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## Senate

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

## House of Representatives

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 5, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHELLE FISCHBACH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

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

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

### NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this June, we celebrate Na-

tional Dairy Month and recognize the farmers and the producers across Pennsylvania who provide healthy dairy products for our children who need that as they grow and mature.

Pennsylvania's 13th District is home to the greatest number of dairy cows in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For generations, family-owned-and-operated dairy farms have been at the heart of our rural communities.

This year, Congress will work to pass a farm bill. To prepare for this legislation, I have been traveling across our district to hear from the farmers who will be affected most by this legislation.

Over the past years, we have seen inflationary policies lead to rising prices on the grain, the fertilizer, and supplies that our farmers rely on, and they are faced with imitation products that continue to put a strain on the dairy markets right here in America.

Last year, dairy substitutes made over \$2.8 billion in sales, directly harming these locally owned dairy farmers in Pennsylvania.

The attacks on our dairy farmers have been going on for far too long. We have seen liberal policies dating back to the Obama administration that have yanked whole milk from school cafeterias and have pulled away the nutritious product that growing young men and women need.

This decision is directly harmful. We know the nutritional benefits to bone, to muscle, and brain development that only whole milk can provide. Now, our students are missing out on these benefits.

National Dairy Month allows us to recommit to returning whole milk back into the schools, back to the kids who need it.

Let's pledge to end the false labeling of fake dairy products, and let's commit to standing with our dairy farmers.

### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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### AFTER RECESS

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

### PRAYER

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

We draw near to You, O God, before we begin the legislative business of this day and pray that You will abide with us as we address the matters that will be brought before this body.

Would that we wash our hands of malice and mean-spiritedness, ire and indignation. Cleanse us of all that detracts us from Your noble intent.

Would that we examine our motives, that they would be free of selfishness or indifference. Search us and know us,

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that with singleness of purpose, we would live to serve You with integrity.

Would that we present to You our hearts for the work of this Congress. Inspire us that what we aim to accomplish would reflect Your grace plan for our communities and our country.

O Lord, consecrate the work of our hands. Clarify the judgment of our minds. Direct the desires of our hearts that all we do today would be worthy of this opportunity we have been given to serve You in this place.

In the righteousness of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BETTENDORF MAYOR ANN HUTCHINSON

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of former Bettendorf Mayor Ann Hutchinson, who passed away at age 74 this past week. She dedicated her life to the Bettendorf community, serving as mayor for 16 years, until 2003.

When Mayor Hutchinson took office, Bettendorf was struggling to survive financially. She got the city back on sound economic footing and accomplished a wide range of projects, including revitalizing downtown Bettendorf, building the Learning Campus with a library and the Family Museum, and started plans for the new I-74 bridge, which just opened last year.

After her time as mayor, Ann served the region in multiple leadership roles with the Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, and served as the president of the Iowa League of Cities.

Mayor Hutchinson played a major part in making the Quad Cities what they are today, and she will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

I would also like to wish my brother, Richard, a very happy birthday. Happy birthday, Richard.

### SPEAKER MCCARTHY STRENGTHENS AMERICA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America is stronger with KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

Matthew Continetti, the founding editor of the Washington Free Beacon, wrote in the Friday edition: "Since becoming Speaker in January, McCarthy has faced a test. Could he strike a fiscal bargain with President Biden that would earn Republican support and avoid a breach of the debt ceiling and a government shutdown? Well, the grade is in. He aced the exam. . . . Kevin McCarthy is shaping up to be the most effective House GOP leader in decades. . . . Kevin McCarthy is the rare Republican who both understands and is satisfied by the role that he has been given and the responsibilities it entails. He wants nothing more nor less, and he is winning."

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

### CALIFORNIA INSURANCE OPTIONS LIMITED

(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, in California and in the Western States, we see massive wildfires year in and year out due to the nonmanagement or mismanagement of our forests.

The result here lately has shown that, in California, you are seeing major insurers pulling out of the State. They are either no longer offering new insurance policies to homeowners or are even withdrawing old ones upon their expiration, which means costs go up for the remaining companies, fewer choices for consumers, and even more disaster in the fact that insurance will no longer be affordable at all for any of them as they have seen skyrocketing costs.

What do we do about this? What should government do? Well, it probably shouldn't be getting into the insurance business. Indeed, the California one called FAIR is already expensive and hard to get, beyond what the private ones are.

It comes down to forestry, having positive forestry that makes the level of risk in line, as well as not fees and mandates on top of what it takes to build a home already too costly in California, and making land available instead of getting sued over using the land in order to build new housing.

Now, you are going to hear the regulators say: It is all due to climate change.

No, it is other government actions that are doing this.

### CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Pride Month.

From trailblazing activists and leaders who fought tirelessly for equality to artists and entertainers who shattered barriers and inspired generations, the impact of the LGBTQ community is felt in every aspect of our culture.

While we commemorate the progress we have made, we must acknowledge that attacks against the LGBTQ community from State legislatures have reached an all-time high.

It worries me that these attacks most directly impact LGBTQ youth, so we must continue to uplift young people and reaffirm our commitment to equality in America. In North Carolina, y'all means all.

I will continue to work to build a world in which everyone can live safely and openly as themselves and where everyone is treated equally, no matter who they are or who they love.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLINE) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 2, 2023.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 2, 2023, at 9:56 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 769  
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3746

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 45

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore MCHENRY on Friday, June 2, 2023:

H.R. 3746, to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

### CELEBRATING NATIONAL TRAIL DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on the first Saturday of the month, we celebrated National Trail Day.

In recognizing our local, State, and national trails, we can bring attention to the importance of our trails, build a world where everyone feels welcome to enjoy the great outdoors, and provide the perfect opportunity to set off on a hike.

I am proud to represent the only national forest in Pennsylvania, the Allegheny National Forest. This multiuse forest is a staple in our region, providing recreation as well as employment opportunities.

The ANF has more than 200 miles of hiking trails, 53 miles of cross-country skiing trails, and 18 miles of interpretive trails, offering a variety of hiking experiences for outdoor enthusiasts of all types.

My district is also home to Marion E. Brooks Natural Area trails in Elk County, the Mid State Trail in Tioga County, and the North Country National Scenic Trail, which spans from New York to North Dakota.

Mr. Speaker, these hiking trails provide an opportunity to experience the beauty of our land. As the weather warms up, I encourage all my colleagues to get outdoors and explore their hometown hiking trails.

#### RECESS

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

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

□ 1602

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. D'ESPOSITO) at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

#### FAIR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTS ACT

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 835) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws, as amended.

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

H.R. 835

*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 "Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act".

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF ACCREDITED INVESTOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(15) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)(15)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (F), respectively; and

(2) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking "or" and inserting a semicolon, and inserting after such subparagraph the following:

"(B) any natural person whose individual net worth, or joint net worth with that person's spouse or spousal equivalent, exceeds \$1,000,000 (which amount, along with the amounts set forth in subparagraph (C), shall be adjusted for inflation by the Commission every 5 years to the nearest \$10,000 to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) where, for purposes of calculating net worth under this subparagraph—

"(i) the person's primary residence shall not be included as an asset;

"(ii) indebtedness that is secured by the person's primary residence, up to the estimated fair market value of the primary residence at the time of the sale of securities, shall not be included as a liability (except that if the amount of such indebtedness outstanding at the time of sale of securities exceeds the amount outstanding 60 days before such time, other than as a result of the acquisition of the primary residence, the amount of such excess shall be included as a liability); and

"(iii) indebtedness that is secured by the person's primary residence in excess of the estimated fair market value of the primary residence at the time of the sale of securities shall be included as a liability;

"(C) any natural person who had an individual income in excess of \$200,000 in each of the 2 most recent years or joint income with that person's spouse or spousal equivalent in excess of \$300,000 in each of those years and has a reasonable expectation of reaching the same income level in the current year;

"(D) any natural person who is currently licensed or registered as a broker or investment adviser by the Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or an equivalent self-regulatory organization (as defined in section 3(a)(26) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), or the securities division of a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States or the equivalent division responsible for licensing or registration of individuals in connection with securities activities;

"(E) any natural person the Commission determines, by regulation, to have demonstrable education or job experience to qualify such person as having professional knowledge of a subject related to a particular investment, and whose education or job experience is verified by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or an equivalent self-regulatory organization (as defined in section 3(a)(26) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934); or".

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Commission shall revise the definition of accredited investor under Regulation D (17 CFR 230.501 et seq.) to conform with the amendments made by subsection (a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 835, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act.

I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, Congressmen HILL, SCHWEIKERT, VARGAS, and others, for working on this important piece of bipartisan legislation that will expand the pool of eligible investors who can build wealth through private placements. The current "accredited investor" definition restricts access to investments in private markets to a select few, largely based on income or net worth. This excludes many individuals who have other types of expertise or experience that would make them sophisticated investors.

According to SEC estimates, only 13 percent of U.S. households actually qualified as accredited investors in 2016, and only a small percentage of accredited investors are Black or Latino. This shows that the current definition disproportionately excludes minorities from accessing investment opportunities.

H.R. 835 expands the definition to include individuals with certain licenses, educational qualifications, or job experience, opening up more investment opportunities for those who are knowledgeable in specific fields. I should also note that this bill passed on suspension by voice vote in the 115th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, passing H.R. 835 will help level the playing field for minority entrepreneurs who often struggle to secure funding due to lack of access to accredited investors. It will also help diversify the pool of eligible investors, providing more investment opportunities but also unlocking new sources of innovation and economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, for this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 835, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 835, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act sponsored by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL). This bill passed the committee by voice vote. I was there. I didn't hear a single "no" vote.

This bill deals with the overall process of investing in stock being sold by the company to investors to raise

money. We see this happen through public offerings, and most of us one way or another or through a pension plan are invested in publicly traded stocks.

The process for a company to go public is an expensive one, and so smaller companies also do private offerings.

We have a process of restricting investments in these private offerings to those who can afford and understand the risks and those who understand that they can't necessarily sell the security that they have purchased readily.

We do need a framework for accredited investors who are allowed to buy in these private offerings. Up until now, our definition of accredited investor has focused too much on wealth or income of the investor and not on the expertise of the investor.

This bill, I think, moves us in the right direction as far as allowing those with expertise to invest. I also look forward to narrowing the definition of those or eliminating those from investing solely because they are wealthy. Just because you have a million dollars does not mean that you have understanding or knowledge.

The accredited investor framework protects the general public from being sold high-risk, illiquid private securities. This is because private securities do not come with anywhere near the same level of financial or other disclosures to investors that public securities do. Nor do private securities come with the same legal protections for investors and oversight from the SEC and State regulators as compared to public securities.

Finally, they don't come with the same level of liquidity and ability to sell or a posted price where you can be assured that there is a big public market, and you know what the fair price is.

Both accredited investor bills being considered on suspension today aim to return to this concept of accredited investor but focus on the knowledge of the investor as to the high-risk nature of the private security offering.

We all know that just because you have a million dollars does not mean you understand the complexities of the private markets.

Conversely, you should not be prohibited from investing in these products if you do have knowledge of the risks involved but don't happen to have a million dollars.

This is why it is so important for the SEC to update its definition of accredited investors to protect investors who are not sufficiently informed while creating pathways for those who are or those who make themselves sufficiently knowledgeable.

Mr. HILL's bill would allow individuals with certain credentials, such as an MBA or a FINRA certification—that is a certification from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority that would allow one to actually be a broker-dealer. People who meet those

two qualifications would be deemed accredited investors without reference to their income or wealth.

I am under no illusion about the riskiness of these products. We will all hear the stories. Every friend I have who goes to Vegas and tells me about it, comes back saying they won everything. I have nine other friends who go to Vegas. They never tell me how well they did.

Likewise, we all will hear about somebody who invested in Apple at the beginning, but nobody talks about their investment in pear, tangerine, or kumquat.

This is an opportunity to make a lot of money. It is also an opportunity to lose a lot of money. I believe that the reforms to the definition of accredited investors are necessary and fair, and this bill is a reasonable expansion of the definition of people who can be expected to have the requisite knowledge or expertise to make an informed investment about the very risky private securities.

I support this bill. Every voice on the committee supports this bill, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL), the author of this bill, who is also the chairman of the Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion Committee.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I certainly thank Chair WAGNER and Ranking Member SHERMAN for their strong words of support for my bill, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act, which, as Ranking Member SHERMAN noted, passed out of our committee unanimously by voice vote, but it also has passed this House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker, twice already.

Most Americans are prohibited from investing in a wide variety of businesses. Unless you are rich enough, or what is called by the SEC, an "accredited investor"—meaning that you make more than \$200,000 per year or you are worth at least a million dollars, not including your house—you are not really allowed to easily invest in private markets, only in our public companies.

Meanwhile, new businesses are staying private for longer because bad policy from Washington has made it increasingly expensive for companies to become public, to go public, and to remain a public company.

In my view, Mr. Speaker, that is not fair, and it is not smart. The current accredited investor rules favor the rich and the affluent over people who have knowledge, that are working maybe in their own area of expertise, and then it effectively discriminates against someone who would be poor or potentially in a minority community.

In fact, the Securities and Exchange Commission argues that 1.3 percent of

accredited investors are African American, and only 2.8 percent are Latino, even though they make up a third of our country.

Are you telling me they don't have the investment expertise or the knowledge to invest in a company they are interested in? Of course, they do.

Small businesses and startups in Arkansas and across the country are integral to our Nation's economic growth, innovation, and job creation.

From my years of experience in helping small firms raise capital, I know this bill will enhance capital formation and offer long-term wealth appreciation for those with the knowledge to apply it.

This legislation simply provides individuals who demonstrate a strong understanding of an offering the opportunity to invest in private offerings. This is good for Arkansas and good for entrepreneurs across our country.

This is about giving those previously limited to only investing in public market opportunities a chance to build savings and investment and wealth in private companies.

If you have the knowledge and expertise, you ought to be given the chance to invest in an industry that you know very well.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. VARGAS) as well as the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT), an original cosponsor of this bill, for their support of this legislation. I thank the ranking member and the chairwoman for their support, and I urge all my colleagues to vote for this bill.

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

□ 1615

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

The accredited investor framework is in need of improvement. Today, millions of families can be targeted to invest in high-risk, illiquid, nontransparent financial products solely because of the inflated value of their assets, putting at risk their ability to live comfortably in retirement. At the same time, others who are knowledgeable are prevented from investing.

When the accredited investor framework was first established by the SEC in 1982, less than 2 percent of our population could be solicited by broker-dealers or companies raising capital on the basis of their income or on the basis of their assets.

Today, that has risen to 20 percent. That is not because investors are more knowledgeable and it is really not because there are more investors who can afford to take major losses. It is simply because we have had a lot of inflation since 1982, and so you can meet the asset requirements with real estate and your retirement nest egg.

To be clear, no one thinks that the amount you need for your retirement in 2023 is the amount you needed in 1982. That is why the SEC needs to revise the thresholds to better protect working families.

That said, Mr. HILL's bill is sensible. It would return to the original concept of the accredited investor, focusing on investors who are knowledgeable about the risks of private securities.

I would also point out that while we are protecting investors, another function of our securities laws is to help companies raise capital and, obviously, this bill will help many companies to raise the capital they need to expand; so I believe that is a balanced bill.

I look forward to other steps to change the accredited investor framework. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I would just simply urge my colleagues to support H.R. 835, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 835, the Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act.

H.R. 835 would expand the eligibility criteria for an accredited investor for purposes of participating in private offerings of securities to include an individual determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to have qualifying professional knowledge through educational or professional experience.

The current definition of an accredited investor relies on a net worth threshold for individuals and households irrespective of the sophistication of the would-be investors.

Traditionally, the accredited investor threshold has been determined through asset and income tests, resulting in both an under- and overinclusive definition that leaves out sophisticated investors who may not meet financial thresholds while including a wealthy person with no experience in financial markets.

Excluding these individuals unfairly limits Americans' participation in capital markets.

This bill would increase the total number of Americans eligible to purchase restricted securities.

H.R. 835 would amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for the purposes of the securities laws.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 835, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ACCREDITED INVESTOR DEFINITION REVIEW ACT

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1579) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1579

*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 "Accredited Investor Definition Review Act".

#### SEC. 2. CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, AND CREDENTIALS UNDER THE DEFINITION OF ACCREDITED INVESTOR.

Section 2(a)(15) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)(15)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(2) in subparagraph (A), as so redesignated, by striking "adviser; or" and inserting "adviser";

(3) in subparagraph (B), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting "or"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) an individual holding such certifications, designations, or credentials as the Commission determines necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, where such list of certifications, designations, or credentials shall be no less broad than those certifications, designations, or credentials described in the amendments made to section 230.501 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, by the final rule of the Commission titled 'Accredited Investor Definition' (85 Fed. Reg. 64234; published October 9, 2020)."

#### SEC. 3. PERIODIC REVIEW OF CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, AND CREDENTIALS.

Section 413(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 77b note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) PERIODIC REVIEW OF CERTIFICATIONS, DESIGNATIONS, AND CREDENTIALS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and not less frequently than once every 5 years thereafter, the Commission shall—

"(A) review the list of certifications, designations, and credentials accepted with respect to meeting the requirements of the definition of 'accredited investor' under section 2(a)(15) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)(15)) and rules issued pursuant to such section;

"(B) add such certifications, designations, and credentials to such list as the Commission determines are substantially similar in measuring the financial sophistication, knowledge, and experience in financial matters of an individual to the certifications, designations, and credentials included on such list at the time of such review; and

"(C) adjust or modify such list as the Commission determines necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1579, the Accredited Investor Definition Review Act.

I thank my colleagues, Congressmen HUIZENGA and LAWLER, for working on this important piece of legislation that balances increasing investor opportunities with investor protection.

Currently, to qualify as an accredited investor, an individual must have an annual income of at least \$200,000 or a net worth of over \$1 million. These thresholds exclude many sophisticated but not wealthy investors from participating in high-growth private companies.

H.R. 1579 requires the SEC to review and update the list of certifications, designations, and credentials that an investor must satisfy to qualify as an accredited investor every 5 years, ensuring that the definition remains relevant and accessible.

By supporting H.R. 1579, we can create a more democratized investment landscape, where more Americans have the opportunity to invest in high-growth private companies, not just the wealthy elite.

This bill provides a pathway for sophisticated investors of all backgrounds to accumulate wealth and participate in the success of private companies.

Mr. Speaker, in short, by expanding the definition of accredited investors and promoting greater access to private investments, H.R. 1579 will help to level the playing field and ensure that all Americans have an opportunity to participate in the growth and success of our economy.

For this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1579.

