydia?

Lydia: You never asked if I was okay.

Maya: Are you?

(Lydia doesn't answer. She keeps playing with her zipper.)

Jimmy: Let's go back to the poem idea. Uhhh, let's see . . . Roses are red, I was almost dead, I may have been shot, but I'm still good in-

Maya (interrupting): Jimmy!

Jimmy: What?

Maya: Stop making a joke out of this. Jimmy: What else do you want me to do? Maya: Be real.

Jimmy: This is real. You want to join hands and sing kumbaya and cry? Fine, but count me out. Also, you've got a stupid cliche story.

Maya: That's not funny.

Jimmy: Did it sound like I was trying to be funny?

Maya: Well—

Jimmy (mocking): Everyone copes in different ways, Maya.

Emily: How about we just make sure this never happens again? So nobody else has to cope with this kind of thing ever again.

Maya: Exactly. Maybe . . . Ok, wait, remember that musical we saw that once? About the kids in the school shooting?

Emily: Yeah, it was horrible.

Maya: Well, maybe it was horrible because it wasn't written by people who knew what they were talking about. We know what we're talking about.

Emily: No, it was horrible because it focused on the shooter.

Maya: Well, that was a unique take. It was trying to get a different perspective, but-

Emily: No it wasn't, every article and new story and tweet and church has the thoughts and prayers and "forgive the shooter" bulls--- It's ridiculous, in real life, nobody forgives the shooter, they-

Lydia (looking up): I forgive him.

Maya: What?

Jimmy (surprised): She speaks.

Emily: What do you mean you forgive the shooter?

Lydia: I mean I forgive him.

Jimmy: Because of your Christian guilt s-

Emily: No. because it's easier than actually making change.

Lydia: You think it's easy?

Emily: It means you get to just be okay with everything that happened. You don't have to do anything about it.

Maya: Write that-

Emily (talking over her): You can go ahead and be okay with it, but I'm not going to. Lydia (soft): You think I'm okay with my brother being dead?

Emily: That's-that's not what I said.

Lydia: It's what you meant.

Emily: Lydia-

Lydia: I didn't forgive . . . Jack because it's easy, I did it because . . . it feels really good.

Jimmy: Huh?

Lydia: Like I couldn't stop him, but I canbe better than him.

Emily: That won't stop it from happening again.

Lydia: Well, what will? Talking about how kids were shot and killed? Everybody talks about the school shootings every time. We did before we were the kids. Do you know how many people died in Parkland?

Emily: I don't know, like-

Lydia: 17. Nothing changed when 17 people died in Parkland, so why would it when only 3 kids die here? It doesn't really matter, does

Emily: We have to keep trying. We put enough pressure on Congress, and they have to make a change.

Lydia: Do you guys read the articles? The ones about us? (Beat.) You shouldn't. Maya: I read them.

Lydia: Did you see the one where they mentioned Tyler had just gotten back from a suspension?

(Slight beat.)

Maya (soft): What?

Lydia: It wasn't a big news outlet. You couldn't cite it in English class. But it was there. (Beat.) Maybe if they can see I'm good, if I'm so f---ing good I can forgive the man that killed my brother, I'll be worth listening to. Because they don't care about Tyler because he got suspended. If I'm just a good enough person, they'll want to save me, right? (Beat.) Right?

Jimmy (quiet): Were the first graders at Sandy Hook not good enough people?

Maya: That's not funny, Jimmy.

Jimmy (genuine): It wasn't a joke.

(Beat.)

Lydia: He's right. They aren't going to listen. So I forgive Jack-

Emily (interrupting): Don't say his name! Jimmy: You sat next to him in freshman

chemistry, you know his name. Emily: Don't give him the notoriety!

Jimmy: Do you think not saying his name is going to make any of us forget what he

Emily: He doesn't deserve the recognition! Jimmy (referencing his arm): Since when did all of this become about what anyone deserves?

Lydia: Exactly. I don't forgive Jack because he deserves it, I forgive him because it's really really hard, so it feels really good to do it. Being angry isn't going to do anything but hurt me.

Maya: Write that down.

Lydia: No.

Maya: What do you mean? We finally have something!

Jimmy: Maya, chill the f--- out.

Emily: Stop being a d--- Jimmy! She's actually trying to do something here!

Jimmy: Yeah, and it's annoying!

Emily: Because you haven't done anything?

Jimmy: I did something, I became your martyr, you're f---ing welcome.

Emily: You're not dead! What are you doing to help the people that are?

Lydia: Writing isn't going to bring them back.

Maya: It might not, but I—

Lydia: You can take two seconds to grieve. Maya: But nothing happened to me! I'm totally fine! (to Jimmy) You got shot, and (to Emily) and you saw it all happen, (to Lydia) and you-Tyler. So you're all survivors, and I'm just someone who hid in that f---ing corner, so I have to do something! I have to write something!

Lydia: No you don't.

Mava: But-

Lydia: It's not going to undo anything.

Emily (to Lydia): No, Maya's right. If we tell our story to politicians, or voters, or foundations, they have to listen. They're going to listen.

Lydia: Do you actually think you can talk about what happened, Emily? Have you even let yourself remember it? (Beat. She hasn't.)

Maya: But everything happens for a reason. Maybe our reason is so we can get something done.

Lydia: Maya-

Maya (before she can object): Isn't that what the church says about it. Lydia?

Jimmy: That's stupid. I'm not good enough of a person to be God's vessel for getting s--- done. It didn't happen so we could do something. It happened because nobody did anything to stop it.

(Beat.)

Lydia: Yeah.

Maya: That doesn't matter anymore. What matters is what we do next.

Lydia: We don't owe the world that. They owed us safety. They owed Tyler safety.

Maya: We can't—I can't just do nothing.

Lydia: Nothing's okay.

Maya: But-

(She trails off, Beat.)

Lydia (gentle): You can put the pencil down, Maya. (Maya holds onto the pencil for dear life.)

(End of Play).

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED OF **MEMBERS** THE WILLIAMSVILLE ROTARY

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Williamsville Rotary Club. Their outstanding community service has improved the lives of many Williamsville residents.

The Williamsville Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization with 1.4 million members. The mission and values of Rotary International are widely recognized, and the Williamsville chapter has had particular success representing those values and supporting the community they serve.