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1579, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The Accredited Investor Definition Review Act is, of course, sponsored by the gentleman from Michigan. The accredited investor definition is out of date and needs changing. A lot of these comments relate to the comments I made on the previous bill.

The current definition is based on wealth, which is not really a proxy for an individual's knowledge or experience. It may, in part, be a proxy for their ability to absorb losses; but the wealth standard was established in 1982 and hasn't been revised, so it was either wrong then or it is wrong now.

Further, the amount of wealth required to meet the accredited investor threshold, of course, has been eroded and, as I said speaking of the prior bill, has gone from 2 percent of our Nation to 20 percent of our Nation.

So we need to define who Wall Street can sell risky and illiquid products to, and not those who have created a nest egg, which is so much smaller than the nest egg in terms of purchasing value that we required when these standards were developed.

The SEC may establish a definition to protect working families from these

high-risk products, while allowing those who are knowledgeable to make the investment.

Mr. HUIZENGA's Accredited Investor Definition Review Act reaffirms the authority of the SEC to review the credentials that will qualify an accredited investor and update the list of credentials. This ensures that the definition is not stagnant and changes with the times.

As a result, more investors will have access to private markets while ensuring that they have the adequate knowledge base to understand the risks involved.

I would add that perhaps wealth shouldn't be an entryway to investments. It should be exclusively based on one's knowledge. If we did that, we would want to look not only at the knowledge of the investor, but the knowledge of their advisers, but only if those advisers were truly independent, because an investor being advised by someone who earns a commission or someone who gets referrals from the promoter is not a truly independent adviser.

So this bill moves us forward to doing something that should have been done many years ago. We are stuck with rules drafted in 1982. This bill requires the SEC to begin the process of revising those rules. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important bill.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENGA), the author of the bill, who is also chairman of the Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee of the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that is near and dear to me, having spent virtually my entire legislative career on the Capital Markets Subcommittee, including a time as the chair and ranking member, and this is something that many of us have been working on for a long time.

Thanks also to Chairman MCHENRY for setting out an ambitious agenda to strengthen and expand access to our capital markets.

The legislation being considered here today, both the previous bill, H.R. 835, and my bill, H.R. 1579, make good on this promise while increasing opportunity for small businesses, as well as investors in Michigan's Fourth Congressional District and across America.

Under Gary Gensler, the Securities and Exchange Commission continues to blow past their longstanding three-part mission to protect investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and to facilitate capital formation with a number of other things that are well beyond that. We are here today to refocus the SEC on its core mission to help more Americans participate in our capital markets.

During our bipartisan effort, we have heard uplifting stories from Americans

who inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Look, we all know some very hard-working, middle-income folks who know how to manage their money and manage their money well. Frankly, we probably all also know stories of wealthy people who, frankly, don't have a clue financially, and I would never turn over our money to them to manage or to invest.

So let's talk about a couple of those people in the first category. I start, first, with a woman named Omi Bell. Omi Bell founded Black Girl Ventures, an organization focused on providing women of color with access to community networks, capital, and capacity building to develop and grow their businesses. Omi does that right here in Washington, D.C.

Omi testified before our Subcommittee on Capital Markets that her mother invested \$10,000 of her own retirement to support Omi's first business venture. Yet her mom was not considered an accredited investor and, despite her desire to support her daughter's ambitions, she could have been disallowed from investing in that.

We also heard testimony from David Olivencia. He is the CEO and cofounder of Angeles Investors, who, while earning his MBA from Notre Dame, learned about startups and how early-stage investments could lead to outsized returns.

Unfortunately for David, as he told his story, he said he did not qualify as an accredited investor because his immigrant family did not have wealth that he could inherit.

That is a horrible way, Mr. Speaker, to decide whether someone should or can invest in a dream and in something that they know about. I can tell you this: Both Omi and David are all too common in the investment world. While innovators often turn to their local communities for support, they often lack the ability to reach those investors, those truly accredited investors, who can make a huge impact.

Mr. Speaker, under current law, accredited investors are allowed to purchase securities that have not been registered with the SEC. These types of offerings carry more risk than public offerings. In theory, individuals with enough financial sophistication or net worth—again, those are two different things—can bear the potential losses that may be associated with these types of securities.

My bill, the Accredited Investor Definition Review Act, would require the SEC to incorporate "certifications, designations, or credentials that further the purpose of accredited investor definition."

The bill would expand investment opportunities for knowledgeable investors and provide small business job creators with additional sources of funding.

The current definition the SEC uses to identify accredited investors is outdated and based solely and wrongly on

wealth and net income. You shouldn't have to be a millionaire to be an accredited investor.

The ability to participate in a private offering should not be limited to individuals that pass some sort of Federal Government assets test. Instead, participation should be expanded to include all individuals that can demonstrate they have sufficient understanding of the offering.

Mr. Speaker, my legislation is about leveling the playing field. Do you see the theme, by the way? The theme from the Republicans and, I believe, many on the other side is this: We want to make sure that we allow all Americans to participate in our economic system.

So whether it is in Kalamazoo or Portage, whether it is in Benton Harbor or St. Joe, or Battle Creek or in Springfield, investors should be able to support small business startups in their local community across southwest Michigan and around the Nation.

I look forward to continued bipartisan support for this issue. I thank the chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and the ranking member, Mr. SHERMAN, as well as Representative LAWLER, for their work. I look forward to getting this across the finish line and helping the American people and American small businesses.

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers and I am prepared to close. I yield myself the balance of my time.

I want to respond to the comments from the gentleman from Michigan to some degree. I think I speak for the majority of the Democratic Caucus that we have a balanced view. We want investor protection, and we want investments to be made in private offerings by those who understand the risk and understand the company they are investing in.

The idea that we would open the door to every investment and allow an unlimited number of people with no particular expertise or meeting other standards would mean that we wouldn't have any initial public offerings. Every company would become a public company. We wouldn't have an SEC. That is not where we want to go.

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This bill is consistent with that balanced view. The gentleman from Michigan also says he thinks the SEC is being distracted and is not carrying out its core mission.

Just today, they went after a crypto exchange, and I can't think of anything more essential to their core mission.

Another controversy is whether investors in public companies will be given information about the environmental and carbon effects of the company. Many investors want that information, and giving investors information that many of them want is a core definition of the SEC.



Finally, the gentleman from Michigan puts forward a very inaccurate view of our current law. It is not true that you can't invest in your brother-in-law's pizzeria unless you have a million dollars in net worth. If that were true, I couldn't get a pizza on Ventura Boulevard.

The fact is that we do allow up to 35 unaccredited investors in private offerings, and the vast majority of what we think of as the really small businesses, the ones up and down Ventura Boulevard—the pizzeria, the restaurant, whatever—fit into that category.

We do have a securities law system that works pretty well. We can improve it. This bill does that. The SEC should amend its accredited investor definition to better protect investors and retirees from being solicited for high-risk, unsustainable products just because they meet an asset threshold that hasn't been revised in 40 years.

I urge the SEC to review that asset threshold as part of the periodic review required by this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to support a balanced investor protection regime, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1579, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1579, the Accredited Investor Definition Review Act of 2023.

This bill revises who may be considered an accredited investor for purposes of participating in private offerings of securities.

Certain unregistered securities may only be offered to accredited investors.

Specifically, the bill allows the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) discretion in determining what certifications, designations, or credentials investors must possess for purposes of investor protection, provided that the credentials are at least as broad as the existing regulations.

Additionally, the SEC must review these credentials every five years.

This bill amends the definition of investor in the Securities Act of 1933 by adding the following language:

“(C) an individual holding such certifications, designations, or credentials as the Commission determines necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, where such list of certifications, designations, or credentials shall be no less broad than those certifications, designations, or credentials described in the amendments made to section 230.501 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, by the final rule of the Commission titled ‘Accredited Investor Definition’ (85 Fed. Reg. 64234; published October 9, 2020).”

This amendment will give small business startups and everyday citizens in Houston and around the U.S. the opportunity to participate in the growth and success of our economy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1579, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL SENIOR INVESTOR INITIATIVE ACT OF 2023

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2593) to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2593

*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 “National Senior Investor Initiative Act of 2023” or the “Senior Security Act of 2023”.

##### SEC. 2. SENIOR INVESTOR TASKFORCE.

Section 4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(1) SENIOR INVESTOR TASKFORCE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within the Commission the Senior Investor Taskforce (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Taskforce’).

“(2) DIRECTOR OF THE TASKFORCE.—The head of the Taskforce shall be the Director, who shall—

“(A) report directly to the Chairman; and

“(B) be appointed by the Chairman, in consultation with the Commission, from among individuals—

“(i) currently employed by the Commission or from outside of the Commission; and

“(ii) having experience in advocating for the interests of senior investors.

“(3) STAFFING.—The Chairman shall ensure that—

“(A) the Taskforce is staffed sufficiently to carry out fully the requirements of this subsection; and

“(B) such staff shall include individuals from the Division of Enforcement, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, and Office of Investor Education and Advocacy.

“(4) NO COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF TASKFORCE.—All members of the Taskforce appointed under paragraph (2) or (3) shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

“(5) MINIMIZING DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In organizing and staffing the Taskforce, the Chairman shall take such actions as may be necessary to minimize the duplication of efforts within the divisions and offices described under paragraph (3)(B) and any other divisions, offices, or taskforces of the Commission.

“(6) FUNCTIONS OF THE TASKFORCE.—The Taskforce shall—

“(A) identify challenges that senior investors encounter, including problems associated with financial exploitation and cognitive decline;

“(B) identify areas in which senior investors would benefit from changes in the regulations of the Commission or the rules of self-regulatory organizations;

“(C) coordinate, as appropriate, with other offices within the Commission, other taskforces that may be established within the Commission, self-regulatory organiza-

tions, and the Elder Justice Coordinating Council; and

“(D) consult, as appropriate, with State securities and law enforcement authorities, State insurance regulators, and other Federal agencies.

“(7) REPORT.—The Taskforce, in coordination, as appropriate, with the Office of the Investor Advocate and self-regulatory organizations, and in consultation, as appropriate, with State securities and law enforcement authorities, State insurance regulators, and Federal agencies, shall issue a report every 2 years to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, the first of which shall not be issued until after the report described in section 3 of the National Senior Investor Initiative Act of 2023 has been issued and considered by the Taskforce, containing—

“(A) appropriate statistical information and full and substantive analysis;

“(B) a summary of recent trends and innovations that have impacted the investment landscape for senior investors;

“(C) a summary of regulatory initiatives that have concentrated on senior investors and industry practices related to senior investors;

“(D) key observations, best practices, and areas needing improvement, involving senior investors identified during examinations, enforcement actions, and investor education outreach;

“(E) a summary of the most serious issues encountered by senior investors, including issues involving financial products and services;

“(F) an analysis with regard to existing policies and procedures of brokers, dealers, investment advisers, and other market participants related to senior investors and senior investor-related topics and whether these policies and procedures need to be further developed or refined;

“(G) recommendations for such changes to the regulations, guidance, and orders of the Commission and self-regulatory organizations and such legislative actions as may be appropriate to resolve problems encountered by senior investors; and

“(H) any other information, as determined appropriate by the Director of the Taskforce.

“(8) REQUEST FOR REPORTS.—The Taskforce shall make any report issued under paragraph (7) available to a Member of Congress who requests such a report.

“(9) SUNSET.—The Taskforce shall terminate after the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection.

“(10) SENIOR INVESTOR DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘senior investor’ means an investor over the age of 65.

“(11) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—The Commission shall use existing funds to carry out this subsection.”.

##### SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress and the Senior Investor Taskforce the results of a study of financial exploitation of senior citizens.

(b) CONTENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include information with respect to—

(1) economic costs of the financial exploitation of senior citizens—

(A) associated with losses by victims that were incurred as a result of the financial exploitation of senior citizens;

(B) incurred by State and Federal agencies, law enforcement and investigatory agencies,

public benefit programs, public health programs, and other public programs as a result of the financial exploitation of senior citizens;

(C) incurred by the private sector as a result of the financial exploitation of senior citizens; and

(D) any other relevant costs that—

(i) result from the financial exploitation of senior citizens; and

(ii) the Comptroller General determines are necessary and appropriate to include in order to provide Congress and the public with a full and accurate understanding of the economic costs resulting from the financial exploitation of senior citizens in the United States;

(2) frequency of senior financial exploitation and correlated or contributing factors—

(A) information about percentage of senior citizens financially exploited each year; and

(B) information about factors contributing to increased risk of exploitation, including such factors as race, social isolation, income, net worth, religion, region, occupation, education, home-ownership, illness, and loss of spouse; and

(3) policy responses and reporting of senior financial exploitation—

(A) the degree to which financial exploitation of senior citizens unreported to authorities;

(B) the reasons that financial exploitation may be unreported to authorities;

(C) to the extent that suspected elder financial exploitation is currently being reported—

(i) information regarding which Federal, State, and local agencies are receiving reports, including adult protective services, law enforcement, industry, regulators, and professional licensing boards;

(ii) information regarding what information is being collected by such agencies; and

(iii) information regarding the actions that are taken by such agencies upon receipt of the report and any limits on the agencies' ability to prevent exploitation, such as jurisdictional limits, a lack of expertise, resource challenges, or limiting criteria with regard to the types of victims they are permitted to serve;

(D) an analysis of gaps that may exist in empowering Federal, State, and local agencies to prevent senior exploitation or respond effectively to suspected senior financial exploitation; and

(E) an analysis of the legal hurdles that prevent Federal, State, and local agencies from effectively partnering with each other and private professionals to effectively respond to senior financial exploitation.

(c) SENIOR CITIZEN DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term "senior citizen" means an individual over the age of 65.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2593, the Senior Security Act. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill, and I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, Representatives Gottheimer and Lawler, for working on this important piece of bipartisan legislation that will assist in the protection of our senior investors.

Fraud and exploitation of any kind in our capital markets threaten the integrity of our markets. It is especially problematic when such fraudulent activity targets senior investors.

According to some reports, around 20 percent of senior investors fall prey to fraudulent investment schemes. Similar reports show that seniors lose nearly \$3 billion annually from financial fraud and exploitation.

The Senior Security Act is designed to support and enhance efforts to protect against and prevent the financial exploitation of senior investors.

This bill establishes the senior investors task force within the Securities and Exchange Commission, which must report on industry trends and serious issues impacting investors over the age of 65. The task force will also help inform policymaking in Washington by making recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions to address problems encountered by our senior investors.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2593 has received very strong bipartisan support in the past, passing by suspension in both the 116th and 117th Congresses. It remains a sensible solution to ensure that senior investors receive adequate protection against fraud and exploitation.

For this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2593, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I do have a question for the chairwoman of our subcommittee. We are taking these bills in a different order than I was told. We are now dealing with H.R. 2593. Will we then return to H.R. 2608 and H.R. 2610?

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield for the purpose of a colloquy?

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Missouri.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform the ranking member that we may be a bit out of order here. My deepest apologies, and we will be returning to that order right after this bill is finished.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the one person that may be most surprised by us going out of order is the author of this bill, Mr. GOTTHEIMER. I know he is on his way now to this floor, so in order for him to get here before he would have expected to be needed, I will speak very slowly.

Mr. Speaker, I rise slowly in support of H.R. 2593, the Senior Security Act sponsored by the gentleman from New Jersey, who is on his way to this floor right now.

Scams targeting seniors, which can include harassing robocalls and phone

calls impersonating the government, cost older Americans more than \$36 billion a year, according to the National Council on Aging. According to AARP, these kinds of senior scams have more than doubled just since 2020.

Financial scams can leave a devastating and lasting impact on our seniors, causing significant financial loss. Recovering lost funds is a very challenging process, and in many cases, the money is simply not retrieved.

Scams also lead to significant emotional distress, resulting in feelings of embarrassment, guilt, shame, and a diminished sense of self-worth. The emotional impact can exacerbate health conditions or lead to depression and anxiety. Once scammed, seniors might lose trust in people, which can lead to further isolation and reluctance to seek help.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER's bill takes key steps to help protect older Americans nationwide from getting scammed out of their hard-earned money by establishing a senior investor task force within the SEC. This task force must report on topics relating to investors over the age of 65 and make recommendations for actions to address problems encountered by senior investors.

I will also point out that this is important for our capital markets and for companies trying to raise money because every time a senior is subject to one of these scams, others become less interested in investing, and we need Americans to feel that they are protected and not cheated when they invest in stocks, bonds, and our capital markets.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I am pleased that the gentleman from New Jersey has arrived, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, am pleased to see that the author of the bill, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER), is here to speak on his very fine piece of legislation that we are all supportive of, in a bipartisan manner, H.R. 2593, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER), the author of this bill.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bipartisan bill, the Senior Security Act, to help protect vulnerable seniors who are being targeted by fraudsters who seek to take financial advantage of them.

I first thank my colleague, Republican Congresswoman ANN WAGNER, for her friendship and her leadership. I am very grateful for her continued fight to have the backs of our seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I also thank Senators SINEMA and COLLINS, who have introduced the companion legislation to the Senior Security Act in the United States Senate.

This legislation builds on Congresswoman WAGNER's and my previous



work this Congress when we advanced the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act that would give asset managers more tools to prevent suspected financial exploitation of seniors and vulnerable adults.

Since I took office, I have been committed to helping seniors save their hard-earned money for retirement, help cut their taxes, afford prescription drugs, and protect Social Security and Medicare so that, at the end of the day, they can afford to stay where I live in northern New Jersey and enjoy their lives with their friends, children, and grandchildren.

Unfortunately, far too many of our seniors have had their hard-earned retirement savings stolen right out from under them when a scammer calls or shows up at their door. Millions of seniors across the country, including my own late mother, have been the victims of financial scams, and far too many have been cheated out of their retirement savings.

It is appalling. It is offensive. It is simply unacceptable. These senior scams cost older Americans more than \$36 billion a year, often hitting their retirement nest eggs, not to mention the pain and anxiety you can't put a dollar figure on. Plus, senior scams have more than doubled since 2020.

We are here today to do something about it by advancing the Senior Security Act to help protect American seniors from these shameless criminals.

This bipartisan bill would create a senior investor task force at the Securities and Exchange Commission that will exclusively focus on how seniors are being targeted by fraudsters who seek to take financial advantage of them.

Every 2 years, the task force will be required to submit a report to Congress outlining trends and innovations, like robocalls and voice spoofing, that are impacting senior investors, helping us stay ahead of changes in financial scams as they arise.

Everyone should know they are incredibly sophisticated now. Literally through AI and other spoofing, it sounds like someone's grandchild calling when they scam them.