The Williamsville Rotary Club received its charter in 1925, and for almost one hundred years has helped the local economy, youth community, arts, and education. During World War II, volunteers with the Williamsville Rotary Club conducted metal scrap drives, rallying together to support our troops and the war effort. Today, the Club's generosity sustains the Williamsville Library, Amherst Senior Center, Erie County SPCA, Mercy Flight, Western

New York Heroes, Millard-Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

By upholding the work of other community organizations and lending volunteers to support initiatives for people living in poverty, people with disabilities and illnesses, and youth in the area, the Williamsville Rotary Club is actively working to better the lives of Western New Yorkers.

Specifically, their work with young people in the Williamsville area demonstrates an outstanding commitment to improving our community. The Williamsville Rotary Club has provided annual scholarships to graduating Williamsville High School seniors. In addition to scholarships, the Williamsville Rotary Club also facilitates a youth exchange program through Rotary International. They also donate to the Bornhava Early Childhood Center and little league baseball. Internationally, the Williamsville Rotary Club supports the Liberian Learning Center and the Matrichaya School for Women in India.

Extending their work to help those in other countries, the Williamsville Rotary Club has shown that their outstanding propensity to serve others is not predicated on shared culture or identity. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated members of the Williamsville Rotary Club and their commitment to our youth and to those most vulnerable in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVE-MENTS OF VALERIA HASBERRY, KRISTA KINNARD, AND RODNEY WALLACE

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Valerie Hasberry, Ms. Krista Kinnard, and Mr. Rodney Wallace on the outstanding achievement of being named finalists for the Samuel J. Service to America Medal. Each of these individuals have demonstrated extreme dedication to public service and their country.

As the Chief Security Officer of the Architect of the Capitol, Valerie worked tirelessly to restore and maintain operations of the U.S. Capitol following the events of January 6th. Valerie worked to ensure Capitol operations continued and that the important work of the people would continue.

While serving as Chief of Emerging Technology at the Department of Labor, Krista was responsible for several innovations that have increased department-wide efficiency. She worked to streamline services, saving time and money. Krista's service has strengthened the abilities of the Department of Labor and helped serve American workers everywhere.

As the Director of Detection, Diagnostics, and Devices Infrastructure Division at Department of Health and Human Services, Rodney had an imperative role in the development of the COVID-19 vaccine. Rodney and his team worked tirelessly with several entities to safely and swiftly develop a vaccine. Without the efforts of Rodney and his team, the pandemic would have lasted much longer than it did.

Valerie, Krista, and Rodney have provided phenomenal service to our great nation, rep-

resenting Virginia's First District proudly. Their dedication to their work is nothing short of amazing and I am honored to recognize them for their achievement of being finalists for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal.

#### DAN QUARATINO

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Quaratino for receiving the 2021 Image Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Image Award aims to recognize individuals who make a positive impact in our community and go above and beyond to make the lives of others a better place.

Dan is the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Arvada High School and is wellknown for his passion and dedication to the education of students. He regularly provides opportunities for student athletes at the school, such as field trips and participation in out-of-state tournaments. He has also spearheaded the Arvada Sports Institute which gives students the opportunity to work in the sports industry and gain real-world experience. In addition to supporting student athletes, he encourages all students to get involved in their community and is genuinely invested in their future of these kids ensuring they have the education and experience to succeed in their path in life.

Congratulations again to Dan Quaratino on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND WORK OF CHERYL LITTLE

#### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the tremendous career and meaningful work of Cheryl Little.

Cheryl Little has been a tireless advocate for immigrant rights for nearly three decades and has established herself as one of this country's leading experts in the immigration field

Cheryl's extensive involvement in immigration dates back to 1985 when, upon her graduation from law school with honors, she began working at the Haitian Refugee Center. In January 1996, she co-founded the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Inc. (FIAC), now Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice), and serves as its Executive Director.

She has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including the Morris Dees Justice Award as well as the Legal Legend award from History Miami and the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society. Poder Magazine named her one of Miami's 100 Most Influential People and she was named one of the "Top 20 Women Lawyers in South Florida" by the Daily Business Review. She has also been named "Person of the Week" by ABC News.

Ms. Little has authored numerous publications in the area of immigration, including law review articles and reports. She has testified before Congress and appears regularly on television. Her appearances include 60 Minutes, Nightline, PBS's News Hour, Frontline, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and CNN.

Cheryl Little is a selfless, compassionate, and devoted public servant and advocate for human rights. Her commitment to our community is exemplary, and I am proud to call her my dear friend. I wish her a hearty congratulations on her retirement and am grateful for her invaluable work to improve the lives of those in Florida's 23rd Congressional District, Florida, and our Nation.

IN HONOR OF THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL VEENA FESTIVAL

#### HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize the Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), along with Veena Council Global, in commemoration of the 18th International Veena Festival. SAPNA was conceived as the Saint Annamacharya Project USA by Dr. Sriram and Mrs. Saradapurna Sonty in 1989.

The International Veena Festival presents over 50 Saraswathi Veenas—an ancient Indian string instrument originating in Vedic times and referenced in Vedic Scripture from thousands of years ago. Veena music is known to bring about spiritual healing, a feeling of communion, and a connection with a higher power.

Through the International Veena Festival, SAPNA seeks to sustain classical music; to promote innovative music traditions on a global stage; and to foster friendship, peace, harmony, and universal understanding through music in today's turbulent times.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the work of SAPNA to honor the cultural heritage of more than four million Indian-Americans, uplift traditional Indian artists, and bridge cultural divides through music.

#### OPERATION SANDBLAST

#### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief, Torpedoman's Mate David E. Boe, Senior Chief, Sonar Technician John F. Kuester, Master Chief Petty Officer Robert C. Perkins, and Commander Allen W. Steele, the original crew members aboard the USS Triton during the submarine's 1960, top-secret Operation Sandblast mission.

This mission was instrumental in the Cold War—not only did the crew gather valuable oceanographic data throughout its circumnavigation of the globe while remaining entirely submerged and undetected, but they demonstrated their endurance and the submarine's technical capabilities. At the time of Triton's

commissioning in 1959, it was considered the largest, most powerful, and most expensive submarine ever built.

The Port of Benton in Richland, Washington, worked with the U.S. Navy to preserve the USS Triton's 75-foot-long sail and conning tower that are on display at the USS Triton Sail Park, to honor submariners and highlight the significance of Triton's impact on the Nuclear Age.

Central Washington is proud to hold this piece of our nation's history, and I am honored to recognize these brave crew members for their commitment and dedication to accomplishing the Operation Sandblast mission, which proved invaluable to the United States and the world during the Cold War.

#### AZITA RAJI OBITUARY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Azita Raji.

Azita Raji, a longtime Belvedere resident who served as a U.S. ambassador to Sweden under President Barack Obama, died Feb. 6 of metastatic breast cancer.

Ms. Raji, a major fundraiser for Obama, was appointed to the position in October 2014. However, she wasn't confirmed until February 2016 after a long delay by the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate. She presented her credentials to Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf on March 15, 2016, and served until Jan 20, 2017

With her confirmation, she became the first female U.S. ambassador to Sweden, as well as the first Iranian-born American to serve as a U.S. ambassador. During her tenure, she was also nominated for the Sue M. Cobb Prize for Exemplary Diplomatic Service, the State Department's highest award for a non-career ambassador.

"The deepest impression Azita made was on the people that had the privilege of knowing her," the U.S. Department of State said in a Feb. 8 statement. "Her loss will be deeply felt by all she touched. . . . She was an inspiring leader, who loved her time in Sweden and the relationships she made.'

The statement noted flags at the U.S. Embassy in Sweden would be flown at half-staff for three days in her honor.

Ms. Raji left a career in finance in 2007 to focus on fundraising for Democratic candidates and for Obama 's initial presidential campaign.

By 2012, Ms. Raji was serving as national finance vice chair and chair of the Swing State Victory Fund for Obama's campaign. She also served on the national advisory board of the Democratic National Committee and was a member of the Obama for America National Finance Committee from 2008 to 2012.

In 2013, Obama appointed Ms. Raji to serve on the President's Commission on White House Fellows.

Her nomination as ambassador came at a time when Obama had been criticized for naming ambassadors from among the ranks of his fundraisers, freezing out experienced diplomats in favor of those with little international experience or language fluency, though that is a common practice among presidents.

While not a career diplomat, Ms. Raji had more world experience than many of the up in Iran arid Western Europe. In addition to English, she was fluent in French and Per-

Ms. Raji was born Sept. 29, 1961, in Tehran, Iran. one of two children to Feyed and Parvin Raji. She completed her high school education in Lausanne, Switzerland, where she competed nationally as a downhill skier and chess player before moving to the U.S. when she was 17.

She then attended Barnard College of Columbia University in New York, where she received a bachelor's degree in architecture and French in 1983 and a master of business administration degree in finance in 1991.

She became a US. citizen in 1988.

Earlier in her career as an international investment banker, Ms. Raji held senior positions at firms including JP. Morgan & Co., Salomon Brothers and Drexel Burnham Lambert. She had been a member of the Institute for Chartered Financial Analysts since 1991.

She was a member of the Bretton Woods Committee, which supports international finance institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Ms. Raji has served as a trustee of the Barnard College Executive Committee, on the advisory board of Columbia Business School's Tamer Center for Social Enterprise and as founding co-chair of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard College. She also served on the economic advisory council of the Center for American Progress and as director of the National Partnership for Women & Families. All the organizations benefited from her philanthropy as well.

On July 4, 2016, Ms. Raji was named an honoree of Great Immigrants, an annual recognition by the Carnegie Corporation of New York of inspiring naturalized US. citizens who have made notable contributions to the progress of American society.

The same year, when singer-songwriter Bob Dylan was named the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Ms. Raji read a letter by Dylan, who did not attend the award banquet, to the Nobel Committee on his behalf.

She also was appointed a commissioner of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in 2016.

That same year, she was the first US, Ambassador to Sweden to march in the country's Pride Parade. She also was the recipient of the 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honor and of Barnard College's 2020 Joan Rivers Trailblazer Award

She and her husband, Gary A. Syman, a retired Goldman Sachs partner, were married in 1992 and had lived in Belvedere since 1996.

In her free time, she enjoyed skiing, swimming, hiking, travel, reading and cooking Persian food for her family.

In addition to her husband, Ms. Raji is survived by a brother, Reza Raji of Menlo Park; two daughters, Gabriella Raji Syman of Belvedere and Elena Raji Syman of New York, three stepdaughters, Kimberly Syman of Lexington, Mass., Stefanie Syman of Brooklyn, NY, and Hillary Syman of Minneapolis, Minn.: and seven grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in June. Donations in her memory may be sent to Barnard College, Box AS, 3009 Broadway, New York City; NY 10027; or to the Joy Trust Fund at MarinHealth Foundation, 1350 S. Eliseo Drive #110, Larkspur, CA 94904.

non-Foreign Service nominees, having grown IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVER-SARY CELEBRATION OF DUVALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of DuVall Elementary School, located in Dearborn, Michigan. DuVall Elementary has been paramount in shaping the minds of young students for a century, and its contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

The rapid expansion of Ford Motor Company in the early twentieth century attracted eager workers hoping to reap the benefits of the new \$5 work day. These workers traveled to Michigan en masse, bringing their families who settled in towns across Metro Detroit. One neighborhood, known as the Ford Historic Homes District near downtown Dearborn, experienced a rapid expansion which necessitated the creation of a new school. Consequently, Southwestern School opened its doors in 1921. Under Principal Leo DuVall, the school quickly grew to over 300 students. After three decades of leadership, the Board of Education decided to rename the Southwestern School after DuVall to honor his significant accomplishments, and Principal DuVall retired a year later in 1959.

DuVall Elementary School continues to provide invaluable instruction, guidance, and support to students across Dearborn. Remaining a fixture of the community after a century of service underscores its lasting impact and serves as a testament to its role in Dearborn. DuVall Elementary is a school that recognizes the value and abilities of every student and inspires all to achieve greatness both inside and outside the classroom.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring DuVall Elementary School as it celebrates 100 years of instruction in Dearborn, Michigan. We are proud of its enduring impact on our community and wish it the best of luck in the years ahead.

#### HONORING LAURA JOSS

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, in recognition of Laura Joss for her 32 years of exceptional government service with the National Park Service.