The task force will give law enforcement stronger tools and information. The task force will coordinate with other Federal regulators, State regulators, and law enforcement to ensure we are doing as much as we can at every level of government to stop hucksters from scamming our seniors. The task force will be a cop on the beat to make sure we keep up with the changes in financial scams and, again, stay ahead of new issues.

Our seniors have given us so much. We should always have their backs, look out for them, and help protect them from predators and innovative scammers who want to take advantage of them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense, bipartisan legislation, the Senior Security Act. I

thank my colleagues and Congresswoman WAGNER, again, for her friendship and her leadership.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 2593, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill passed in committee 49-0. Our seniors are particularly vulnerable to financial scams. As Members of Congress, we must work to find effective ways to protect seniors from scamsters and fraudsters.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER's bill, a bill I commend him for drafting and one that, once again, got 49 votes to 0 in our committee—I commend him for crafting this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, once again, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 2593, a wonderful piece of bipartisan legislation that is going to help our seniors have the kind of financial security that they need going forward.

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2593, the Senior Security Act of 2023.

This bill establishes the Senior Investor Taskforce within the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The taskforce must report on topics relating to investors over the age of 65, including industry trends and serious issues impacting such investors, and make recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions to address problems encountered by senior investors.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the financial exploitation of senior citizens.

The proposed taskforce would do the following:

A) identify challenges that senior investors encounter, including problems associated with financial exploitation and cognitive decline;

B) identify areas in which senior investors would benefit from changes in the regulations of the Commission or the rules of self-regulatory organizations;

C) coordinate, as appropriate, with other offices within the Commission, other taskforces that may be established within the Commission, self-regulatory organizations, and the Elder Justice Coordinating Council; and

D) consult, as appropriate, with State securities and law enforcement authorities, State insurance regulators, and other Federal agencies.

The Government Accountability Office Study will observe the economic costs, frequency, and policy responses of the financial exploitation of senior citizens.

The Taskforce and the study that it will conduct is important because it will help prevent the financial exploitation of senior citizens.

The Taskforce and its study could also inspire legislation to prevent the financial exploitation of senior citizens.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs.

WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2593, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2608) to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2608

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

#### SECTION 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES.

(a) SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 7(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77g(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) need not present acquired company financial statements or information otherwise required under section 210.3-05 or section 210.8-04 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto, for any period prior to the earliest audited period of the emerging growth company presented in connection with its initial public offering and, thereafter, in no event shall an issuer that was an emerging growth company but is no longer an emerging growth company be required to present financial statements of the issuer (or acquired company financial statements or information otherwise required under section 210.3-05 or section 210.8-04 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto) for any period prior to the earliest audited period of the emerging growth company presented in connection with its initial public offering; and”.

(b) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 12(b)(1)(K) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(b)(1)(K)) is amended by striking “firm;” and inserting “firm, provided that the application of an emerging growth company need not present acquired company financial statements or information otherwise required under section 210.3-05 or section 210.8-04 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto, for any period prior to the earliest audited period of the emerging growth company presented in connection with its application and, thereafter, in no event shall an issuer that was an emerging growth company but is no longer an emerging growth company be required to present financial statements of the issuer (or acquired company financial statements or information otherwise required under section 210.3-05 or section 210.8-04 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto) for any period prior to the earliest audited period of the emerging growth company presented in connection with any application under subsection (b) of this section;”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

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Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2608, a bill to specify the periods for which financial statements are required by an emerging growth company.

I thank my colleague, our esteemed chairman of the Financial Services Committee, Mr. MCHENRY, for his leadership on this important piece of bipartisan legislation which will ensure the continued success of the IPO on-ramp enacted in the bipartisan JOBS Act of 2012.

To address the steady decline of small company IPOs, title I of the JOBS Act of 2012 established a new class of public companies, or issuers, known as emerging growth companies.

These companies are given an on-ramp of up to 5 years to comply with certain regulatory requirements prior to, throughout, and immediately after the company's IPO.

Under the JOBS Act, one particularly helpful accommodation provided to EGCs is the requirement to provide 2 years of audited financial statements instead of 3 years in its IPO registration statement.

Under certain circumstances, however, an EGC, or a company that went public as an EGC, must provide financial statements for earlier periods. This has occurred occasionally, for example, in the case of acquired company financial statements and for follow-on offerings involving an emerging growth company that lost its EGC status during IPO registration.

H.R. 2608 resolves this misinterpretation by establishing that an emerging growth company, as well as any issuer that went public issuing EGC disclosure obligations, only needs to provide 2 years of audited financial statements.

Mr. Speaker, by ensuring that EGCs can consistently rely on the JOBS Act's scaled disclosure obligations by eliminating this irregularity, H.R. 2608 will enhance the utility and the benefits of EGC accommodations.

For this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2608, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2608, sponsored by the gentleman from North Carolina.

I want to put this bill in context. The first two bills we considered in this session dealt with private offerings, where there is very limited investor protection and where there are requirements as to who is allowed to invest.

We are now focusing on public companies where there is a lot of investor protection and where anyone can invest and anyone who buys can then freely sell it to anyone else.

Just as by way of illustration, we are talking about, in this bill, whether there will be 2 or 3 years of audited financial statements for certain public companies. That differs from the private offerings that we considered in the first two bills. Private offerings are not required to have any audited financial statements.

A special accommodation has been made to emerging growth companies, known as EGCs, who are obligated to provide 2 years of audited financial statements when they first provide an initial public offering.

Other companies, on the other hand, are required to provide 3 years of audited financial statements when they go public. In some situations, however, an EGC must provide 3 years of audited financials, including cases where they acquire another company.

This bill would recognize that whatever standards we have when the company first goes public, those standards being for 2 years of audited financials, I think are logically applied in certain other circumstances. One of those is where the company goes to the public a second time for a follow-on offering, and the other is when the company uses its stock to acquire a company.

We have a rule that, for the most important gatekeeping requirement, says 2 years of audited financials. This bill would provide that same standard for emerging growth companies in these two other types of situations. This will harmonize the EGC framework, making sure that these smaller reporting companies have a scaled-down obligation but still do provide 2 years of audited financials.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY), the chairman of the full Financial Services Committee.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Mrs. WAGNER, for leading our committee Republicans' capital formation agenda on the Financial Services Committee. She has done a fantastic job.

I thank the Members of the minority party for joining with us in passing some of these important bills.

By the end of today, we will have passed 11 of those bills through the House of Representatives in the last 2 weeks. I thank the Members for their work there.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2608. This bill clarifies the periods for

which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company.

Now, an emerging growth company is an important provision of the JOBS Act of 2012. These are smaller companies that are growing rapidly, and the idea here is we want them to be able to access the public markets more quickly.

Now, let me stop here. It is a real pleasure to spend time on the House floor getting back to the policy that I am most steeped in and most interested in and, quite frankly, thrilled that I am not talking about the debt ceiling. Thank you for your indulgence there.

This important provision of the JOBS Act, called the emerging growth company piece of the JOBS Act, has this designation of an IPO on-ramp. The idea here is these are smaller revenue companies, and in their growth, we want them to be able to get to the public markets as quickly as they can.

Emerging growth companies are given a 5-year ramping period in the public markets to comply with a lot of regulatory requirements that public companies are obligated to comply with.

The goal here was to have an accommodation to have more companies go public here in the United States, and it has worked. This was title I of the JOBS Act. The success of this provision was as a direct result of it being self-executing. We wrote the law, and instantly, that day, people started using the statute.

Within the first 2 years of enactment of the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies resulted in 85 percent of all U.S. IPOs. Additionally, this specific accommodation for 2 years of audited financial statements was utilized by 65 percent of emerging growth companies within the first 2 years of the JOBS Act.

Despite the success of the JOBS Act IPO on-ramp, there are clarifications Congress should make to maximize the utility of these provisions. For example, there are instances where an emerging growth company, or a company that qualifies as such during its initial public offering, must provide financial statements for periods earlier than 2 years.

The first instance is when an emerging growth company acquires a significant business. The emerging growth company must present 3 years of financial statements, even though the post-merger company also qualifies as an emerging growth company. This is kind of a wonky failure of the statute.

The second instance is when a company qualifies as an emerging growth company during its IPO but later tries to conduct a follow-on offering to raise capital after it loses its emerging growth company status. In such instances, the company would also be required to provide 3 years of financial statements.

This bill updates emerging growth company financial reporting accommodations to clarify that an emerging growth company, as well as any company that qualifies as such, when it is conducting its initial public offering, does not need to provide financial statements for a period earlier than 2 years, which is required during the emerging growth company's initial public offering. That is a lot of words.

This update will increase efficiency by ensuring that these companies will be able to consistently rely on the JOBS Act's scaled financial reporting requirement accommodation. It will eliminate an aberrational result that actually has been shown to require burdensome and unnecessary financial reporting obligations.

This bill clearly establishes that an emerging growth company will not be required to provide audited financial statements for any period earlier than 2 years, including in those instances I mentioned that were not previously addressed in the original JOBS Act.

Mr. Speaker, after 11 years of the JOBS Act, this particular section of the JOBS Act has shown that it has been wonderfully successful. We have more IPOs using the statute than any other change in security laws we have made as a Congress in recent memory. That is a great success.

We want to update that existing statute, and we are doing so in a bipartisan way. That should be a welcome sign for Congress, that we can do complicated things in a bipartisan way. That is what we are here to do.

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for closing.

This bill passed our committee by a 41-to-0 vote. In passing H.R. 2608, Congress is making sure that smaller companies have scaled-down disclosure obligations in all instances rather than just the initial public offering. We apply the same standard to acquisitions and follow-on offerings. This is a commonsense reform. It reduces the burden on small companies and still provides investors with 2 years of audited financial statements.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2608, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on H.R. 2608, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2608 would change the reporting period for financial statements submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by an emerging growth company (EGC) or former EGC when it acquires another company.

The bill would ensure that EGCs and former EGCs submit financial statements for their tar-

get companies that cover a reporting period that does not exceed the earliest audited period for the EGC or former EGC, as presented in connection with an initial public offering.

Under current law, when reporting to the SEC, acquiring companies (including EGCs) must submit up to two years of financial statements for their target companies.

H.R. 2608 is a measure that will limit the financial information an emerging growth company must submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Specifically, an emerging growth company is not required to present a financial statement for any period prior to the earliest audited period of the emerging growth company in connection with its initial public offering, such as a statement for an acquired company.

This bill is being amended to clarify and specify language in the original text.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2608, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REGISTRATION STATEMENT CONTENTS FOR EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2610) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2610

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

#### SECTION 1. REGISTRATION STATEMENTS.

Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(K), by striking "years," and inserting "years (or, in the case of an emerging growth company, not more than the two preceding years)."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"Any issuer may confidentially submit to the Commission a draft registration statement for confidential nonpublic review by the staff of the Commission prior to public filing, provided that the initial confidential submission and all amendments thereto shall be publicly filed with the Commission not later than 10 days before listing on a national securities exchange. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose any information provided to or obtained by the Commission pursuant to this subsection. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552. Information described in or obtained pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed

to constitute confidential information for purposes of section 24."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 this bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2610, a bill to harmonize the emerging growth company, EGC, financial statement requirements originally enacted in the JOBS Act of 2012.

I thank my colleague, and our esteemed chair of the Financial Services Committee, Chairman MCHENRY, for his leadership on this important piece of bipartisan legislation that will attract companies to go public here in the United States.

Title I of the bipartisan JOBS Act of 2012 established a new class of public companies, or issuers, called emerging growth companies, to attract small companies to go public and reverse the steady decline of small initial public offerings, IPOs, in American capital markets.

Under the JOBS Act, EGCs are granted scaled reporting and disclosure requirements for a limited time after they go public. This attractive accommodation allows the company to grow before absorbing the costly regulatory burdens faced by large public companies.

One accommodation EGCs may take advantage of under the JOBS Act is providing 2 years of audited financial statements rather than 3 years when conducting an IPO.

Sometimes an EGC in its entirety does not undertake an IPO and instead spins off a segment of its business as a new company and takes that spin-off public. However, spin-offs of an EGC may not take advantage of the 2-year financial statement accommodation.

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The EGC financial statement accommodations should apply equally, whether an EGC is conducting an IPO or spinning off a segment of its business and taking that company public.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2610 ensures consistency and equal application by clarifying that an EGC may present 2 years rather than 3 years of audited financial statements in both IPOs and spinoff transactions.

Mr. Speaker, for this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2610, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2610, sponsored by the gentleman from North Carolina, the chairman of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. Speaker, both this bill and the last bill we considered are seeking to reduce the obligations of emerging growth companies, or EGCs.

H.R. 2608 would allow an EGC to provide only 2 years of audited financial statements in the case of an acquisition or a follow-on offering. We just passed that bill on this floor by a voice vote. We are now considering H.R. 2610, which takes that concept one step further and allows an EGC to provide only 2 years of audited financial statements in the case of a spinoff.

Logically, if we are going to adopt that bill, we should adopt this bill.

A spinoff transaction is one where one company creates a new independent company by selling new shares of its existing business.

Both H.R. 2608, which we just passed, and this bill, H.R. 2610, reduce the obligations for EGCs by saying that they need to provide not 3 years of audited financial statements but 2 years of audited statements.

We should keep in line what is required for EGCs, whether they are going public, whether they are acquiring, whether they are doing an initial public offering, or, as this bill does, whether they are doing a spinoff.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY), the chairman of the full Financial Services Committee.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairwoman WAGNER for her great leadership on the committee.

Mr. Speaker, I think it has been well-explained about emerging growth companies. We have had a nice discussion here on the House floor of what we had done in Congress 11 years ago to ensure that fast-growing, smaller companies can access our capital markets and do so with less regulatory burden, enticing them into our public markets, which enable average, everyday investors to have more investment opportunities and ownership of American society, as well.

Speaking to that, this bill clarifies the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company when conducting a spinoff transaction. This legislation will strengthen public markets by addressing an irregularity that was not addressed under the JOBS Act of 2012 and ensure consistent treatment for emerging growth companies, whether they are going public or spinning off a portion of their business.

Mr. Speaker, I have talked about the positive impact of emerging growth companies and of the JOBS Act, generally, since it was enacted into law. At that period of time, in 2012, you had a Republican House of Representatives,

a Democrat Senate, a Democrat in the White House, and very few things got done.

President Obama at the time wanted to address the jobs challenge in American society and wanted us to change law and regulations so that we can actually lift people out of poverty and back into the workforce.

Those were some very important things that we discussed that Congress, but the foremost of that was the legislating we did out of the Financial Services Committee, which culminated in the passage of what was called the JOBS Act.

One of the best provisions in the JOBS Act was the emerging growth companies' section of that, or title of that bill, and that is what we are talking about and speaking of on this day.

What we are trying to do is tweak that law to make sure it functions appropriately. Like all things, whether it is your home, legislation, or your car, you want to adjust it from time to time to make sure it is running the way you intended it to run. That is what we are doing here today with these small changes to the emerging growth companies' statute and the JOBS Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important provision.

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

Mr. Speaker, the House, just a few minutes ago, adopted on a voice vote, H.R. 2608. That bill had passed the committee by a vote of 41-0. This bill is extremely similar, except it passed the committee with a vote of 42-0.

H.R. 2610 will ensure that there is uniformity regarding EGCs' financial disclosure obligations, in this case, in the event that an EGC conducts a spinoff.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I simply urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2610, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2610, which amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This amendment specifies certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies.

Additionally, the amendment permits issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review prior to a public filing.

Further, emerging growth companies will only be required to submit profit and loss statements from the previous two years in registration statements submitted to the SEC, rather than the previous three years currently required by law.

This bill facilitates greater efficiency and capital formation without sacrificing investor protection.

In my home state of Texas, the Houston area leads the Nation in small business development and is one of the top emerging ecosystems for startups globally.

More broadly, Texas remains the top destination in the Nation for new companies.

Under this bill, emerging companies across Texas, the City of Houston, and the Nation will better be able to explore their options for future growth, evaluate required disclosures, and thoughtfully consider whether they will proceed with their public offering.

This bill will boost these businesses and enhance their ability to catalyze economic growth and job creation nationwide.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2610 and the economic growth of our Nation, which is fueled by these emerging growth companies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2610, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 43) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

##### H. CON. RES. 43

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

#### SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR SOAP BOX DERBY RACES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races (in this resolution referred to as the "event"), on the Capitol Grounds.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on June 17, 2023, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

#### SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

#### SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event.

#### SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make

such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

#### SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, with respect to the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD on H. Con. Res. 43.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 43 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby later this month.

Every year, we authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for this event.

The national All-American Soap Box Derby has been running since 1934 and provides opportunities for young people to demonstrate their innovation and ingenuity through a family-friendly competition—something we need much more of this day and age.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is one of many local races that will qualify winning competitors for participation in the national Soap Box Derby.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, today we are considering H. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative HOYER for introducing this resolution. The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is an annual competitive event that encourages children, ages 9 through 16, to construct and race their own soapbox vehicles on the Capitol Grounds.

This event has become a great tradition in the District of Columbia metropolitan area over the last few decades. It provides a terrific opportunity for children to appreciate the work necessary to build the vehicles and enjoy the thrill of competition.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby organizers will work with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police to ensure the appropriate rules and regulations are in place and

that the event remains free to the public.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for her steadfast support of this event and her extraordinary representation of the District of Columbia. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina for his consideration in bringing this forward.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution. It authorizes an event that I am proud to support every year: the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The soapbox derby brings people together from across the Greater Washington metro area, encouraging kids, families, and communities to compete in a fun and educational race.

Mr. Speaker, this is my 30th year introducing this resolution. I am pleased to say that every year it has passed unanimously.

This is the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby's 80th year. The race will be held on June 17 and will see soapbox racers, ages 8 to 17, compete in three divisions: Stock, Super Stock, and Masters. The winner from each division will have a chance to compete at the national All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

Soapbox derbies have been called the greatest amateur racing event in the world. Whether that is absolute fact, it is very close. They have become a staple of the American experience all over our country. They teach sportsmanship, engineering, manufacturing, leadership skills, and so many other skills, as well.

Often times, racers are sponsored by local civic groups, service organizations, and police or fire departments with members coming out to cheer their local hometown participants.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to sponsor this resolution today that will authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds, which is essential for this soapbox derby to proceed.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that several Greater Washington Soap Box Derby champions have come from Maryland's Fifth District, including the winners from 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2018. I am sure all of you are saying, well, it is no surprise that HOYER supports this resolution on an annual basis. His guys do pretty well. Our racers even won a national championship in 2007 and 2008.