Laura has a long history of working for the National Park Service (NPS), beginning as a volunteer at Mesa Verde National Park after earning a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Indiana University and a Master of Arts in History Museum Studies from the State University of New York. Laura proceeded to serve as Superintendent at Arches National Park, Deputy Superintendent of the NPS Southeast Utah Group, Superintendent of both the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and the Hampton National Historic Site in Maryland, and Chief of the Branch of Cultural Resources and Tribal Liaison at Yellowstone National Park. Her commitment to the

agency and the breadth of experience led her to the western region where she served as Deputy Regional Director/Chief of Staff for the NPS Intermountain Region in Lakewood, Colorado, the Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Research in the Intermountain Regional Office, and as Pacific West Regional Director in San Francisco.

During her tenure as General Superintendent of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Muir Woods National Monument, and Fort Point National Historic Site, Laura has been a tireless advocate for communities, underserved audiences, and staff. She successfully navigated the challenges of leading these popular units of the National Park Systems and did so during a pandemic. She hosted national and international visits by congressional staff, Washington officials, and international dignitaries, including the Italian President and delegations from Norway and the Ukraine studying the parks as a model for developing their own national park systems. Under Laura's direction. NPS also signed the first sister park agreement with the First Lady of Costa Rica to develop their Isla San Lucas National Park, a twin to the park's Alcatraz Island unit.

In our personal experiences working with Laura, she has been a consummate professional, responsive to community issues, and conducted herself with a professional and diplomatic demeanor. Our national parks and communities have benefited from Laura's transparency, integrity, and deep commitment to the Golden Gate Recreation Area and extended national park system.

Madam Speaker, we respectfully ask that you join us in expressing gratitude to Laura for her enduring commitment to public service and extending heartfelt congratulations on her more than three decades with the National Park Service.

HONORING DREW HELLENSON, OLYMPIC ATHLETE

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Farmington native Drew Hellenson on his performance at the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing, which earned the United States Ice Hockey team 5th place.

At only 21 years old, Drew has earned the Hockey East Best Defensive Defenseman, First Team All-Hockey East and Second Team AHCA All-American awards. With countless winning games and titles under his belt, he has proven to all of us that anything can be achieved when you stay committed to your dreams.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Drew on performing in his first ever Olympic games.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL WORKERS' RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE

#### HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1096, to ensure that

House staffers have the same fundamental rights to organize and collectively bargain as workers across the Nation. Unions play an essential role in providing higher wages, better benefits, and safer workplaces. For decades, unions workers have consistently enjoyed 10-to 20-percent higher wages than their non-union counterparts. The benefits of union membership are so strong that studies show even the children of union workers enjoy greater economic mobility.

Unions also narrow both the racial wealth gap and the gender pay gap. Union members of color have almost five times the median wealth of their non-union counterparts. Moreover, unions close the gender wage gap almost completely, whereas on average non-union women are paid 78 cents for every dollar paid to non-union men.

Ultimately, unions provide workers with a voice on the job—and this proved to be critical during the pandemic. While the entire economy suffered from massive job losses throughout the pandemic, union workers suffered fewer job losses because they were able to bargain for fewer layoffs and safer workplaces.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, I have led legislation that ensures workers can form and access all the benefits of a union. These rights should also be extended to House staffers.

House staffers are central to moving our country forward. They help constituents find affordable health care coverage and access social security benefits; they ensure Members of Congress can hear directly from the people; and they help draft legislation that protects and strengthens our democracy.

As I have repeatedly said, joining a union is a fundamental right—and that must hold true for House employees, too.

I thank Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Congresswoman LOFGREN, Congressman LEVIN, and so many others for their leadership on this important issue.

HONORING ROBERTSON CHARTER SCHOOL IN DECATUR, IL

#### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robertson Charter School in Decatur, Illinois on their 2A 7th Grade Basketball State Championship.

Decatur Robertson played Normal Metcalf in the State Championship, and while both teams fought well, there was never a doubt that the Wildcats would come out on top. After an almost perfect game, the Wildcats won 38–27.

After a successful regular season and impressive post-season, Decatur Robertson showed that they are a team full of talent and promise. Like others, I am excited to see what they can accomplish next season.

I would like to personally congratulate the coaches and the players of Decatur Robertson for their outstanding season and 2A 7th Grade State Championship. They have certainly made the Decatur area proud. I look forward to seeing them all play in the future and go Wildcats.

APRIL LAMBATOS

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize April Lambatos for receiving the 2021 Young Professional of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes an Arvada young professional whose leadership and dedication have positively impacted their community.

April is the co-owner of Footers Catering and Social Capitol Events in Arvada. Under April's leadership, Footers Catering has been recognized as a 'Best Place to Work' by The Denver Post, Colorado Biz Magazine, The Denver Business Journal, and the ICC. April was recognized as a Titan 100, a 40 Under 40 winner by the Denver Business Journal, and a top COO through the DBJ C-Suite awards. In addition to her work at Footers and Social Capitol, April is a founding Board member of the Mile High Young Professionals, is an active Board member for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and is currently on the Board for the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation and the International Catering Association.

Congratulations again to April Lambatos on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for her contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBORAH MERRILL

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deborah Merrill's long-standing commitment to higher educational and wish her well as she enters retirement. Deborah's current role as the dean of the Peter T. College of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire is no easy task. In this role, Deborah oversees more than 3000 students and supports an incredible faculty team. This retirement is well deserved.

Prior to her work in higher education, Deborah worked for 15 years in international development and research management in Latin America and East Africa. Her commitment to pressing social issues has earned her grants from a variety of organizations, including the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Fulbright, Social Science Research Council, and the Inter-American Foundation.

Deborah has worked to created multiple business and marketing programs for the residents of New Hampshire. These programs include the Center for Business Analytics, the Business in Practice Program, Creation of Voice Z, Changemaker Collaborative, among others. These programs offer educational and research opportunities to further students and residents' knowledge of the business world. Each of her programs has been incredibly successful in preparing students for careers in leadership and business roles.