I am excited to see how the Fifth District racers do this year, and to see their colorful and creative soapbox designs.

Mr. Speaker, I hope every Member will join me in supporting this worthy event. I invite them to join me in cheering on the Greater Washington soapbox racers on June 17.

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 43, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is a time-honored tradition that provides an opportunity to promote fair and honest competition amongst the children in the Greater Washington area.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 43, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, soap box derby races, on the Capitol Grounds.

The event shall be held on June 17, 2023, or on another designated date, whereby the sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event.

The event shall be free of admission charge and open to the public; and arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

The Soap Box Derby is a youth soapbox car racing program which has been run in the United States since 1933.

It is also an event we support in my district by way of the Greater Houston Soap Box Derby (GHSBD) which is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit, Texas corporation organized for charitable and educational purposes.

I support the expansion of this event and all those who are dedicated to having a race program that is safe, fun, fair, professionally run, and that reaches out to all youth.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 43.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ENCOURAGING PUBLIC OFFERINGS ACT OF 2023

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2793) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H. R. 2793

*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 "Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023".

#### SEC. 2. EXPANDING TESTING THE WATERS.

Section 5(d) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77e(d)) is amended—



(1) by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

(2) by striking “an emerging growth company or any person authorized to act on behalf of an emerging growth company” and inserting “an issuer or any person authorized to act on behalf of an issuer”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may promulgate regulations, subject to public notice and comment, to impose such other terms, conditions, or requirements on the engaging in oral or written communications described under paragraph (1) by an issuer other than an emerging growth company as the Commission determines appropriate.

“(B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Prior to any rulemaking described under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall submit to Congress a report containing a list of the findings supporting the basis of the rulemaking.”.

### SEC. 3. CONFIDENTIAL REVIEW OF DRAFT REGISTRATION STATEMENTS.

Section 6(e) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77f(e)) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES” and inserting “CONFIDENTIAL REVIEW OF DRAFT REGISTRATION STATEMENTS”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4); and

(3) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any issuer may, with respect to an initial public offering, initial registration of a security of the issuer under section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(b)), or follow-on offering, confidentially submit to the Commission a draft registration statement, for confidential nonpublic review by the staff of the Commission prior to public filing, provided that the initial confidential submission and all amendments thereto shall be publicly filed with the Commission not later than—

“(A) in the case of an initial public offering, 10 days before the effective date of such registration statement;

“(B) in the case of an initial registration of a security of the issuer under such section 12(b), 10 days before listing on an exchange; or

“(C) in the case of a follow-on offering, 48 hours before the effective date of such registration statement.

“(2) FOLLOW-ON OFFERING DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘follow-on offering’ means an offering by an issuer during the 12-month period beginning on the effective date of the initial public offering of the issuer or the initial registration of a security of the issuer under section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(b)).

“(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may promulgate regulations, subject to public notice and comment, to impose such other terms, conditions, or requirements on the submission of draft registration statements described under this subsection by an issuer other than an emerging growth company as the Commission determines appropriate.

“(B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Prior to any rulemaking described under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall submit to Congress a report containing a list of the findings supporting the basis of the rulemaking.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 this bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 2793, the Encouraging Public Offerings Act.

This bipartisan piece of legislation would encourage more companies to go public and expand provisions of the JOBS Act by codifying an existing SEC rule.

The SEC rule that this bill codifies allows for all companies to test the waters by communicating directly with certain potential investors before filing for an IPO.

Although small companies are known to drive technological innovation and job creation, they frequently face obstacles in obtaining funding in the capital markets.

These obstacles often are the result of the disproportionately larger burden that securities regulations—written for large public companies—place on small companies when they seek to go public.

Title I of the JOBS Act established a new category of issuers known as emerging growth companies or EGCs. To qualify as an EGC, a company must maintain a certain threshold of annual revenue.

The law provides that EGCs with a 5-year on-ramp to comply with certain regulatory requirements related to disclosure and reporting.

Additionally, title I allows for EGCs to test the waters by meeting with investors to explain their business structure before issuing an IPO.

Biotech companies, especially in the Second District of Missouri in particular, have been vocal about the benefits that testing the waters provides.

These meetings allow for additional time to explain to investors the complicated technologies and regulatory pathways and complex product offerings of the company to encourage greater participation in the IPO.

While the JOBS Act has made it easier for small companies to go public, the JOBS Act alone has not been enough to entirely overcome the capital formation obstacles that many companies face as they attempt to go public.

The Encouraging Public Offerings Act ensures that all companies, rather than just emerging growth companies, are allowed to test the waters.

This bill will make listing on exchanges more attractive, strengthening our financial markets and providing Main Street investors with more opportunities to grow their nest eggs.

Mr. Speaker, this process may sound complicated, but it is actually quite

simple. Start-up companies are oftentimes doing innovative and complex activities.

They should be encouraged to sit down with potential investors and given the opportunity to explain why their business model is the right one for an investment plan without additional regulatory burdens.

The best analogy that I can give here, Mr. Speaker, is when you are trying to teach your children the value of a dollar and how to make a good, sound argument.

I remember telling my sons, who were trying to get my husband and I to pay for a new stereo, that they needed to present a plan to us for this potential investment.

They went back to their rooms, did their preparation, and then sat down with us and explained their argument for why they needed a stereo and why we should make that investment.

Mr. Speaker, start-up companies need that same opportunity to pitch their product to potential investors.

We need to incentivize start-ups to grow and expand, creating jobs for American workers and strengthening our economy. While we don't always fund the stereo purchases, we need to give them that chance.

I thank my good friend from New York (Mr. MEEKS) for his longstanding support of this legislation, and I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2793, the Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023, sponsored by the gentlewoman from Missouri.

I think the gentlewoman has laid it out clearly. We are talking here about the process by which a company goes public, and this allows the company to do two things before they go public.

One of those is to confer with prospective investors, and the other is to get a nonpublic review by the SEC staff of their registration statement.

This process of allowing these things to happen has been tried with ESG companies. The SEC has now adopted it as a policy for other companies, and now this bill would codify that decision.

I should point out this bill came before our committee, and the vote was 39-1. This bill codifies the recent SEC rule that allows any issuer, not just an ESG, to submit a confidential draft of their registration statement for nonpublic review.

This bill also allows the issuers to confer with prospective investors; in effect, testing the waters about whether a public offering makes sense.

By freeing all issuers to use these two methods and codifying the SEC's administrative action, we can provide all companies with the assurance that these tools will be available to them.

This bill codifies, as I have said, the 2019 SEC rulemaking that allows



issuers to test the waters before going public.

This allows the issuer to gauge interest in their public offering by talking to certain institutional investors without first needing to file a registration statement.

Given the cost of going through the entire process, it only makes sense to allow companies to talk to institutional investors before they decide to go public and commit themselves to that large cost.

Overall, this makes it easier for companies to access our capital markets to get the capital they need to grow their businesses.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is one that should be adopted. The vote in committee was 39-1. I urge my colleagues to support it.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2793, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2793, the Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023.

This bill provides statutory authority for all issuers of securities to use certain offering procedures that are available to emerging growth companies.

Specifically, the bill allows under statute issuers of securities to communicate with potential investors to ascertain interest in a contemplated securities offering, either before or after the filing of a registration statement (i.e., test the waters).

Additionally, issuers are allowed under statute to submit a confidential draft registration statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission for review prior to public filing or within one year after the initial public offering or registration.

This bill strikes “an emerging growth company or any person authorized to act on behalf of an emerging growth company” and inserts “an issuer or any person authorized to act on behalf of an issuer.”

This bill further adds the following additional requirements:

(A) In general—the Commission may promulgate regulations, subject to public notice and comment, to impose such other terms, conditions, or requirements on the engaging in oral or written communications described under paragraph (1) by an issuer other than an emerging growth company as the Commission determines appropriate.

(B) Report to Congress—Prior to any rulemaking described under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall submit to Congress a report containing a list of the findings supporting the basis of the rulemaking.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that it would cost an insignificant amount for the agency to justify any further rulemakings to the Congress because the SEC already allows such practices under current policy.

The Congressional Budget Office expects that the net effect on discretionary spending over the 2023–2028 period would be negligible, assuming appropriation actions consistent with that authority, because the SEC is authorized to collect fees each year to offset its annual appropriation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2793, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### MIDDLE MARKET IPO COST ACT

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2812) to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2812

*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 “Middle Market IPO Cost Act”.

#### SEC. 2. STUDY ON IPO FEES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States, in consultation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in consultation with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, shall carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings (“IPOs”). In carrying out such study, the Comptroller General shall—

(1) consider the direct and indirect costs of an IPO, including—

(A) fees of accountants, underwriters, and any other outside advisors with respect to the IPO;

(B) compliance with Federal and State securities laws at the time of the IPO; and

(C) such other IPO-related costs as the Comptroller General may consider;

(2) compare and analyze the costs of an IPO with the costs of obtaining alternative sources of financing and of liquidity;

(3) consider the impact of such costs on capital formation;

(4) analyze the impact of these costs on the availability of public securities of small- and medium-sized companies to retail investors; and

(5) analyze trends in IPOs over a time period the Comptroller General determines is appropriate to analyze IPO pricing practices, considering—

(A) the number of IPOs;

(B) how costs for IPOs have evolved over time for underwriters, investment advisory firms, and other professions for services in connection with an IPO;

(C) the number of brokers and dealers active in underwriting IPOs;

(D) the different types of services that underwriters and related persons provide before and after a small- or medium-sized company IPO and the factors impacting IPOs costs;

(E) changes in the costs and availability of investment research for small- and medium-sized companies; and

(F) the impacts of litigation and its costs on being a public company.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 360-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall issue a report to the Congress containing all findings and determinations made in carrying out the study required under subsection (a) and any administrative or legislative recommendations the Comptroller General may have.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. 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 this bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2812, the Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act. I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, Representatives Himes and Lawler, for working on this important piece of bipartisan legislation that will help ensure that our IPO market remains competitive and attractive, especially for small- and medium-sized companies.

I thank Mr. HIMES for his willingness to work with the majority, and specifically Congressman FRENCH HILL of Arkansas, to reach an agreement on this legislation.

Staff have been working on this since the bill was marked up in April, and I am happy to see that the study will now be carried out by the GAO in consultation with the SEC and FINRA.

Companies have two ways of accessing capital in the securities markets to fund their operations: an initial public offering, IPO, where they sell securities publicly through a registered offering with the SEC, or a private offering under an exemption from registration.

Accessing capital through an IPO is a significant step for a company because there are considerable up-front costs, as well as ongoing, increased costs associated with the company's reporting requirements as a public company.

Before an IPO, companies often spend tens of millions of dollars gathering and compiling mandatory information to submit to the SEC and make available to the public for the sale of its securities.

The SEC itself has estimated that the average cost of just achieving regulatory compliance for going public is \$2.5 million, which may not include additional costs of hiring professionals to help undertake the IPO.

However, additional data is required to achieve a better understanding of the costs of the added regulatory and

professional services associated with undertaking an IPO and becoming a public company.

As a result, the study required under this bill will help Congress and the market better understand the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, IPOs, and become public companies.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2812 is a balanced and thoughtful bill that will give us the information to better understand those costs with going public so that Congress can continue the work to make our public markets the most attractive and competitive in the world.

Mr. Speaker, for this reason, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2812, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2812, the middle market IPO underwriting study act, sponsored by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES), and I commend him for his work in bringing this bill to the floor and authoring it.

This bill passed our committee by a voice vote. I don't think there was a dissenting voice in the room.

As the gentlewoman from Missouri points out, the process of going public and filing a registration statement is expensive. Due to that expense, companies may choose not to go public and not raise the money they need to expand their businesses and provide additional employment to aid our economy. Therefore, it is in all of our interests to see whether that cost can be reduced.

Companies in this process usually engage an underwriter or broker-dealer to help them sell the shares to prospective investors. Underwriters are typically compensated for their services through fees such as underwriting spreads and underwriting fees.

The underwriting spread is the difference between the price at which the underwriter buys the security from the issuer and the price at which those securities are sold to the public in the public offering.

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The underwriting fee, which often constitutes the largest share of the cost of doing an IPO, or initial public offering, is typically a percentage of the gross proceeds of the sale of the securities. The exact amount varies and can be negotiated between the issuer and the underwriter. Large companies have, in recent years, been able to negotiate lower percentages for this process, which reduces their overall fee. At the same time, smaller companies have continued to pay the same historic percentage for this service, which is often 7 percent of the transaction.

Higher underwriting fees essentially increase the cost of raising capital, allowing middlemen to pocket profits that would otherwise be available to grow the company.

Despite technological advancements, such as digital platforms which now allow for a quicker and wider distribution of securities, underwriting costs

for small- and medium-sized companies have remained stagnant and uncompetitive.

The gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES) has brought forward a bill to direct a study of this problem and offer concrete solutions. It will focus on the underwriting fee. It will also look at the auditing fee, as well.

I support this bill, which will shed light on how much small- and medium-sized companies are paying chiefly for underwriting services when they go public. I hope this will get the SEC to address this behavior on Wall Street.

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

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES), the author of this bill.

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California and my friend from Missouri, and I rise in support of this bill, H.R. 2812, the middle market IPO underwriting cost act.

I thank Chairman MCHENRY and Ranking Member WATERS for considering these bills on the floor today, and this bill in particular, which we have been working on for a very long time.

This bill, H.R. 2812, grows out of the work that the Financial Services Committee has been doing for a long time around the JOBS Act, which did good work to reduce the cost and friction associated with a young company going public. At the time, the JOBS Act was estimated to save companies between \$1 million and \$2 million a year when and after they go public, but the actual cost of going public, except for the very largest companies, as the gentleman from California noted, has not changed at all in many, many years.

Over those years, middle-market companies, which arguably have less negotiating power than some of the very large companies that have been able to force down fees, have experienced a perfectly consistent gross spread of 7 percent. Think about that. The price of going public has never varied from 7 percent. That means that a young company raising a typical \$200 million in capital, with a 7 percent gross spread, hands over \$14 million to the underwriters. That is a lot of money for a young company.

From 2001 to 2022, 95 percent of U.S. IPOs that raised between \$30 million and \$130 million had a gross spread of 7 percent. From 1992 to 2017, more than 80 percent of middle-market IPOs had gross spreads of exactly 7 percent.

The cost of the technologies used during the underwriting process have come down dramatically over the decades, but the gross spread has not, so I strongly believe that this remarkably stable 7 percent gross spread is fair subject for scrutiny.

H.R. 2812 very simply asks the GAO, in consultation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to examine the gross spread and other costs associated with going public to see if we can understand that remarkable stability,

what drives it, and what might be done to try to make the market more competitive and, therefore, reduce costs for companies trying to access our capital markets.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank Chairman MCHENRY and Ranking Member WATERS for bringing this bill to the floor today.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Arkansas, Representative FRENCH HILL, for all of his thoughtful feedback and suggestions on this bill over the last few weeks.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2812, and I again thank the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from Connecticut said it well: Costs should be coming down because technology is available, yet they seem exactly stuck at a noncompetitive 7 percent. Our investors in companies need more robust competition and fairer underwriting practices. This bill would shed light on these practices and help us strengthen competition in underwriting services for our smaller and medium-sized companies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which passed, I believe, on a voice vote in our committee. I know of no opposition.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2812, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2812, the Middle Market IPO Cost Act.

H.R. 2812 would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to study and report on the costs encountered by small- and medium-sized companies when undertaking initial public offerings and certain offerings exempt from securities registration requirements.

The report commissioned through this bill will provide information to facilitate cost reduction for small and medium-size businesses when they conduct an initial public offering and "go public."

This bill constitutes an important step toward protecting small and mid-size businesses from the penalties they currently face under historic fee structures and restrictions on IPO funding.

The Houston area leads the Nation in small business development and is one of the top emerging ecosystems for startups globally.

In 2021, over 150,000 new-business applications were filed in the Houston area.

This bill will boost these Houston businesses by making it easier for them to grow and create jobs.

By going public, businesses in Houston and beyond will be able to give American families the opportunity to invest directly in their businesses and build wealth for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I stand for American families. I stand for economic growth and small businesses. This bill will equip Congress to better

understand and address the burdens and costs of conducting an initial public offering.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and in working to ensure accessible economic opportunities for all.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2812, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 2793; and

H.R. 2812.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

## ENCOURAGING PUBLIC OFFERINGS ACT OF 2023

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. 2793) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, 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 Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 13, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 245]

## YEAS—384

Adams	DeSaulnier	Kaptur
Aderholt	DesJarlais	Kean (NJ)
Aguiar	Diaz-Balart	Keating
Alford	Dingell	Kelly (IL)
Allen	Doggett	Kelly (MS)
Allred	Donalds	Kelly (PA)
Amodei	Duncan	Khanna
Armstrong	Dunn (FL)	Kildee
Auchincloss	Edwards	Kiley
Babin	Ellzey	Kilmer
Bacon	Emmer	Kim (CA)
Baird	Escobar	Kim (NJ)
Balderson	Eshoo	Krishnamoorthi
Balint	Espallat	Kuster
Banks	Estes	Kustoff
Barragan	Evans	LaHood
Bean (FL)	Ezell	LaLota
Beatty	Fallon	LaMalfa
Bera	Feenstra	Lamborn
Bice	Ferguson	Landsman
Biggs	Finstad	Langworthy
Bilirakis	Fischbach	Larson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Fitzpatrick	Latta
Blumenauer	Fleischmann	LaTurner
Blunt Rochester	Fletcher	Lawler
Boebert	Flood	Lee (CA)
Bonamici	Poster	Lee (FL)
Bost	Fox	Lee (NV)
Boyle (PA)	Frankel, Lois	Leger Fernandez
Brecheen	Franklin, C.	Lesko
Brown	Scott	Letlow
Brownley	Fry	Levin
Buck	Fulcher	Lieu
Bucshon	Gaetz	Lofgren
Budzinski	Gallagher	Loudermilk
Burchett	Galleo	Lucas
Burgess	Garcia (IL)	Luetkemeyer
Burlison	Garcia (TX)	Luna
Calvert	Garcia, Mike	Luttrell
Cammack	Gimenez	Lynch
Caraveo	Golden (ME)	Mace
Carbajal	Goldman (NY)	Malliotakis
Cardenas	Gonzales, Tony	Mann
Carey	Gonzalez,	Manning
Carl	Vicente	Masie
Carson	Good (VA)	Mast
Carter (GA)	Gooden (TX)	Matsui
Carter (LA)	Gosar	McBath
Carter (TX)	Gottheimer	McCaul
Cartwright	Granger	McClain
Case	Graves (LA)	McClellan
Casten	Graves (MO)	McClintock
Castor (FL)	Green (TN)	McCollum
Castro (TX)	Green, Al (TX)	McCormick
Chavez-DeRemer	Griffith	McGarvey
Cherfilus-	Grothman	McGovern
McCormick	Guest	McHenry
Chu	Guthrie	Meeks
Ciscomani	Hageman	Menendez
Clark (MA)	Harder (CA)	Meuser
Clarke (NY)	Harris	Mfume
Cleaver	Harshbarger	Miller (IL)
Cline	Hayes	Miller (OH)
Cloud	Hern	Miller-Meeks
Clyburn	Higgins (LA)	Mills
Clyde	Higgins (NY)	Molinaro
Cohen	Hill	Moolenaar
Cole	Himes	Moore (AL)
Collins	Hinson	Moore (UT)
Comer	Horsford	Moore (WI)
Connolly	Houchin	Moran
Correa	Houlahan	Morelle
Costa	Hoyle (OR)	Moskowitz
Courtney	Huffman	Moulton
Crane	Huizenga	Mrvan
Crawford	Hunt	Mullin
Crenshaw	Issa	Murphy
Crockett	Ivey	Napolitano
Crow	Jackson (IL)	Neal
Cuellar	Jackson (NC)	Neguse
Curtis	Jackson (TX)	Nehls
D'Esposito	Jackson Lee	Newhouse
Davids (KS)	Jacobs	Nickel
Davidson	James	Norman
Davis (IL)	Jeffries	Nunn (IA)
Davis (NC)	Johnson (GA)	Oberholte
De La Cruz	Johnson (LA)	Ogles
Dean (PA)	Johnson (OH)	Owens
DeGette	Johnson (SD)	Pallone
DeLauro	Jordan	Palmer
DeBene	Joyce (PA)	Panetta
Deluzio	Kamlager-Dove	Pappas

Pascrell	Schrier	Timmons
Payne	Schweikert	Titus
Pelosi	Scott (VA)	Tokuda
Peltola	Scott, Austin	Tonko
Perez	Scott, David	Torres (CA)
Perry	Self	Torres (NY)
Peters	Sessions	Trahan
Pettersen	Sewell	Trone
Pfluger	Sherman	Turner
Phillips	Sherrill	Underwood
Pingree	Simpson	Van Drew
Pocan	Slotkin	Van Duyn
Quigley	Smith (MO)	Vasquez
Raskin	Smith (NE)	Veasey
Reschenthaler	Smith (WA)	Velázquez
Rodgers (WA)	Smucker	Wagner
Rogers (AL)	Sorensen	Walberg
Rogers (KY)	Soto	Waltz
Rose	Spanberger	Wasserman
Rosendale	Stansbury	Schultz
Ross	Stanton	Waters
Rouzer	Stauber	Watson Coleman
Roy	Steel	Weber (TX)
Ruiz	Stefanik	Webster (FL)
Ruppersberger	Steil	Wenstrup
Rutherford	Steube	Westerman
Ryan	Stevens	Wexton
Salazar	Stewart	Wild
Salinas	Strickland	Williams (GA)
Sánchez	Swallow	Williams (NY)
Santos	Sykes	Williams (TX)
Sarbanes	Takano	Wilson (SC)
Scalise	Tenney	Wittman
Scanlon	Thandadar	Womack
Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)	Yakym
Schiff	Thompson (MS)	Zinke
Schneider	Thompson (PA)	
Scholten	Tiffany	

## NAYS—13

Bowman	Gomez	Porter
Bush	Jayapal	Pressley
Casar	Lee (PA)	Tlaib
Frost	Ocasio-Cortez	
Garcia, Robert	Omar	

## NOT VOTING—36

Arrington	Garbarino	Nadler
Barr	Greene (GA)	Norcross
Bentz	Grijalva	Pence
Bergman	Hoyer	Posey
Beyer	Hudson	Ramirez
Bishop (NC)	Joyce (OH)	Smith (NJ)
Buchanan	Kiggans (VA)	Spartz
Craig	Larsen (WA)	Strong
Duarte	Magaziner	Valadao
Fitzgerald	Meng	Van Orden
Foushee	Miller (WV)	Vargas
Garamendi	Mooney	Wilson (FL)

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Mr. GOMEZ changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. MCHENRY changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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.

## MIDDLE MARKET IPO COST 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. 2812) to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, 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 Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) 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 390, nays 10, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 246]

YEAS—390

Adams	DelBene	Jordan
Aderholt	Deluzio	Joyce (OH)
Aguilar	DeSaulnier	Joyce (PA)
Alford	DesJarlais	Kamlager-Dove
Allen	Diaz-Balart	Kaptur
Allred	Dingell	Kean (NJ)
Amodei	Doggett	Keating
Armstrong	Donalds	Kelly (IL)
Arrington	Duarte	Kelly (MS)
Auchincloss	Duncan	Kelly (PA)
Babin	Dunn (FL)	Khanna
Bacon	Ellzey	Kildee
Baird	Emmer	Kiley
Balderson	Escobar	Kilmer
Balint	Eshoo	Kim (CA)
Banks	Espaillet	Kim (NJ)
Barragán	Estes	Krishnamoorthi
Bean (FL)	Evans	Kuster
Beatty	Ezell	Kustoff
Bera	Fallon	LaHood
Bice	Feenstra	LaLota
Bilirakis	Ferguson	LaMalfa
Bishop (GA)	Finstad	Lamborn
Blumenauer	Fischbach	Landsman
Blunt Rochester	Fitzpatrick	Langworthy
Boebert	Fleischmann	Larson (CT)
Bonamici	Fletcher	Latta
Bost	Flood	LaTurner
Bowman	Foster	Lawler
Boyle (PA)	Fox	Lee (FL)
Brown	Frankel, Lois	Lee (NV)
Brownley	Franklin, C.	Lee (PA)
Bucshon	Scott	Leger Fernandez
Budzinski	Frost	Letlow
Burchett	Fry	Levin
Burgess	Fulcher	Lieu
Burlison	Gaetz	Lofgren
Bush	Gallagher	Loudermilk
Calvert	Gallego	Lucas
Cammack	Garbarino	Luetkemeyer
Caraveo	Garcia (IL)	Luna
Carbajal	Garcia (TX)	Luttrell
Cárdenas	Garcia, Mike	Lynch
Carey	Garcia, Robert	Mace
Carl	Gimenez	Malliotakis
Carson	Golden (ME)	Mann
Carter (GA)	Goldman (NY)	Manning
Carter (LA)	Gomez	Massie
Carter (TX)	Gonzales, Tony	Mast
Cartwright	Good (VA)	Matsui
Casas	Gooden (TX)	McBath
Case	Gottheimer	McCaul
Casten	Granger	McClain
Castor (FL)	Graves (LA)	McClellan
Castro (TX)	Graves (MO)	McClintock
Chavez-DeRemer	Green (TN)	McCollum
Cherfilus-	Green, Al (TX)	McGarvey
McCormick	Grothman	McGovern
Chu	Guest	McHenry
Ciscomani	Guthrie	Meeks
Clark (MA)	Hageman	Menendez
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Meuser
Cleaver	Harshbarger	Mfume
Cline	Hayes	Miller (IL)
Cloud	Hern	Miller (OH)
Clyburn	Higgins (LA)	Miller-Meeks
Clyde	Higgins (NY)	Mills
Cohen	Hill	Molinaro
Cole	Himes	Moolenaar
Collins	Hinson	Moore (AL)
Comer	Horsford	Moore (UT)
Connolly	Houchin	Moore (WI)
Correa	Houlahan	Moran
Costa	Hoyle (OR)	Morelle
Courtney	Huffman	Moskowitz
Crane	Huizenga	Moulton
Crawford	Hunt	Mrvan
Crenshaw	Issa	Mullin
Crockett	Ivey	Murphy
Crow	Jackson (IL)	Napolitano
Cuellar	Jackson (NC)	Neal
Curtis	Jackson (TX)	Neguse
D'Esposito	Jackson Lee	Nehls
Davidson	Jacobs	Newhouse
Davis (IL)	James	Nickel
Davis (NC)	Jayapal	Norcross
De La Cruz	Jeffries	Norman
Dean (PA)	Johnson (GA)	Nunn (IA)
DeGette	Johnson (LA)	Oberholte
DeLauro	Johnson (OH)	Ocasio-Cortez
	Johnson (SD)	Ogles

Omar	Scanlon	Thompson (PA)
Owens	Schakowsky	Tiffany
Pallone	Schiff	Timmons
Palmer	Schneider	Titus
Panetta	Scholten	Tlaib
Pappas	Schrier	Tokuda
Pascarell	Schweikert	Tonko
Payne	Scott (VA)	Torres (CA)
Pelosi	Scott, Austin	Torres (NY)
Peltola	Scott, David	Trahan
Perez	Self	Trone
Perry	Sessions	Turner
Peters	Sewell	Underwood
Pettersen	Sherman	Valadao
Pfleger	Sherrill	Van Drew
Phillips	Simpson	Van Deyne
Pingree	Slotkin	Vasquez
Pocan	Smith (MO)	Veasey
Porter	Smith (NE)	Velázquez
Pressley	Smith (WA)	Wagner
Quigley	Smucker	Walberg
Raskin	Sorensen	Waltz
Reschenthaler	Soto	Wasserman
Rodgers (WA)	Spanberger	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Stansbury	Waters
Rogers (KY)	Stanton	Watson Coleman
Rose	Stauber	Weber (TX)
Rosendale	Steel	Webster (FL)
Ross	Stefanik	Wenstrup
Rouzer	Steil	Westerman
Ruiz	Stevens	Wexton
Ruppersberger	Stewart	Wild
Rutherford	Strickland	Williams (GA)
Ryan	Swalwell	Williams (NY)
Salazar	Sykes	Williams (TX)
Salinas	Takano	Wilson (SC)
Sánchez	Tenney	Wittman
Santos	Thanedar	Womack
Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)	Yakym
Scalise	Thompson (MS)	Zinke

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Brecheen	Griffith	Steube
Buck	Harris	
Gosar	McCormick	

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Barr	Gonzalez,	Mooney
Bentz	Vicente	Nadler
Bergman	Grijalva	Pence
Beyer	Hoyer	Posey
Bishop (NC)	Hudson	Ramirez
Buchanan	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Craig	Larsen (WA)	Spartz
Edwards	Lee (CA)	Strong
Fitzgerald	Lesko	Van Orden
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Garamendi	Meng	Wilson (FL)
	Miller (WV)	

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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.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL GOVAN AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 62, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 62

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43) the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Michael Govan of California on May 6, 2023, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent. The reappointment is for a term of six years, beginning on the later of May 6, 2023, or the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTOINETTE BUSH AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 63, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 63

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43) the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Steve Case of Virginia on April 25, 2023, is filled by the appointment of Antoinette Bush of the District of Columbia. The appointment is for a term of six years, beginning on the later of April 25, 2023, or the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROGER W. FERGUSON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 64, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 64

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43) the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Roger W. Ferguson of Florida on April 25, 2023, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent. The reappointment is for a term of six years, beginning on the later of April 25, 2023, or the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 698

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 698, a bill originally introduced by Representative CICILLINE of Rhode Island, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey).

Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

#### HONORING COLONEL EDMUND "BEAU" MASON RIELY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, having just honored many fallen veterans at ceremonies across the 17th Congressional District for Memorial Day last week, I rise today to recognize the life of a truly exceptional man, Colonel Edmund "Beau" Mason Riely.

Beau was a man whose dedication to service, family, and faith has left a legacy that will endure far beyond his years.

Born in Fort Bragg and raised in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Beau was a beacon of strength and leadership from his youth, whether on the football field or in the ROTC program at Georgetown University.

As a distinguished officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, a graduate from the U.S. Army Ranger School, a battalion commander at Fort Benning, and a faculty member at the National War College, Beau exemplified the very best of our Nation's values.

Beau had a propensity for praising others and was reticent to accept credit for his accolades. In Beau's eyes, there was always something greater than himself: his faith, his family, and his commitment to service.

A loving father, he spent much of his time with his beloved wife, Renie, his

cherished children, coaching their sports teams, helping with Scouts, and teaching Sunday school.

He was a husband, a father, a beloved son of Ed and Patricia, and a brother whose love radiated to those around him, leaving a profound impact.

Beau will be missed by all, those whose lives he touched and by a grateful Nation that he served.

#### OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT AMERICANS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

Last week, we passed that bill to raise America's debt ceiling and to avoid an economic catastrophe. The failure to pay our bills would have led to millions of lost jobs and possibly another Great Depression.

The bill protects the healthcare of millions of Americans, including veterans. It invests in education and childcare for American families. It protects student debt relief and supports our country's move to a clean energy economy.

I praise President Biden for his work to raise the debt ceiling, and I thank the Members of Congress from both parties who voted for this bill.

We have a responsibility to protect Americans, and we succeeded in doing so with this bill.

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#### CONGRATULATING NOTRE DAME MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate excellence in college athletics and a very accomplished group of young men.

One of the many great things the University of Notre Dame is known for is the slogan: "Play Like a Champion Today." That is exactly what the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team did last Monday when they defeated the Duke Blue Devils to win their first national title in program history.

The Fighting Irish had faced the Blue Devils in the championship game twice before, only to fall just short. However, the third time was the charm for the Irish. Their exhilarating 13-9 win came before a Memorial Day crowd of more than 30,000 fans and countless more cheering from around the country.

Notre Dame's defense proved key in taking home the title as the Irish led the Blue Devils to their fewest goals of any game all season.

Congratulations to Head Coach Kevin Corrigan, his entire staff, and all the Irish lacrosse players for bringing a na-

tional championship back to Notre Dame.

God bless, and go Irish.

#### WALSTONBURG BEST OF SMALL-TOWN AMERICA

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Walstonburg, North Carolina, a town of 208 residents in my district, is a shining example of the best of small-town USA.

This past weekend, the Walstonburg American Legion Post 332 hosted the town's 15th annual Proud to be an American Day, a way this tight-knit community uplifts and honors our country's veterans, Active Duty servicemembers, and fallen military members.

This Proud to be an American Day was the first, however, without the late former Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr., and everyone missed his presence.

Mr. Speaker, this community proves making a difference doesn't require size, only passion.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JIM BROWN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jim Brown, one of the greatest football players of all time and considered by many to be the greatest lacrosse player of all time.

Born on St. Simons Island, Georgia, Mr. Brown was a powerhouse both on and off the field, bringing the Cleveland Browns three league championship games while also advocating for civil rights.

He spoke out against violence, encouraged young African Americans to get involved in community work, founded the Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change to help inner-city youth, and promoted economic opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

In his professional career, Mr. Brown was a Pro Bowl invitee every single season he played and the NFL's most valuable player three times. He carried the ball over 2,000 times for over 12,000 rushing yards, scoring 106 touchdowns. At the time of his retirement, those were all records. To date, he is still the only NFL player in history to average over 100 rushing yards each game he played in.

Mr. Brown's tenacity and dedication throughout all that he did on and off the field should serve as an example for all of us. We mourn the loss of Jim Brown, and I offer my sincere thoughts and prayers to his family.

### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF PATRICIA CERRO-REEHIL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Cerro-Reehil on the occasion of her retirement from the New York Water Environment Association.

Since 1929, NYWEA has played a leading role in promoting water quality across our State. Patricia's NYWEA career began in 1987, and 14 years later, she rose to become the first woman to serve as executive director.

Her work over the past 35 years has supported training, education, and advocacy for countless utilities, local governments, system operators, and water-sector businesses. This work has been foundational to protecting and improving water quality throughout New York State.

During her time as executive director, Patricia has also embraced NYWEA's educational mission, helping to distribute over \$700,000 in scholarships to some 240 students pursuing environmental degrees.

I sincerely thank Patricia for her decades of service, which have helped provide so many New Yorkers with more reliable, more affordable, and certainly cleaner water. I congratulate Patricia on her well-deserved retirement.

### BEST OF LUCK TO SOAP BOX DERBY COMPETITORS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 43, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The All-American Soap Box Derby, which first began in 1934, is the contest of the year in Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the Birthplace of Champions.

Through ingenuity, teamwork, and determination, more than 350 qualifiers from across the globe make their way to the Derby Downs track in Akron, Ohio, for the Soap Box Derby World Championship, supported by more than 1,000 volunteers and 10,000 spectators every year.

The Soap Box Derby supports education and leadership development for youth across the 13th District and the Nation. The competition empowers young people, who build their own gravity-powered and STEAM-driven cars, to learn about the value of STEM and prepare them to succeed in the future.

Again, I am proud to cosponsor this legislation and so glad to see such an important event to our community in the Nation's Capital. I look forward to welcoming everyone to Ohio's 13th Dis-

trict for the world championship in July. Best of luck to all the competitors.

### CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICANS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to honor Caribbean American Heritage Month and to express my appreciation to the multiples of talent in the Caribbean-American community.

Over the last decade, there have been approximately 4.5 million members of the Caribbean-American community. Of course, two of those who I am most proud of are my late grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who migrated from Jamaica, West Indies.

My grandfather worked on the Panama Canal. What an emotional experience to go to the Panama Canal and see his name, Alfred Jackson, listed with those who have worked on the canal.

I also had the privilege of attending the funeral of one of Jamaica's iconic Prime Ministers, Prime Minister Manley, who is beloved around the nation.

Let me salute the Caribbean-American community in Houston, Texas, rich and inviting with their wonderful culture, cuisine, and, yes, the brilliance that they serve in public service, medicine, education, and business.

This is a great moment to be able to celebrate the richness of our diversity in this country. I can assure you, we have often said that we are a melting pot, but really, we are a mosaic. The pieces fit together where all of us are distinguished but yet part of America—part of America's democracy, part of America's work ethic, and part of America's freedom.

I salute my Caribbean-American friends and kinship. God bless you.

### AMERICANS ARE DEMANDING ACTION

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, Americans are demanding action, and we must deliver. Too many lives are being lost to senseless gun violence. Every day, we are retraumatized by yet another shooting.

In school, our children are learning active shooter drills before their ABCs. When families go to a grocery store or the mall, they scan the crowd for shooters rather than sales.

We know we don't have to live this way, fearful for our kids and our loved ones when they leave the house, furious that gun manufacturers are making billions of dollars marketing weap-

ons of war to irresponsible gun owners, and frustrated by lawmakers who lack the courage to pass commonsense gun safety legislation.

We can change this. There are commonsense, constitutional solutions with broad public support that can stem the carnage. Where leaders in my district and across the country have adopted those solutions, we have seen progress. It is not enough, but it is a start.