As public health precautions during the coronavirus pandemic caused many institutions to close their doors to the public for prolonged periods of times, Deborah made sure

that her staff felt supported, even without typical face to face operations. Deborah worked tirelessly to ensure that every staff member felt that they were heard and felt empowered to do their best work.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Deborah for her continued dedication to the Granite State and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

#### RESPONDING TO SLANDER

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, without bothering to corroborate the facts, a Congressman from California called me a "white nationalist" for my supposed attendance at an event that I never attended. He was wrong factually in saying I attended two such events. I did not go to any such events.

He uses the term "white nationalist." A "white nationalist" is someone who is white who wants a nation of only white people. I have never endorsed such a view. Ever. You will never find words I have said or actions I have taken that support the creation of a white ethnostate. Yet he cavalierly throws this out.

Slander is the left's go-to move to silence those they disagree with politically. For the last seven years they have attempted (unsuccessfully) to brand former President Donald Trump as a racist. Simply because President Trump believes, with a solid evidentiary basis, that there were electoral irregularities, they call him racist. Because he believes in a strong border and national security, they call him a racist. President Trump pursues an America First foreign policy—they call him racist.

And it's not just racism. Pick a phobia, and if you are standing up for the Constitution and its values, you are probably one. If you believe children as young as Kindergarten should not be sexually groomed and sexually indoctrinated in school—you are a "hater" and "phobic." I will continue to object and fight against any person or group that tries to sexualize children. Call me names but children cannot be sexualized by drag queens and mentally ill people who are confused by their gender.

And if none of those apply, they can always just fall back on calling you crazy or a conspiracy theorist. We have seen for years now that today's "conspiracy theory" is tomorrow's confirmed fact. If you believe there may be some health risks to a vaccine—conspiracy. If you believe climate change is more a tool for gaining power than anything to do about science—conspiracy. If you believe critical race theory is taught in our schools—crazy.

Cancel culture is a disease eating away at this country from the inside. Cancel culture is doing more damage than a hostile foreign power could only imagine doing—weakening our borders, potentially involving us in calamitous foreign conflicts, teaching our citizens to hate their country. In order to preserve all we hold dear, we must reject the libels and continue to boldly stand for truth. Know that I for one will not be intimidated.

PROVIDING RESEARCH AND ESTI-MATES OF CHANGES IN PRECIPI-TATION ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1437, the Providing Research on Estimates of Changes in Precipitation, or PRECIP Act.

Earlier this month on the Science, Space and Technology Committee, we heard from our government's representative to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that we should expect three to eight times as much rain in the coming years as we have seen historically.

That future is here already in the cities and towns of New Jersey's 11th District. From Denville to Pequannock, and in Lincoln Park, Montville, Hanover Township, Morristown, Montclair, Verona and others, we are already seeing record-breaking instances of heavy precipitation wreaking havoc upon homes and businesses.

Last September, we experienced horrendous flooding in the wake of Tropical Storm Ida and tragically lost 27 lives across New Jersey. In Woodland Park in my district, a woman was swept away by the flooding—brave residents at the scene tried to rescue her, but the current was too strong and they themselves had to be rescued.

According to CDC estimates, over 35 percent of deaths related to Hurricane Ida were in New Jersey—the largest share of deaths in any state. The storm also shut down Newark International Airport, with nearly 400 flights canceled and an entire terminal closed, suspended almost all NJ Transit rail service, and caused significant delays for buses and drivers stranded by rising water across the state as they encountered roads closed by flooding and downed trees.

The devastation was widespread and continues to affect my constituents long after the waters receded. In Little Falls, New Jersey, I met with Mayor Damiano and spoke with families about the heartbreaking losses they faced; their lives and homes upended, with many still trying to recover from the personal and financial upheaval months later.

I remember one woman who told us how she was about to have her son's wedding that upcoming weekend and her whole house was flooded and nearly destroyed to the point that the power had to be shut off in order to keep them safe. She told me she just didn't know how she was going to make it all work. This wasn't the first time her home had flooded and her life uprooted, and in that moment, her fears were not just around recovering from the damage of Ida, but that even if she could recover, this still might happen again in the next storm or the one after that.

I heard from another mother in my district who, along with her young children, had to be rescued from her home at night during Hurricane Ida. She said that she had been told at 5 p.m. that the storm would pass to the west. The precise location of extreme weather and precipitation can make a life-or-death difference, and so we must constantly be working to improve NOAA's forecasting ability.

Sadly, this loss of life and of property is no longer limited to major storms and hurricanes or to limited regions. We are seeing very high volumes of precipitation that exceed the frequency and patterns we have seen in the past. These extreme precipitation events are happening in my district and those of my colleagues with alarming regularity.

Therefore, it is critical that decision makers such as flood plain managers, dam safety officials, civil engineers, local elected officials, first responders and others have the most accurate and up to date information to plan for these events. However, there is a gap in the information necessary to make these decisions.

This bill directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, to update precipitation frequency estimates. This includes regular updates to Probable Maximum Precipitation, or PMP, estimates. These estimates are required to be updated at least every 10 years to provide up-to-date information for decision makers, but we encourage the agency to update these, and other precipitation frequency estimates, as frequently as practicable.

This bill also requires NOAA to develop a National Guidance Document for precipitation methodologies. Additionally, the bill authorizes the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a consensus study on best practices for precipitation estimation.

Given the critical need to update PMPs, and develop the National Guidance Document, Congress urges NOAA to include the findings of the Academies study when practicable and not to delay these time-sensitive updates.

This bipartisan bill is the result of significant stakeholder engagement, and outreach across the aisle. I want to particularly thank the Environment Subcommittee Ranking Member, Ms. BICE for her work, as well as the Full Committee Ranking Member, Mr. LUCAS.

I thank my colleagues for their support on this bill.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

#### **MAY 17**

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Air Force and Space Force.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-138

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen the energy and mineral partnership between the U.S. and Canada to address energy security and climate objectives.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine modernization efforts of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

#### **MAY 18**

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Fish and Wildlife Service

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity in the health and education sectors.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on the Jackson-Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entre-

preneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, S. 2162, to require the Small Business Administration to publish loan default rates by franchise brand, S. 3564, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, S. 3595, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and S. 3906, to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the path forward on U.S.-Syria policy, focusing on strategy and accountability.

SD-419/VTC

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for military construction and family housing.

SD-124

4:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine missile defense strategy, policies, and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

#### **MAY 19**

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration testimony on atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of the Interior.

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#### **MAY 24**

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service.

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#### JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation.

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# Daily Digest

### Senate

#### Chamber Action

(Legislative Days of Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and Wednesday, May 11, 2022)

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4180–4191, and S. Res. 629–630.

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#### Measures Passed:

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 630, expressing the support for the designation of the week of May 1, 2022, through May 7, 2022, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

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*United States Alliances:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and an amendment to the preamble. Pages \$2455-59

Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 427, to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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South Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 473, expressing the sense of the Senate on the necessity of maintaining the United Nations arms embargo on South Sudan until conditions for peace, stability, democracy, and development exist.

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Military Coup in Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20, condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan.

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Election in The Gambia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 456, expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment

to the preamble, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages \$2460–62 Adopted:

Cantwell (for Durbin/Risch) Amendment No. 5031, in the nature of a substitute. Page S2461

Cantwell (for Durbin/Risch) Amendment No. 5032, to amend the preamble. Pages \$2461-62

#### Measures Considered:

Women's Health Protection Act: By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4132, to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.

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Motion to Discharge Sweeney Nomination: By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, from the Committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress.

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Motion to Discharge Boyle Nomination—Agreement: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation being tied on the question of reporting, Senator Cantwell made the motion to discharge the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation from further consideration of the nomination of Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; under the provisions of S. Res. 27, there will be up to 4 hours of debate on the motion, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; with no motions, points of order, or amendments in order.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to discharge the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 12, 2022; and that the vote on the

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motion to discharge the nomination occur at 12

Lowman Nomination—Agreement: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination without intervening action or debate. Page S2445

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 169), Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2019.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 168), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S2429

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 172), Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Pages S2439-43

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 171), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 91 yeas 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 173), Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2022. Pages S2443-44

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admi-Page S2445

Messages from the House: Page S2446

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: Pages S2452-53

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2453 Privileges of the Floor:

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—173) Pages S2428-29, S2439-40, S2443-44

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 8:26 p.m., on Wednesday, May 11,

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., and reconvened at 8:26 p.m., on the same day, and adjourned at 8:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$2463.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH **SERVICE**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Fowler, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: AOC, SAA, CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from, J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol; Karen Gibson, Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF **COMMERCE**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

#### GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND COVID-19 CRISES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine the global food security and COVID-19 crises, focusing on the U.S. response and policy options, after receiving testimony from Atul Gawande, Assistant Administrator for

Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; David Beasley, UN World Food Programme, Rome, Italy; Tjada D'Oyen McKenna, Mercy Corps, Washington, D.C.; Akinwumi A. Adesina, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire; Tom Frieden, Resolve to Save Lives, New York, New York; and Michael Ryan, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Space Force programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John F. Plumb, Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, Frank Calvelli, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, and General David D. Thompson, USSF, Vice Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 2427, to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report examining the feasibility of funding the Universal Service Fund through contributions supplied by edge providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 3053, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a plan and national guidance document to improve precipitation estimates, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 3232, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety rule for freestanding clothing storage units to protect children from tip-over related death or injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 3278, to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require childresistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 3290, to establish a National Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supply Chain Database, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

- S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 3533, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to improve the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment;
- S. 3692, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, with an amendment;
- S. 4145, to amend section 13 of the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide equitable relief, with an amendment: and

The nomination of Linda L. Fagan, to be Commandant, and promotion lists, both of the Coast Guard.

#### NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 557, to establish a pilot program for native plant species, S. 1344, to redesignate the Pullman National Monument in the State of Illinois as the Pullman National Historical Park, S. 1718, to amend the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment Act of 200 to provide for additional areas to be added to the park, S. 1814 and H.R. 3531, bills to authorize the Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 2367, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in Frederick County, Maryland, for the Historic Preservation Training Center of the National Park Service, S. 2964, to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System, S. 3141, to establish the New Philadelphia National Historical Park in the State of Illinois as a unit of the National Park System, S. 3185, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to extend the exception to the closure of certain roads within the Recreation Area for local businesses, S. 3240, to waive the application fee for applications for special use permits for veterans' special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 3307, to modify the boundary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri, S. 3334, to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free black persons who served in the American Revolution, S. 3338, to revise the boundary of the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park in

the State of Missouri, S. 3519, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, S. 3551, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out certain activities to enhance recreational opportunities for gateway communities, S. 3667, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the United States African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Program, S. 3685, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ripley, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 4114, to amend Public Law 99-420 to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Maine for use for affordable workforce housing, S. 4121, to designate the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial in Bedford Heights, Ohio, as a national memorial, H.R. 268, to provide for the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park to be adjusted, to authorize the donation of land to the United States for addition to that historic park, and H.R. 1931, to provide competitive grants for the promotion of Japanese American confinement education as a means to understand the importance of democratic principles, use and abuse of power, and to raise awareness about the importance of cultural tolerance toward Japanese Americans, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Council on Environmental Quality, after receiving testimony from Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

#### **USAID BUDGET**

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Samantha Power, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Murray, Stephen Henley Locher, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, Nancy L. Maldonado, to be United States Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Gregory Brian Williams, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, who was introduced by Senators Carper and Coons, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### VA AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quality of care in the VA and the private sector, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Discovery, Education, and Affiliate Networks, Erica Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, and Kristine Groves, Executive Director, Office of Quality Management, each of the Veterans Health Administration, and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, and Julie Kroviak, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Healthcare Inspections, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan Perlin, The Joint Commission, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; and Gregg S. Meyer, Mass General Brigham, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **CHINA**

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering the People's Republic of China's economic and technological plan for dominance, after receiving testimony from Dewey Murdick, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Beltsville, Maryland; Nazak Nikakhtar, Wiley Rein LLP, Potomac, Maryland; and James Mulvenon, Burke, Virginia.

### House of Representatives

#### Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 7715–7731; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1103–1107, were introduced. Pages H4860–61

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DelBene to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York, Mr. Reed, the whole number of the House is 429. Page H4811

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1103, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H4813

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 2022: S. 4119, to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

Pages H4813-16

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 2499, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employees duty, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 149.

Pages H4816-31

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–41, modified by the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–320, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill.