Above all, doing nothing is not an option. We cannot sit idly by and allow preventable gun deaths to happen day after day. We need to pass policies that will save lives now.

### HONORING MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Mujeres Latinas en Accion on their 50th anniversary of serving and empowering Latinas and their families in Chicago.

When it was founded in 1973 to offer support to domestic violence survivors, there were no other services like this for Spanish-speaking women in Chicago. Today, Mujeres Latinas en Accion helps women find pathways to safer and healthier lives by providing wraparound, bilingual, and culturally sensitive domestic violence and sexual assault services, including a 24-hour hotline for crisis counseling and advocacy efforts.

However, the support does not stop there. Their program, Empresarias del Futuro, trains women interested in starting and expanding small businesses. By obtaining financial independence, they can break the cycle of codependency from their abusers.

Mujeres Latinas en Accion is a force of change. I congratulate and thank them for serving our community with compassion, care, and courage these past 50 years.

### SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, for nearly a century, America has made a sacred promise: People who work hard throughout their lives will benefit from the fruits of their labor.

Last week, Congress passed and President Biden signed into law a bipartisan budget agreement. It protects Social Security from harmful Republican-proposed cuts.

That earned benefit brings peace of mind for millions of families, senior citizens, disabled persons, and children who survive a parent's premature death.

Social Security insurance is a compact of trust between generations and



ensures the safe and secure retirement for tens of millions of Americans during their golden years. It is an earned benefit.

Congress must continue to protect this pact for our citizenry. That is why our recently introduced Social Security 2100 Act is one of the most vital bills before this Congress. It will increase benefits to current and new beneficiaries, protect retirees against inflation, and repeal the windfall elimination provision.

America made a promise to workers and guaranteed workers their earned benefits. Democrats are committed to making good on that promise for Social Security for generations to come.

#### CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

It is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor this CBC Special Order hour along with my distinguished colleague, Representative SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC will spotlight Caribbean American Heritage Month, a celebration of the significant impact Caribbean Americans have made in shaping our Nation.

This occasion isn't just important to the CBC, Congress, and our constituents. It resonates deeply with all Americans.

It is time to appreciate the enduring spirit of Caribbean Americans, whose influence spans across arts, sciences, politics, and entrepreneurship. We aim to heighten cultural awareness, honor the diverse Caribbean cultures, and acknowledge their ongoing contributions.

Ultimately, Caribbean American Heritage Month reflects a vital piece of the American narrative that deserves recognition and understanding for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD), the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

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Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, Congressman

JACKSON from Illinois, and Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK for their leadership and for co-chairing tonight's Special Order hour.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus in commemoration of Caribbean Heritage Month.

As we mark the 17th anniversary of Caribbean Heritage Month, I pay special thanks to Congresswoman BARBARA LEE who led the effort in Congress to designate the month of June as Caribbean Heritage Month to make sure that we always honor the rich history and contributions of Caribbean Americans.

As a point of personal pride, I am a son and a grandson of Caribbean immigrants. My mother and grandmother came to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago, and for me to now serve in this body to be able to represent the needs of my constituents and those of Caribbean heritage gives me great pride.

It also reminds me of the great contributions, the curried chicken, the hot pepper sauce, the pelau, and so many other wonderful dishes that I have experienced growing up in my own household based on my Caribbean heritage, and the fact that Caribbean people contribute so much and have contributed so much to the foundation of this country and its success.

This month, we are proud to recognize the millions of Caribbean Americans around our Nation who contribute every day to the fabric of our society in the arts, sciences, business, in sports, education, government, and those who serve in our military.

Those who have made our country better with their gifts and their service like our very own Vice President KAMALA HARRIS, others like W.E.B. Du Bois, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Grace Jones, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, Marcus Garvey, Usain Bolt, Sidney Poitier, and Harry Belafonte to name just a few.

The Congressional Black Caucus—the conscience of the Congress—has been home to many Caribbean-American trailblazers since our founding in 1971. One of these trailblazers is Shirley Chisholm, a Caribbean American and founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus who became the first Black woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for President of the United States from one of our two major political parties.

Many of our Members of Congress today are of Caribbean descent, including Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE, Delegate STACEY PLASKETT, and our Special Order co-chair, Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.

Now, more than 50 years after our founding, our Members have continued to shape consequential legislation from voting rights to civil rights, fair housing, and so much more, carrying on the

tradition of Shirley Chisholm, who sought to make America live up to its promise that all are created equal, to challenge the idea of what was possible for Black Americans, and to ensure a future worthy of our struggle.

This month and every month, the Congressional Black Caucus is proud to honor the unique and diverse cultures, languages, religions, art, literature, music, and cuisines from around the Caribbean diaspora because our Nation's diversity is our greatest strength.

I am honored to join my colleagues tonight. I thank our co-chairs and, most importantly, our constituents who work so hard to contribute to this great Nation and to make it continue to live up to its promise.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the honorable gentleman from the State of New York (Ms. CLARKE).

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague, Representative JONATHAN JACKSON, for yielding to me in commemoration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in commemoration and celebration of the designation of Caribbean-American Heritage Month during this month of June. I add my voice to those who have lauded Congresswoman BARBARA LEE for her leadership in ensuring this designation 17 years ago.

It is with an immense sense of pride in this special moment in the lives of those of us in communities across the Nation of Caribbean descent. For nearly two decades, this month has served as a cherished opportunity to honor the boundless contributions of Caribbean Americans to our Nation.

From grass-roots activists, the first Black woman to run for President—the Honorable Shirley Chisholm—the first female Vice President—the Honorable KAMALA HARRIS—to thought leaders, entertainers, entrepreneurs, diplomats, business moguls, Michelin-star chefs, and the brave, highly decorated members of our military, Caribbean Americans compose an integral part of our Nation's legacy, fabric, and future.

It is indeed the honor of my life and the dream of my ancestors to be a woman of Jamaican descent representing my home and my community—the place where I was born and raised—and to carry the torch of my people in the United States Congress.

As we acknowledge the excellence and contributions of Caribbean Americans, let this month remain a beacon for uplifting diversity, the preservation of legacy, the strength of unity, and the undeniable truth that we, the descendants of Caribbean peoples, are a force to be reckoned with, and that our culture and contributions deserve every acknowledgment and all the appreciation of a grateful Nation.

From Jamaica to Barbados and every nation in between: Bless Up, One Love, Walk Good.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honorable Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE for her remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK).

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here to celebrate our Caribbean Heritage Month. It is also an honor to be here coanchoring with JONATHAN JACKSON from Illinois, and I say a very special thank you to our chairman for allowing us to be here and speak about all the accomplishments of Caribbean Americans.

As both the first Haitian-American Democrat elected to Congress and a permanent member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I am firmly committed to supporting strong U.S.-Caribbean ties. However, we cannot forget that the success of this global partnership depends directly on Haiti's prosperity and its ability to triumph in the face of challenges.

Today, Haiti has found itself engulfed in chaos. The stability of the country and the preservation of its democratic institutions must remain of paramount importance to the United States.

Last week, Guyana and the Dominican Republic issued a joint declaration emphasizing their commitment to enhancing bilateral relationships between their two countries. The reiteration of their commitment to address pressing challenges such as food insecurity, energy security, and climate change is inspirational, and as the United States, we must be doing the same.

Both nations reaffirmed that Haiti is an important member of the Caribbean family of nations. They pledged the full support of their governments toward the achievement of political stability in Haiti. The regional commitment is to be applauded and continued.

The ongoing situation in Haiti is far too unstable, and recognition on the world stage is vital as we work to bring an end to this crisis.

It pains me to see Haiti in these times of struggle. The country now finds itself at one of the lowest points in its history, battling a surge of gang violence. Public health challenges, along with catastrophic hunger, stoke the flames of instability.

As a neighbor, we have a responsibility to address this situation and respond accordingly.

I am pleased that President Biden nominated Dennis Hankins, Foreign Policy Advisor to the National Guard Bureau, to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Haiti. This nomination demonstrates that the Biden-Harris administration recognizes America's role as an ally of Haiti to respond to the volatility of the situation today.

Throughout Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we must continue to recognize the challenges that Haiti is currently grappling with and where our Nation can lend support in these efforts.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues in recognizing and giving special commendation to Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

From Shirley Chisholm to Malcolm X, from Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE to Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, to the great W.E.B. Du Bois, to CBC chair, Mr. STEVEN HORSFORD, and to SHEILA JACKSON LEE, from the founder of the city of Chicago, Jean Baptiste Du Sable, to the great general in Haiti, Toussaint Louverture, here we are.

People who come to this country from the Caribbean have helped to make America more vibrant and successful. This is because Caribbean Americans are some of the most creative and hardworking people in the world. This cannot be debated and most certainly cannot be denied.

However, it is really the power of the Caribbean egalitarian spirit that has really helped to make America a better place. People who come from the Caribbean are raised in cultures that believe in family and faith, and they believe that all men and women are truly created equal.

Because of the deep moral values at work in Caribbean culture, people who hail from this part of the world fundamentally believe that we are all God's children and that all of us deserve dignity and respect.

This drive for excellence and the commitment to human dignity has continually given rise to some of the most extraordinary individuals, each of them adding to the possibilities of America and all of them expanding the reach of freedom and democracy in this remarkable country.

This is why I am so glad that in 2005 this body passed legislation to officially make June Caribbean-American Heritage Month. When this body passed that legislation, it gave recognition to people who too long had been overlooked. However, today, we are righting that wrong. We are correcting the account, as it were. This is important because I believe that every community should be celebrated and that every heritage should be venerated and given the dignity that it deserves.

Perhaps somebody needs to remind the Governor of Florida that when we celebrate the heritage of other people we are, in fact, celebrating ourselves.

Somebody needs to remind the Governor of Florida that this country has relied on the diversity of its citizens in order to become the Nation we are today. Somebody needs to remind him that different does not mean deficient.

It took a Caribbean American to lead the U.S. military to victory in the Iraq war by the name of Colin Powell. It was a Caribbean American who created a national banking system in this country by creating the Federal Reserve. It was a Caribbean American who made his home in Harlem and

preached with such intensity and integrity that he gave African Americans the courage to be themselves.

America is a garden comprised of many flowers. All of them are complicated, and all of them are beautiful in their own way. The texture, the colors, and the sizes may be different, but the radiance remains the same.

No matter what white supremacy may try to say, the brightness of America is the consequence of a multiplicity of colors. We may speak different languages, we may come from different places, and we may eat different food, but we are all mortal, we are all dependent upon the benefits clean air and clean water, we all deserve to be loved, and we all want the best for our children.

If we do not learn how to live together as brothers and sisters, then we shall surely perish together as fools.

When we celebrate Caribbean-American Heritage Month, it is a veneration of the important and ongoing contributions of these significant Americans. It is by no means a denigration of anyone else.

While it is true that we are all Americans, it is no less the case, however, that each of us brings something different to America. The capacity for difference is the thing that makes America successful and strong.

What would this country be without Earl Graves and the great Harry Belafonte?

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What would this country be like without Beyonce or Eric Holder, Cicely Tyson, Alicia Keys, Sheryl Lee Ralph, and Mr. Sidney Poitier? All of them are descendants of the people who came to this country from the Caribbean.

Caribbean Americans have shaped this Nation's culture and political direction since its founding, and thank God for it.

Let us never forget those who live in the U.S. Virgin Islands. We also honor the Honorable Congresswoman STACEY PLASKETT. These are citizens of the United States. Yes, those in the Virgin Islands are citizens of America. They are a part of our country, they are a part of who we are, and they are no less helping to shape what we hope to become.

They too sing America. They too desire to flourish. They too deserve the benefits of democracy. As much as anybody born in Boston or Atlanta, or as much as anyone living in Dallas or Little Rock, American citizens who live in the Virgin Islands are no less a part of who we are. They are a part of American story.

The notes they bring to this concert of opportunity make the music sweet and worthy of our listening ears. I would invite my colleagues and Americans, more generally, to spend time in conversation with Caribbean Americans.

When you do, you will discover that the love they have for this country, in

spite of its tortured history with the people from the Caribbean, is a remarkable manifestation of both courage and patriotism.

In spite of this country's morbid preoccupation with racism and white supremacy, Americans of Caribbean descent have time and time again took their place in the dark shadows of war in order to fight for our Nation's freedom, and today we remember them.

We speak well of their names. We give honor to those among them who died to make us free. How dare we not honor them? How dare we not sing their praises?

As the Bible says: These are they that have come through the great tribulation, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

They are as important to the fabric of this country as those who came from Europe and other places around the world. Therefore, it is altogether fitting that we enshrine their greatness and celebrate their heritage without restraint.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK).

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of the South Florida Caribbean American community as we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. This month provides us with a valuable opportunity to honor the rich culture and heritage and the remarkable accomplishments of the Caribbean Americans, particularly in South Florida.

The Caribbean American community has played a significant role in shaping South Florida's identity. Today, the greater Ft. Lauderdale metropolitan area has one of the largest Caribbean migrant populations nationwide. South Florida is home to immigrants from many Caribbean countries, including Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Dominica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, among others.

The vibrancy of the Caribbean culture touches every part of our region. We see it in action at spaces like Island SPACE Caribbean Museum in Plantation, which elevates the profile of Caribbean art, history, and culture throughout South Florida and the broader diaspora.

We can taste it in the restaurants that dot our street corners, serving soul-warming jerk chicken and oxtails and all types of delectable items that we find remind us of our childhood kitchen tables.

The Caribbean American community has long been an integral part of the economic fabric of South Florida, contributing to its prosperity. Caribbean Americans have opened their own businesses and created jobs, making South Florida a vibrant and thriving region.

During this month, we must recognize challenges currently faced by Florida's Caribbean American community. Governor Ron DeSantis recently signed into law a cruel immigration

law that pushes the American Dream further out of reach for Florida and immigrant communities.

For immigrants seeking a better life in Florida, many of whom who have come to the U.S. for economic opportunities and fleeing violence, this law is most certainly a slap in their face.

As we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month, let us always treat immigrants with the dignity they deserve and welcome them. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to recognizing the immense and continued contribution of the Caribbean American community.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shine a light on an often-overlooked chapter of our great Nation's history. As we gather here in the heart of our Republic, it is important to announce that the very fabric of our Nation was woven not only with the thread of our own courage and determination, but also with the substantial contributions of our neighbors.

In this Special Order hour, I wish to recognize the invaluable contributions of the Caribbean, particularly Haiti, in shaping American history.

During the tumultuous years of the American Revolution, while our forefathers were drafting the blueprints of this great Nation, Haiti, known then as French Saint-Domingue, was one of the wealthiest colonies in the world. It was the jewel of the French empire, a beacon of economic prosperity in the region. Their wealth, however, was built on the grim reality of a brutal slave society.

This prosperous colony was our silent partner in the fight for independence. The French, in a bid to safeguard Saint-Domingue from British capture, provided considerable support to the American cause, to the tune of better than \$9 billion in current U.S. dollars. This financial assistance was a decisive factor in our victory in the Revolutionary War.

But it wasn't just monetary aid that the Haitian community provided America and its founding. Over 500 Haitians, free men of color, fought shoulder to shoulder with American colonists and French troops in pivotal battles such as the battle of Savannah in 1779.

The colony also served as a vital transit point for arms, gunpowder, and supplies from France, a lifeline that often made the difference between victory and defeat.

The irony is palpable. The fight for freedom in our own land was bolstered by a colony built on the brutal enslavement of individuals. These individuals later led a successful revolution of their own, resulting in Haiti becoming the second American nation to declare independence in 1804.

Despite the early recognition and support from the United States, the Jefferson administration banned trade with the newly independent Haiti in 1806, a decision that greatly hindered Haiti's economic prospects.

In light of recent crises in Haiti, I urge you to remember this intertwined

history. Our fight for independence was supported, in part, by Haiti's resources and its people and their courage. We have a historical debt to Haiti, a moral obligation to assist in Haiti's recovery and long-term prosperity.

Haiti does not come to us as a debtor. We are, in fact, a debtor to Haiti. Haiti is our creditor, having helped create our independence.

As we navigate the labyrinth of our complex relations with the Caribbean, let us not forget the sacrifices made and the solidarity demonstrated by our Haitian brethren. In acknowledging this, we do not merely pay tribute to our shared past, but also set the stage for a future defined by mutual respect and collaboration.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK).

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize Caribbean American Heritage Month, I rise today to express my strong support for the Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act. This bipartisan and bicameral legislation is an important step in holding accountable those who have fueled violence in Haiti, and it sends a clear message that America and Americans stand with the Haitian people.

This bill, which I am proud to cosponsor with several of my colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, would ensure the Secretary of State sanctions Haiti's economic and political elites who regularly use gangs as levers of power. This legislative body would receive regular reports on the nature of the relationship between Haiti's corrupt elite and the heinous gangs that they have colluded with.

Recent headlines underscore just how grim the situation in Haiti has grown. As a result of the worsening gang violence, Haitians are now taking matters into their own hands. Many have turned to vigilante justice, using makeshift weapons to root out suspected gang members. At least 160 suspected gang members were killed between April 24 and May 24.

This is by no means a viable or a safe long-term solution to gang violence. Vigilante justice leaves open the potential for innocent individuals to be wrongfully characterized as criminals. Haiti's government must be equipped to deal with this reign of terror on its own, without depending on its citizens to take up arms.

The Haiti Criminal Collusion Act, which has been endorsed by the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network here in the United States, is a desperately needed legislative solution that can assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

By shining a spotlight on bad actors imposing sanctions on the worst offenders, the United States is sending a clear signal that it will not tolerate individuals who exploit their positions of power for personal gain, and that they will not tolerate individuals who terrorize the Haitian people.

As we begin Caribbean American Heritage Month, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, you have heard from our distinguished colleagues about our interest in celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month, all issues of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, our constituents, Congress, and all Americans tonight.