Pages H4816–28

Agreed to:

Scott (VA) amendment en bloc No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–320: Houlahan (No. 1) that includes a Review of Science of Gynecological Cancers to study the potential risk and connection between fire protection activities and likelihood of developing gynecological cancers; Jackson Lee (No. 2) that adds a study regarding the health and safety impacts on firefighters from circumstances encountered as fire-

fighters; Stanton (No. 5) that requires the Secretary to notify Congress when approving or denying petitions to add diseases to the list; Tlaib (No. 6) that adds an annual reporting requirement on the total number of and demographics of employees with diseases and conditions covered by this Act desegregated by the specific condition or conditions, for the purposes of understanding the scope of the problem; Torres (CA) (No. 7) that the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health shall conduct a comprehensive study on longterm health effects that Federal wildland firefighters, who are eligible to receive workers compensation, experience after being exposed to fires, smoke, and toxic fumes when in service; and Torres (CA) (No. 8) that directs the Secretary, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, to evaluate the best available scientific evidence of the risk to an employee in fire protection activities of developing rhabdomyolysis (by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 146); and

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Joyce (OH) amendment (No. 3 printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–320) that adds the Kenneth Meisel Public Servants' Claimant Fairness Act, which amends the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) to establish that claimants who have been asked by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs to provide additional evidence to support their occupational illness, traumatic injury, or death claim have at least 60 days to provide such evidence (by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to with none voting "nay", Roll No. 147).

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Rejected:

Keller amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–320) that sought to strike all of the bill text and inserts a provision establishing the Firefighter Special Claims Unit at the Department of Labor to process any claim relating to occupational disease filed by a federal firefighter (by a yea-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 148).

Pages H4826-28, H4829-30

H. Res. 1097, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 903), (H.R. 2499), (H.R. 5129), and (H.R. 7691) was agreed to yesterday, May 10th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, May 10th.

**Promoting Digital Privacy Technologies Act:** H.R. 847, amended, to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data

use, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 150; Page H4831

NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act: H.R. 5324, amended, to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 151;

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South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act: S. 66, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 152;

Pages H4832-33

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act: H.R. 7077, amended, to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 153; Pages H4833–34

Providing Research and Estimates of Changes in Precipitation Act: H.R. 1437, amended, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 154; Pages H4834-35

United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 1872, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 155;

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Fair Hiring in Banking Act: H.R. 5911, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to expand employment opportunities for those with a previous minor criminal offense, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 329 yeas to 88 nays, Roll No. 156; Pages H4835–36

Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors Act: H.R. 5914, amended, to amend the Investor Protection and Securities Reform Act of 2010 to provide grants to States for enhanced protection of senior investors and senior policyholders, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 157;

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Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act: H.R. 935, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to ex-

empt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies, by a ½ yea-andnay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 158;

Pages H4837–38

Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act: H.R. 7066, amended, to require United States financial institutions to ensure entities and persons owned or controlled by the institution comply with financial sanctions on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to the same extent as the institution itself, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 159; Page H4838

Ukraine Comprehensive Debt Payment Relief Act: H.R. 7081, amended, to seek immediate bilateral, multilateral, and commercial debt service payment relief for Ukraine, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 362 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 160; Pages H4838–39

Isolate Russian Government Officials Act of 2022: H.R. 6891, amended, to exclude government officials of the Russian Federation from certain international meetings, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 161; Pages H4839-40

Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act of 2022: H.R. 6899, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 162; Pages H4840-41

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Vanessa Guillén Post Office Building": H.R. 224, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Vanessa Guillén Post Office Building", by a ½ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay" and one answering "present", Roll No. 164;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office": H.R. 700, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 26 nays and one answering "present", Roll No. 165;

Pages H4842-43

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office": H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 1 nay with one answering "present", Roll No. 166; and Pages H4843–44

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building": H.R. 6386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the "Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay" and one answering "present", Roll No. 167.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1104, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. Page H4845

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 10th.

Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022: H.R. 6531, amended, to provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 163.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Twenty-two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4828–29, H4829, H4829–30, H4830–31, H4831, H4832, H4832–33, H4833–34, H4834–35, H4835, H4835–36, H4836–37, H4837–38, H4838, H4838–39, H4839–40, H4840–41, H4841, H4842, H4842–43, H4843–44, and H4844–45.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

# Committee Meetings APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Diana Bianchi, Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health;

Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Gary H. Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health; Douglas R. Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health; Lawrence A. Tabak, Acting Director, National Institutes of Health; and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Marcia L. Fudge, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense; Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/ Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was

heard from Chris Magnus, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

### IMPACTS OF VA'S RESEARCH EFFORTS ON VETERANS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Impacts of VA's Research Efforts on Veterans". Testimony was heard from Patricia Hastings, Chief Consultant, Health Outcomes Military Exposures, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Rachel Ramoni, Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration and Environmental Management. Testimony was heard from Admiral James Caldwell, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Jill Hruby, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and William White, Senior Advisor, Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023 DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Navy". Testimony was heard from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy; Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Navy Operations, U.S. Navy; and General David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023 STRATEGIC FORCES MISSILE DEFENSE AND MISSILE DEFEAT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Strategic Forces Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs". Testimony was heard from John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Jon Hill, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General John E. Shaw, Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Command, Department of

Defense; Lieutenant General Daniel Karbler, Commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Army; and John D. Sawyer, Acting Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

#### STANDING UP FOR WORKERS: PREVENTING WAGE THEFT AND RECOVERING STOLEN WAGES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Standing Up for Workers: Preventing Wage Theft and Recovering Stolen Wages". Testimony was heard from Karen Cacace, Labor Bureau Chief, New York State Office of the Attorney General; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 7667, the "Food and Drug Amendments of 2022"; H.R. 7666, the "Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022"; H.R. 7233, the "KIDS CARES Act"; H.R. 623, the "Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0"; H.R. 3771, the "South Asian Heart Health Awareness Act of 2021"; and H.R. 5585, the "Advanced Research Project Agency-Health Act". H.R. 7667, H.R. 7233, H.R. 623, and H.R. 3771 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 7666 and H.R. 5585 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### A NOTCH ABOVE? EXAMINING THE BOND RATING INDUSTRY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled "A Notch Above? Examining the Bond Rating Industry". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

# IMPROVING THE UNITED STATES' ABILITY TO PREVENT AND STABILIZE CONFLICT: GLOBAL FRAGILITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled "Improving the United States' Ability to Prevent and Stabilize Conflict: Global Fragility Act Implementation". Testimony was heard from Anne A. Witkowsky, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Department of State; Robert Jenkins, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization, U.S. Agency for International Development;

and James Saenz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Counternarcotics and Stabilization Policy, Department of Defense.