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

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. McHENRY, on Friday, June 2, 2023:

H.R. 3746. An act to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 25, 2023, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 346. To establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported that on June 3, 2023, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 3746. To provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1062. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [Docket ID: DoD-2022-OS-0066] (RIN: 0790-AL08) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1063. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [Docket ID: DOD-2022-OS-0016] (RIN: 0790-AK51) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1064. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a notification of export transactions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1065. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTTC 22-065, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1066. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-026, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1067. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT case 22-8784, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1068. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-103, "William Dorsey Swann Street Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1069. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-102, "Copay Accumulator Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1070. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-100, "Wooten Court Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1071. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-99, "Cassandra S. Pinkney Way Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1072. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-98, "Davon T. McNeal, III Way Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1073. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-110, "Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Information Sharing Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1074. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-109, "African American Civil War Museum and Ben's Chili Bowl Limited Grant-Making Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1075. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-104, "Motor Vehicle and Homeowner Insurance Prior Approval Rate Filing Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1076. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-105, "Migrant Services Eligibility Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law

93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1077. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-106, "Historic Preservation of Derelict District Properties Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1078. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-107, "Medical Cannabis Clarification Supplemental Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1079. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-101, "Rev. Lloyd Young Court Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1080. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1474; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00888-T; Amendment 39-22409; AD 2023-07-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1081. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0160; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01047-R; Amendment 39-22421; AD 2023-08-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1082. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1422; Project Identifier AD-2022-01208-E; Amendment 39-22413; AD 2023-07-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1083. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1659; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01254-T; Amendment 39-22415; AD 2023-07-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1084. 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-2023-0164; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01357-T; Amendment 39-22416; AD 2023-08-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1085. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by

Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1403; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00122-T; Amendment 39-22408; AD 2023-07-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1086. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1486; Project Identifier AD-2022-01026-T; Amendment 39-22418; AD 2023-08-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1087. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1044; Project Identifier AD-2023-00593-T; Amendment 39-22436; AD 2023-09-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1088. 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) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1039; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00580-T; Amendment 39-22433; AD 2023-09-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1089. 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-2022-1171; Project Identifier AD-2022-00852-T; Amendment 39-22417; AD 2023-08-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1090. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Viking Air Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.; Canadair Limited) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1301; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01447-T; Amendment 39-22412; AD 2023-07-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1091. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Allied Ag Cat Productions, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1656; Project Identifier AD-2022-01081-A; Amendment 39-22422; AD 2023-08-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1092. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1048; Project Identifier AD-2023-00620-

A.T; Amendment 39-22440; AD 2023-10-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1093. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D Airspace; Smyrna, TN [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1013; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASO-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1094. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Visalia Municipal Airport, Visalia, CA [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1445; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AWP-55] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1095. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hyannis, MA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0823; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ANE-04] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1096. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace, and Establishment of Class E Airspace, Poughkeepsie, NY [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0090; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-03] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1097. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Calvert, KY [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0138; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ASO-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1098. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; Eastern United States Amendment and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways; Northeast United States [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1027; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AEA-33; Docket No.: FAA-2022-0905; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AEA-26] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 835. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; with an amendment (Rept. 118-87). Referred to the

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

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2608. A bill to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-88). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2610. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-89). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2793. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-90). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2812. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings; with an amendment (Rept. 118-91). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1579. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-92). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2593. A bill to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors; with an amendment (Rept. 118-93). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. House Joint Resolution 29. Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment" (Rept. 118-94). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. House Joint Resolution 46. Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" (Rept. 118-95). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. House Joint Resolution 49. Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status

for Northern Long-Eared Bat'' (Rept. 118-96). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1541. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-97). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1606. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-98). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1644. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-99). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1651. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish requirements for 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-100). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1730. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-101). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MASSIE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 463. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes (Rept. 118-102). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

H.R. 3793. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require manufacturers of life-saving drugs to submit data and information to assess the stability of the drugs and determine their longest supported expiration date, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California:

H.R. 3794. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to award follow-on production contracts or transactions, procure supplies for experimental or test purposes, and acquire innovative commercial products and commercial services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PENCE (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BUCSHON, Ms. SCHRIER, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 3795. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require the development of a diagnostic testing preparedness plan to be used during public health emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 3796. A bill to provide for the extension of taxes funding the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 3797. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative manner of furnishing certain health insurance coverage statements to individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 3798. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to inform employers of flexible health insurance benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HERN:

H.R. 3799. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 3800. A bill to codify Internal Revenue Service guidance relating to treatment of certain services and items for chronic conditions as meeting the preventive care deductible safe harbor for purposes of high deductible health plans in connection with health savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 3801. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to streamline and improve the employer reporting process relating to health insurance coverage and to protect dependent privacy; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 3802. A bill to accelerate subseasonal to seasonal prediction skills related to precipitation forecasts for agriculture in the central United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 3803. A bill to modify the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations for institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 3804. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to address workforce gaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 3805. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration project testing Whole Child Health Models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARDENAS (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 3806. A bill to ensure that large online platforms are addressing the needs of non-English users; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Com-

mittee on Foreign 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 Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 3807. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to device shortage notifications; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 3808. A bill to amend the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to authorize additional special immigrant visas, to require a strategy for efficient processing, and to establish designated senior special immigrant visa coordinating officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. CRAIG, and Ms. SPANBERGER):

H.R. 3809. A bill to include cybersecurity technical assistance in the national rural water and wastewater circuit rider program of Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 3810. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to enhance drug manufacturing amount information reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FALLON (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H.R. 3811. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the quality of care difference between behavioral and mental health care provided by health care providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs compared to non-Department providers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 3812. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider alternative approaches before determining that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 3813. A bill to accelerate the applicability of the requirement that the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 3814. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out projects that further agricultural resiliency and modernization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. MEUSER):

H.R. 3815. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the research and development of a policy to insure the production of mushrooms; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JAMES (for himself and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 3816. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans may attend pre-apprenticeship programs using certain educational assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):



H.R. 3817. A bill to increase language access to behavioral health services at eligible health centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE:

H.R. 3818. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing a proposed rule related to consumer conventional cooking products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3819. A bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to eliminate the applicability of such Act to the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 3820. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to strike the requirement that the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 3821. A bill to reauthorize the Fire-fighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 3822. A bill to repeal the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 3823. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from issuing any rule, regulation, or guidance that promotes the use of traffic photo enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3824. A bill to prevent the illegal sale of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BRECHEEN, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 3825. A bill to prohibit the use of Department of Defense funds for adult cabaret performances; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 3826. A bill to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall of the names of the lost crew members of the USS Frank E. Evans killed on June 3, 1969; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 3827. A bill to ensure that contractor employees on Army Corps projects are paid prevailing wages as required by law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. TENNEY (for herself and Mr. MORELLE):

H.R. 3828. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

80 Prospect Street in Avon, New York, as the "Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

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

H.R. 3829. A bill to streamline the process for institutions of higher education to research marijuana; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Education and the Workforce, 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. TOKUDA (for herself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 3830. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to expand eligibility for certain contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 3831. A bill to require generative artificial intelligence to disclose that their output has been generated by artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 3832. A bill to establish a program at BARDA for developing medical countermeasures for viral threats with pandemic potential; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 3833. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 3834. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings, identification of pre-election issues, and interpretation of employer rules and policies; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EZELL, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MANN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H. Res. 464. A resolution acknowledging that unborn children are legal and constitutional persons who are entitled to the equal protection of the laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LATURNER (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. MANN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BACON, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. CLINE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. VALADAO):

H. Res. 465. A resolution expressing support for AM radios in automobiles; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. KEATING):

H. Res. 466. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June as Portuguese

National Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. MACE introduced A bill (H.R. 3835) to authorize the Secretary of the Army to award the Air Medal to Thomas Dewey Wise for service as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

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

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

H.R. 3793.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would expand FDA's authority to engage with manufacturers of medical countermeasures and lifesaving drugs facing shortages, and require those manufacturers to extend the expiration dates of those drugs if it is safe to do so.

By Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California:

H.R. 3794.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Legislating

By Mr. PENCE:

H.R. 3795.

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

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Public Health Service Act to require the development of a diagnostic testing preparedness plan to be used during public health emergencies, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 3796.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this legislation is the Federal Aviation Administration.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 3797.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this legislation is to reduce health care paperwork burdens.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 3798.

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

Article One Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to inform employers of flexible health insurance benefits.

By Mr. HERN:  
H.R. 3799.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
health

By Mr. WENSTRUP:  
H.R. 3800.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Health

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:  
H.R. 3801.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Improving the employer reporting process related to health insurance coverage

By Mr. BAIRD:  
H.R. 3802.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

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

The single subject of this legislation is:  
A bill to accelerate subseasonal to seasonal prediction skills related to precipitation forecasts for agriculture in the central United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. BANKS:  
H.R. 3803.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is:  
high education accreditation

By Mrs. BICE:  
H.R. 3804.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Expanding the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:  
H.R. 3805.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Children's Health

By Mr. CARDENAS:  
H.R. 3806.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 1.  
All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To ensure that large online platforms are addressing the needs of non-English users.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:  
H.R. 3807.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the constitution provides Congress with the author-

ity to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Medical Device Shortages

By Mr. CROW:  
H.R. 3808.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
The single subject of this legislation is: enhancement of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Program.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:  
H.R. 3809.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3; to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Commerce

By Ms. ESHOO:  
H.R. 3810.

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

Article 1, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
To increase transparency in where drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients are manufactured.

By Mr. FALLON:  
H.R. 3811.

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

Article I Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Veteran Affairs.

By Mr. FOSTER:  
H.R. 3812.

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, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To streamline FSOC's ability to designate and address systemic risks.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:  
H.R. 3813.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
This is a health care bill.

By Mr. HARDER of California:  
H.R. 3814.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out projects that further agricultural resiliency and modernization, and for other purposes.

By Ms. HOULAHAN:  
H.R. 3815.

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

Section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Requiring the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct a study on providing crop insurance to mushroom farmers.

By Mr. JAMES:  
H.R. 3816.

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

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Veterans' Affairs

By Ms. MENG:  
H.R. 3817.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Health

By Mr. NEWHOUSE:  
H.R. 3818.

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

The power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing a proposed rule related to consumer conventional cooking products, and for other purposes

By Ms. NORTON:  
H.R. 3819.

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

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would end the applicability of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to the District of Columbia.

By Mr. PALLONE:  
H.R. 3820.

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

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

By Mr. PASCRELL:  
H.R. 3821.

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

Article 1 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry from Fiscal Year 2024-2028.

By Mr. PERRY:  
H.R. 3822.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Repeals the Essential Air Service program.

By Mr. PERRY:  
H.R. 3823.

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

Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:

Traffic photo enforcement

By Mr. QUIGLEY:  
H.R. 3824.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill addresses the illegal gun market.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:  
H.R. 3825.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

National Defense

By Mr. SCHIFF:  
H.R. 3826.

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

Article I Article 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Veterans

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:  
H.R. 3827.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Labor

By Ms. TENNEY:  
H.R. 3828.

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

Article I Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Renaming the post office in Avon, NY

By Ms. TITUS:  
H.R. 3829.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Crime and Law Enforcement

By Ms. TOKUDA:  
H.R. 3830.

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.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requiring the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to expand eligibility for certain contracts, and for other purposes.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:  
H.R. 3831.

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

Article 1, Section 8.  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Cybersecurity

By Mrs. TRAHAN:  
H.R. 3832.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Healthcare

By Mr. WALBERG:  
H.R. 3833.

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

Article 1, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WALBERG:  
H.R. 3834.

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

Article 1, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to the timing of elections and pre-election hearings, identification of pre-election issues and interpretation of employer rules and policies.

By Ms. MACE:  
H.R. 3835.

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

Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to award the Air Medal to Thomas Dewey Wise for service as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 7: Mr. ZINKE.  
H.R. 41: Mr. GOSAR.  
H.R. 51: Mr. DELUZIO.  
H.R. 79: Mr. GOODEN of Texas and Ms. MACE.

H.R. 167: Mr. PALMER.  
H.R. 239: Mr. BOWMAN.  
H.R. 297: Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 333: Mr. MOORE of Alabama and Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 336: Mr. WALBERG.  
H.R. 353: Mr. DUARTE and Mr. VALADAO.  
H.R. 396: Ms. MCCOLLUM and Mr. KEATING.  
H.R. 415: Ms. SCANLON and Ms. BALINT.  
H.R. 431: Mr. LATTI, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 494: Mr. FINSTAD and Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
H.R. 540: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
H.R. 556: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
H.R. 562: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.  
H.R. 619: Mr. LEVIN and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 625: Mr. NICKEL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RYAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. PLASKETT, and Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 710: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 744: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 782: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 795: Mrs. MCCLELLAN.  
H.R. 887: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 911: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 945: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.  
H.R. 949: Mr. CARSON and Mr. VARGAS.  
H.R. 952: Mr. COHEN, Ms. MANNING, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. CARAVEO, and Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 953: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.  
H.R. 957: Mr. GREEN of Texas.  
H.R. 976: Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 987: Ms. GRANGER.  
H.R. 1005: Ms. MACE and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 1096: Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. POSEY, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. HERN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BRECHEN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. ROSE, Mr. MOONEY, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. JAMES, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 1097: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BERA, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. SABLON.

H.R. 1122: Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 1147: Mrs. HOUCIN, Ms. WILD, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 1150: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.  
H.R. 1200: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 1277: Mrs. LESKO and Mr. CARBAJAL.  
H.R. 1282: Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.

H.R. 1297: Mrs. CAMMACK.  
H.R. 1298: Ms. PETTERSEN.  
H.R. 1310: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 1477: Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1499: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Ms. BUSH.

H.R. 1608: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
H.R. 1610: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1634: Mr. VEASEY and Ms. BARRAGÁN.  
H.R. 1666: Mr. KILDEE.  
H.R. 1674: Mr. ALLRED and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.

H.R. 1691: Mr. PANETTA.  
H.R. 1694: Mr. MCCAUL.  
H.R. 1699: Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 1705: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1729: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
H.R. 1737: Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. BALINT, and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1742: Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 1756: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1764: Ms. ESCOBAR.  
H.R. 1765: Mrs. PELTOLA and Mr. KEATING.  
H.R. 1777: Ms. TENNEY and Mr. ALFORD.

H.R. 1794: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. ALLRED.  
H.R. 1815: Mr. KILDEE and Mrs. RODGERS of Washington.

H.R. 1818: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. IVEY, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. CRAWFORD.

H.R. 1831: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.  
H.R. 1833: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 1837: Mr. EZELL and Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 1843: Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 2389: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. BACON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. PEREZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. STANTON, Ms. MANNING, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 2400: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. MACE.

H.R. 2403: Mrs. FOUSHEE and Mrs. TRAHAN.  
H.R. 2407: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. CLINE, Mr. BACON, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 2424: Mrs. STEEL.  
H.R. 2457: Mr. GREEN of Texas and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 2461: Mr. STANTON.  
H.R. 2482: Mr. BACON and Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 2530: Ms. SALINAS, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 2532: Ms. ROSS.  
H.R. 2535: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 2537: Ms. SLOTKIN and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 2544: Mr. KHANNA.  
H.R. 2630: Mr. KIM of New Jersey and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 2647: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.  
H.R. 2662: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2700: Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 2705: Mr. CÁRDENAS.  
H.R. 2706: Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 2708: Ms. SHERRILL and Mr. TORRES of New York.

H.R. 2718: Ms. SANCHEZ.  
H.R. 2723: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 2725: Ms. CROCKETT.  
H.R. 2729: Ms. DELBENE.  
H.R. 2756: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 2766: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 2771: Mr. FITZGERALD.  
H.R. 2788: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 2801: Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 2826: Mr. HUDSON.  
H.R. 2846: Mrs. MCCLELLAN and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 2866: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 2873: Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
H.R. 2894: Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. POCAN, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

H.R. 2918: Mr. CARSON and Mr. CASAR.  
H.R. 2922: Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 2928: Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 2935: Ms. SPANBERGER and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2938: Mr. VEASEY.  
H.R. 2961: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 2973: Mrs. LESKO.  
H.R. 2976: Mr. LYNCH.  
H.R. 2987: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 3005: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
H.R. 3008: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
H.R. 3018: Mr. SARBANES, Ms. TITUS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. ROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LIEU, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. HIGGINS

of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. RYAN, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 3020: Mr. GUEST and Mr. MAST.  
H.R. 3036: Mr. DUARTE and Mr. FEENSTRA.  
H.R. 3037: Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 3039: Mr. STEUBE.  
H.R. 3046: Mrs. BICE.  
H.R. 3159: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. SABLAN.  
H.R. 3165: Mr. GIMENEZ and Mr. TURNER.  
H.R. 3168: Mr. OBERNOLTE.  
H.R. 3176: Mr. FRY.  
H.R. 3185: Mr. PETERS and Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 3199: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.  
H.R. 3202: Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 3205: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. MAST.  
H.R. 3246: Mr. COSTA and Mr. PASCRELL.  
H.R. 3266: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.  
H.R. 3327: Mr. DAVIDSON and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.  
H.R. 3349: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. MACE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 3355: Ms. KUSTER.  
H.R. 3359: Ms. KUSTER.  
H.R. 3374: Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 3377: Mr. GRIJALVA.  
H.R. 3380: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 3381: Mr. GARBARINO and Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 3382: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
H.R. 3405: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington.  
H.R. 3413: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. ADERHOLT.  
H.R. 3416: Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. TRONE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. VEASEY.  
H.R. 3425: Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. CARAVEO, and Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 3433: Ms. SALAZAR.  
H.R. 3434: Mr. SCHIFF.  
H.R. 3435: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. BARR, and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 3442: Ms. SCANLON and Mr. FEENSTRA.  
H.R. 3444: Mr. ALLRED and Mr. MRVAN.  
H.R. 3448: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 3474: Ms. CARAVEO.  
H.R. 3477: Mr. BEYER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. BUSH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
H.R. 3537: Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 3545: Mr. RYAN and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 3547: Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 3554: Mr. LAWLER and Mrs. FISCHBACH.  
H.R. 3564: Mrs. HOUCHIN and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.  
H.R. 3576: Mr. BACON.  
H.R. 3580: Mr. CRAWFORD.  
H.R. 3608: Mr. PETERS and Mr. SWALWELL.  
H.R. 3611: Mr. BEYER and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 3616: Ms. TITUS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and Ms. KUSTER.  
H.R. 3624: Mr. PENCE.  
H.R. 3639: Mr. MULLIN.  
H.R. 3660: Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 3682: Mr. IVEY.  
H.R. 3711: Mr. LAWLER.  
H.R. 3726: Mr. CÁRDENAS.  
H.R. 3736: Mr. OBERNOLTE.  
H.R. 3741: Mr. HARRIS.  
H.R. 3755: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.  
H.R. 3759: Mr. SOTO and Ms. KAPTUR.  
H.R. 3766: Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. MACE, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
H.R. 3773: Mr. NORMAN.  
H.R. 3774: Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 3777: Ms. MACE.  
H.R. 3782: Mr. FINSTAD.  
H.R. 3785: Mr. RYAN.  
H.R. 3792: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr.

FITZPATRICK, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. YAKYM.