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND JUSTICE FOR WAR CRIMES COMMITTED IN UKRAINE BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled "Accountability and Justice for War Crimes Committed in Ukraine by the Russian Federation". Testimony was heard from Michael R. Carpenter, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Department of State.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6943, the "Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022"; H.R. 2992, the "Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Law Enforcement Training Act"; H.R. 7647, the "Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act of 2022"; and H.R. 6577, the "Real Courts, Rule of Law Act of 2022". H.R. 6943, H.R. 2992, H.R. 7647, and H.R. 6577 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 279, the "Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2021"; H.R. 7329, the "Smith River National Recreation Area Expansion Act"; H.R. 7399, the "LBL Recreation and Heritage Act"; and H.R. 7665, the "Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge Recreation Enhancement and Conservation Act of 2022". Testimony was heard from Representatives Gallego, Huffman, Comer, and Blumenauer; Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Richard Lunt, Chairman and Supervisor, District 3, Greenlee County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7683, the "Artificial Intelligence Training for the Acquisition Act"; H.R. 7331, the "Improving Government for America's Taxpayers Act"; H.R. 7535, the "Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act"; H.R. 521, the "First Responder Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned Act"; H.R. 7674, the "Ensuring Oversight Access at the Postal Service Act"; H.R. 6104, the "Building the Next Genera-

tion of Federal Employees Act"; H.R. 7686, the "District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act"; H.R. 7682, the "Ensuring an Accurate Postal Fleet Electrification Act"; H.R. 228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2141 Ferry Street in Anderson, California, as the "Norma Comnick Post Office Building"; H.R. 6404, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 North Magnolia Street in Elmwood, Illinois, as the "Corporal Benjamin Desilets Post Office"; H.R. 7417, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Oak Avenue in Seminole, Oklahoma, as the "Sergeant Bret D. Isenhower Memorial Post Office Building"; H.R. 7514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 345 South Main Street in Butler, Pennsylvania, as the "Andrew Gomer Williams Post Office Building"; and H.R. 5976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Walnut Street in Watseka, Illinois, as the "Sgt. Jeremy C. Sherman Post Office Building". H.R. 7683, H.R. 7331, H.R. 7535, H.R.521, H.R. 7674, H.R. 6104, H.R. 7686, and H.R. 7682 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5976, H.R. 7514, H.R. 7417, H.R. 6404, and H.R. 228 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### SECURING THE DIGITAL COMMONS: OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled "Securing the Digital Commons: Open-Source Software Cybersecurity". Testimony was heard from Lauren Knausenberger, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7352, the "PPP and Bank Fraud Enforcement Harmonization Act of 2022"; H.R. 7334, the "COVID–19 EIDL Fraud Statute of Limitations Act of 2022"; H.R. 7622, the "Small Business Workforce Pipeline Act of 2022"; H.R. 7664, the "Supporting Small Business and Career and Technical Education Act of 2022"; H.R. 7670, the "Women-Owned Small Business Program Transparency Act"; H.R. 5879, the "Hubzone Price Evaluation Preference Clarification Act of 2021"; and H.R. 7694, the "Strengthening Subcontracting for Small Businesses Act of 2022". H.R. 7352, H.R. 7334, H.R. 7622, H.R. 7664, H.R. 7670, H.R. 5879, and H.R. 7694 were ordered reported, without amendment.

# BRINGING PROSPERITY TO LEFT-BEHIND COMMUNITIES: USING TARGETED PLACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Bringing Prosperity to Left-Behind Communities: Using Targeted Place-based Development to Expand Economic Opportunity". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D495)

S. 1226, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse". Signed on May 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–119)

S. 2126, to designate the Federal Office Building located at 308 W. 21st Street in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the "Louisa Swain Federal Office Building". Signed on May 10, 2022. (Public Law 117–120)

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine Medicare for All, focusing on protecting health, saving lives, and saving money, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine U.S. efforts to support Ukraine against Russian aggression, 9:30 a.m., SD-419/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pathways to procurement innovation, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3846, to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, and the nominations of Rachelle

L. Crowe, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, Jesse A. Laslovich, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, and Alexander M.M. Uballez, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD–106.

#### House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Changing Market Roles: The FTX Proposal and Trends in New Clearinghouse Models", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Healthy Aging: Maximizing the Independence, Wellbeing, and Health of Older Adults", 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Army Installations and Quality of Life", 10:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn, and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Arts and Humanities, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy Science and Energy Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Army Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities related to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, hearing entitled "Reviewing Department of Defense Science and Technology Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Fiscal Year 2023: Accelerating the Pace of Innovation", 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Modernizing Hydropower: Licensing and Reforms for a Clean Energy Future", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Forest Conservation in the Fight Against Climate Change", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled "The Way Forward on U.S. North Korea Policy", 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, hearing entitled "Examining DHS's Efforts to Combat the Opioid Epidemic", 2:30 p.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Reforming the Mining Law of 1872", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 5444, the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act", 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth and Webex.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 263, the "Big Cat Public Safety Act"; H.R. 3081, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, and for other purposes; H.R. 5880, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, and for other purposes; H.R. 6238, the "SMART Access for Tribes Act"; H.R. H.R. 6369, the "Sun River

Hydropower Authorization Act"; H.R. 7612, the "Desalination Research Advancement Act"; H.R. 7632, the "Tribal Access to Clean Water Act"; and H.R. 7633, the "Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2022", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "Space Situational Awareness: Guiding the Transition to a Civil Capability", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Moving Upwards and Onwards: The Workforce and Innovation Needs of the Aviation and Aerospace Industry", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Board Member Views on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Innovative Care Delivery at VA: Partnering to Improve Infrastructure and Operational Efficiency", 10 a.m., HVC 210 and Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Warfighter Support, hearing entitled "FY23 Military Intelligence Program Budget Hearing", 10 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12

#### Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Thursday, May 12

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to discharge the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation from further consideration of the nomination of Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and vote on the motion to discharge the nomination at 12 noon.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes.

#### House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 903— Rights for the Transportation Security Administration Workforce Act.

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