H.J. Res. 11: Mr. LUCAS.  
H.J. Res. 66: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FINSTAD, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. STEIL, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. HILL, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. EZELL, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. KUSTOFF.  
H. Con. Res. 46: Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. GROTHMAN.  
H. Res. 50: Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. FALLON, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.  
H. Res. 204: Mr. GREEN of Texas.  
H. Res. 259: Mr. TONKO.  
H. Res. 277: Mr. POCAN.  
H. Res. 330: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H. Res. 372: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.  
H. Res. 376: Mr. CROW.  
H. Res. 426: Mr. VAN DREW.  
H. Res. 427: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H. Res. 437: Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. LANGWORTHY.  
H. Res. 447: Mr. FINSTAD and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.  
H. Res. 450: Mr. HARDER of California.

#### CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

The amendment to be offered by Representative HAGEMAN, or a designee, to H.R. 288, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CORPORAL RUSSELL "RUSTY" BROWN FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of U.S. Army Corporal Russell "Rusty" Brown. CPL Brown served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970, and was awarded a Purple Heart for his honorable service.

CPL Brown was born in Little Falls, NY, to Evan and Doris Brown. Raised in Fort Plain with his many siblings, CPL Brown's brothers Les, Ray, and Walt also served in the U.S. Army. While in Vietnam, CPL Brown was on patrol to set up an ambush. Tragedy struck when a member of CPL Brown's unit stepped on a landmine, severely wounding CPL Brown with shrapnel and killing his fellow soldier. For his sacrifice, CPL Brown earned the esteemed Purple Heart award, in addition to the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Marksman Badge Rifle M16.

Following his honorable service in Vietnam, he immediately continued his service to our nation and his community. Rusty married his beloved wife Billie; both had deep roots in Montgomery County. In 1970, CPL Brown joined the Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post 168 in Saint Johnsville. As a member for over 50 years, CPL Brown has assisted other veterans in their journey to re-acclimate to civilian life. CPL Brown continues this practice as a pillar of support for American servicemembers as they struggle with their personal trials. The Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post 168 has set a beautiful example of how to celebrate the amazing and heroic individuals that served our country. By decorating the village of Saint Johnsville with 379 'hometown hero' banners, the village will continue to honor local heroes each and every day. CPL Brown's banner can be found on St. Johnsville's Bridge Street.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize and honor the service and achievements of CPL Rusty Brown.

HONORING THE 2023 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2023 Truman Scholars.

This year the Foundation received 705 applications from 275 institutions. After a review of the students' records of leadership, public

service, and academic achievement, the final selection committee selected 199 students from 133 institutions to interview. The final selection of students includes 62 students from 60 institutions.

This year's nominees are: Malhaar Agrawal, Lina Altaan Al Hariri, Andrés Arocho González, Bob Atkinson, Andee Baker, Malea Bauer, Zachary Billot, Maisie Brown, Grace Carter, Gabrielle Chiodo, Isobel Dernelan, Madeline Dotson, Margot Duque, Abby Dziura, Yasmine Elkharsa, Maya Elsner, Colin Hall, Sky Harper, Jason Hess, Amarachukwu Ifeji, Luda Isakharov, Samiha Islam, Adam Johnson, Travis Johnson, Ayesha Khan, Azeem Khan, Catherine Kish, Nidhi Krishnan, Niko Malhotra, Dwayne Martin, Anna Mathis, Sandrien Mekany, Sarah Mickelson, Rafael Montero, Aaliyah Moore, Tay Moore, Rina Nagashima, Klemmer Nicodemus, Anchee Nitschke Durben, Shreeya Parekh, Joleece Pecore, Irena Petryk, Hattie Polson, Christian Gyles Ramos, Emily Robertson, Andrew Schumann, Cheyon Sheen, Michael Solomon, Caleb Swanson, Cameron Tiefenthaler, Jalen Travis, Martayn Van de Wall, Madison Van Der Mark, Pieter van Wingerden, Kaitlyn Vana, Iona Volynets, Corbin Walls, Caleb Weiland, Jonathan Weinberg, Aubrey Wieberg, Ambria Williams, and Carter Yost.

Established in 1975, the Truman Foundation is the nation's living memorial to the thirty-third president. According to the Foundation's website their mission is to recognize aspiring leaders at an important inflection point in their development. Students are recognized in their junior year of college and rewarded for their aspirations to enter public service. After being selected, students receive a scholarship for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

Congratulations to this year's nominees. I look forward to seeing where each of them will go in the future.

HONORING LEE GREEN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Lee Green as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Herbert "Herb" Lee Green was born on June 3, 1964 in Incheon, South Korea to a Korean mother and an American father.

Herb came to the United States at six years old and mastered the English language within 30 days of arrival. Herb attended schools in California and graduated from high school in

North Florida. After high school, Herb signed up for the U.S. Navy where he attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Training (BOOST) program in San Diego.

Upon completion of the BOOST program, Herb entered the University of Florida where he met his future wife, Lisa Lesesne. While at the University of Florida, Herb joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the Fall of 1984 and has been an active member since. Herb received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in structural engineering.

Herb began his career as a young engineer at Kimley Horn and Associates in West Palm Beach, Florida where he worked for seven years.

In 1998, Herb moved to Kissimmee. At this time, he worked for the Avid Group. Herb also volunteered as a youth sports coach in baseball, soccer, and basketball and served as SAC Chair at Osceola High School.

Herb's entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and he decided to open a company with a former colleague, and that was the beginning of the Good Group. Later, Herb would open his own engineering company, Cadjazz Engineering, which has been going strong for 14 years.

Herb is an excellent cook and enjoys attending sporting events at the University of Florida. He also gives back by donating his engineering expertise to charitable organizations, including Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, and designs of sporting facilities and parks.

Herb is the loving husband of Lisa Lesesne Green and the proud father of Harleston Lesesne Green and Kameron Lee Green.

HONORING MR. MARK HILDRETH AS MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS ALTERNATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Hildreth as the Moore County Schools Alternate Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Hildreth is an experienced English Language Arts teacher at Crain's Creek Middle School. When needed, he also serves the school district as an alternate teacher. Over the course of his 27 years as an educator, he has exhibited outstanding leadership and commitment in providing his students with an excellent foundation in the studies of literature and poetry, in addition to this prestigious award, Mr. Hildreth also has been recognized as Crain's Creek Middle School Teacher of the Year. It is imperative that we acknowledge individuals like him who continue to assume the high calling of serving in North Carolina's public schools. As the son of a retired schoolteacher, I have seen the tireless work that educators put into developing our youth for a

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successful future. I am extremely grateful for his efforts and encouragement which have touched and benefited the lives of so many.

Mr. Hildreth has led by example throughout his career and has made immeasurable contributions to our community. Crain's Creek Middle School and other schools throughout the district are better today because of his passion and hard work. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for his dedicated service to our youth and wish him the best as he continues to educate and inspire those in his classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Mr. Mark Hildreth for being named Moore County Schools Alternate Teacher of the Year.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. GORDON EUGENE THOMPSON

#### HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the life and service of Second Lieutenant Gordon "Tommy" Thompson, a Montanan Marine fighter pilot with VMF-224 who failed to return from a combat mission over Guadalcanal on August 31, 1942.

Gordon was a skilled rancher and excellent student, graduating from Moccasin High School in 1937 as valedictorian. After attending Montana State College, "Tommy" decided to chase his dreams of flight and joined the U.S. Navy's flight training program in August 1941. A task made even more daunting when the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into World War II months later. Gordon never wavered in his commitment to his country. Despite knowing the dangers, he saw his training through and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and deployed to Guadalcanal.

The United States had yet to fully expel Japanese forces from Guadalcanal when Lt. Thompson arrived on the island. His first mission was to monitor enemy activity and prepare for a possible counterattack. Unfortunately, the oxygen system in his F4F Wildcat fighter malfunctioned, leaving him unable to pilot his craft.

After being declared "missing in action," Lt. Thompson was awarded the Purple Heart, which was sent to the parents, Lachlan and Ita, back in Moccasin along with other medals for his bravery. After repeated inquiries into the search for their son, the Thompsons were unable to learn more about Gordon's death.

Although postwar searches for Lt. Thompson's remains were unsuccessful, in the summer of 2018, a local man recovered Gordon's Marine identification tag in his garden. After deploying researchers to the area, a team of Department of Defense specialists finally discovered Gordon and his missing aircraft. Lt. Thompson was officially listed as accounted for on July 13, 2022, to the relief of his family and friends. I'm happy to say that he will soon be laid to rest back home in Moccasin, Montana.

Lt. Gordon Thompson's story is that of courage in the face of immense danger. Like many others like him, Gordon carried out his duty

and paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms we all enjoy. I want to thank Lt. Thompson for his bravery in World War II and thank his family for their resilience. I'm proud to acknowledge Lt. Gordon Eugene Thompson for his service, and it is a privilege to honor him and his family in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### HONORING CONCHITA HSU AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Conchita Hsu as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Conchita Hsu has served as the president of the Florida Chapter of Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) since January 2022 and as elder advisor of the Orlando Chapter of International Buddhist Progress Society since January 2017. From 2013 to 2016, she served as the president of the Orlando Chapter of BLIA. Under her leadership, the BLIA chapter has played an active role in the Central Florida community, including leading relief efforts after Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, supporting communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping underserved members of the community, sponsoring local schools, hosting the Abolition 2020-Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration, partnering with local institutes for cultural exchanges, and more. The chapter has been recognized with the Orange County Public Schools' Crystal Awards and the Orange County Mayor's Outstanding Community Service Awards numerous times in the past decade. Conchita also served as principal of the Chinese School of Chinese American Association of Central Florida from 2005 to 2009 and as the chief executive officer of Orlando Guang Ming Academy from 2016 to 2021, promoting Chinese literacy and culture. She has also served as a contributor to the Florida Asia Trend Magazine, volunteered with the Tzu Chi Foundation Central Florida Chapter Outreach Program, and is active as an interpreter for various non-profit organizations as well as for patients in hospitals. She has called Central Florida home since 1996 with her husband David and is the proud parent of two grown sons—who are now a doctor and a college professor—and one grandson.

#### RECOGNIZING MIKE GRIMM

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Mike Grimm and to celebrate his retirement from The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Grimm has dedicated his life to conservation and ecological studies throughout Northeast Wisconsin, and he has been instrumental with my "Save the Bay" initiative since its inception.

Mr. Grimm began his career in the field of ecology and conservation with his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and later a Master of Science in Natural Resource Planning. He joined The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 1991, and later moved to Door County in 1994 to create the "Door Peninsula Project." Since then, he has served as a conservation ecologist throughout the region and has taken part in planning, researching, and restoring different land management projects on behalf of TNC.

Mr. Grimm has been a leader when it comes to TNC's philanthropic missions and has played a pivotal role with land acquisition projects throughout the region as well. He has extensive knowledge of the diverse ecological and biological landscapes of northeast Wisconsin, and he has conducted a significant number of ecological assessments throughout the region. His research and conservancy efforts have been profound, and he has worked hard to preserve and protect our unique northeastern Wisconsin landscapes and wildlife.

Furthermore, Mr. Grimm has been a key component of the Save the Bay initiative since its inception in November of 2015. He led the first Lower Fox Watershed Workgroup meeting for the program in 2016 and has facilitated meetings throughout the region for the past eight years. Mr. Grimm has invested many hours towards this collaborative program and has significantly contributed to its success. He has been instrumental with the formulation of goals and priorities for the initiative, and has played a substantial role with planning, preparation and idea generation.

Mr. Grimm's work throughout Northeast Wisconsin has been nothing short of incredible. His presence at The Nature Conservancy will be missed, as well as his thoughtful leadership at Save the Bay meetings, but the work he has done and projects he started will continue forward and will preserve his legacy. Mr. Grimm's impact on the community will not soon be forgotten and I would like to urge everyone to join me in thanking Mr. Grimm for his great career and his many years of service to Northeast Wisconsin.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FALMOUTH COMMUNITY TELEVISION

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television. Founded on May 31, 1993, Falmouth Community Television is a nonprofit community media center that creates content covering the issues that matter most to the people of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Highlighting oral histories, scientific discoveries at Woods Hole, documentaries, political dialogues, local government discussions, as well as sporting and school events, Falmouth Community Television produces media to represent and serve the local community. Through unfiltered coverage, Falmouth Community Television strives to uplift diverse voices across its platforms and encourage civic engagement and conversations



surrounding public discourse. Whether broadcasting town emergencies and other vital information or working with local nonprofit organizations and community groups to communicate their programs and services, Falmouth Community Television is a pillar of the Upper Cape.

Not only does Falmouth Community Television work to represent the people of Falmouth through the media that it broadcasts, but it also encourages members of the community to participate in the media production process. At the Falmouth Community Media Center, a state-of-the-art facility completed in 2019, people of all ages can take a variety of video production workshops and classes. Using the two production studios, as well as a post-production space, animation suite, audio booth, and podcasting and vlogging set, community members can access and utilize the training and technology necessary to bring their media ideas and concepts to realization. Additionally, Falmouth Community Television offers the Youth Producers Club. This after-school program helps students to develop storytelling skills and learn more about media production and literacy. Across all of Falmouth Community Television's offerings, members can learn more about their community, the television production process, and how to be a critical consumer of media.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the 30th anniversary of Falmouth Community Television, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the organization for its service and wishing Falmouth Community Television all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MARIE RELOSA  
FULLWOOD AS A DISTINGUISHED  
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER HERITAGE  
MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Marie Relosa Fullwood as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Marie "Michi" Relosa Fullwood was born in Baguio City, Philippines to Juancho Alfonso Relosa and Marie Chlupp on December 2, 1983. She graduated from Sta. Clara Parrish School in 2001. Upon graduation, she moved to the United States to join her parents.

After she arrived, she spent the next two years exploring the culture and every opportunity that the country would offer her. She worked many jobs to assist in supporting her family. At the age of 20, she joined a small landscape company that only had two employees. Her responsibilities consisted of but were not limited to implementing cost reductions, handling the accounts receivable and accounts payables, and handling all human resources issues. She later became the landscape designer of the company. Michi did not know how to do any of this. She did not attend college of any sort but her husband Eddie taught her everything she needed to know when it came to running the family business. She credits him and God for this amazing, successful journey.

She is now the vice president of No Limit, Inc. and Eddie is the CEO. They employ almost 100 people and support the \$15/per hour minimum wage initiative. That's the starting pay for each and every employee. In 2018 and 2022, No Limit, Inc. was awarded Business Partner of the Year by the Osceola County School District. No Limit, Inc. continues to support Thacker Avenue Elementary by helping create a garden for the 21st-century program and donating garden supplies for students. They also support staff activities which promotes a positive school culture.

Michi feels she is truly living the American Dream. She says it takes dedication, commitment, and hard work, but it can be done.

In addition to being an entrepreneur, Michi is a loving wife, a mother of two, and a great friend to many. Working at No Limit is her livelihood, but her passion is event planning and decorating. Putting a smile on someone's face is and always will be her ultimate goal.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NON-DISCRIMINATION HOME RULE ACT OF 2023

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Non-Discrimination Home Rule Act of 2023, which would end the unique applicability of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to the District of Columbia. My bill would protect the District's right to self-government, ensuring the District is treated the same as states, and defend LGBTQ+ and reproductive rights in D.C.

RFRA, which provides more protection for religious exercise than the First Amendment requires, applies to the federal government, the D.C. government and the territorial governments, but not to state governments. As RFRA does not apply to the states, under the principles of home rule, it should likewise not apply to the District.

While RFRA was designed to be a shield to protect religious freedom, it is being used, as evidenced by the Supreme Court's 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, as a sword to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community and women. Members of Congress have used RFRA as a justification for trying—but failing—to overturn D.C. non-discrimination laws. House Republicans have repeatedly tried since 2015 to nullify or block the District's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees and their families based on reproductive health decisions, claiming, in part, that it violates RFRA.

My bill would ensure that District residents are treated the same as residents of the states under RFRA. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, 2023, I was unable to be present for

the recorded votes on Roll Call No. 238, 239, and 240. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on H.R. 2792, Small Entity Update Act, as amended; YES on H.R. 2795, Enhancing Multi-Class Share Disclosures Act, as amended; and YES on H.R. 2796, Promoting Opportunities for Non-Traditional Capital Formation Act, as amended.

HONORING MARIA EDUARDO AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL  
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN  
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Maria Eduardo as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Maria Eduardo has been a clinical laboratory scientist (CLS) and AAPI manager for almost a decade in the Veterans Health System. She is a community leader known for her advocacy work in promoting diversity and inclusion. She has been instrumental in creating and implementing the Asian Pacific Island Heritage program in her community.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Maria Eduardo developed a deep appreciation for her country's rich culture and history. Her passion for cultural awareness led her to pursue her master's degree so she could share her knowledge and experiences with others.

Maria Eduardo's interest in the APIH program was sparked by the lack of representation and recognition for the Asian Pacific Islander community in her workplace. She recognized that many of her colleagues from these communities faced discrimination and marginalization due to the lack of understanding and awareness of their cultures.

In response, Maria Eduardo spearheaded the creation of the APIH program, which aims to promote understanding and appreciation of the contributions and experiences of the Asian Pacific Islander community. The program includes educational activities, cultural events, and community outreach efforts. As the founder of the Philippines Association of Medical Technologists, Florida Chapter, she is focused on their recruitment program helping fellow CLS's find job opportunities in the United States.

Under Maria Eduardo's leadership, the APIH program has made a significant impact on the community. It has helped raise awareness of the rich cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Islanders and has provided a platform for members of these communities to share their stories and experiences.

Maria Eduardo's dedication to promoting cultural diversity and inclusion has earned her numerous awards and recognition. She is a sought-after speaker on topics related to cultural awareness and has inspired many others to follow in her footsteps.

Through her work with the APIH program, Maria Eduardo has demonstrated the power of education and community involvement in creating a more inclusive and understanding society. Her legacy serves as an inspiration to all those who strive to promote cultural awareness and acceptance.

# RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUN BABY RUN 5K

## HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Run Baby Run 5K in Oxford, Alabama.

On, August 26, 2023, volunteers and participants will gather for the 10th Annual Run Baby Run 5k at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Alabama. This event is sponsored by Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center's (NEARMC) Obstetrical Unit.

This event began in 2013 as a dream of Shelley Parris's, a postpartum nurse at NEARMC. As the only hospital that services pregnant women for east Alabama, she saw a need in her community. Since the first Run Baby Run 5k in 2013, over \$10,000 has been raised to assist families as they prepare for parenthood. Items provided include: Infant stethoscopes, oxygen blenders, prenatal class digital curriculum, Mamaroo Multi-Motion Baby Swings for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Nursery with infant inserts, OB Education Conference, NAS Recliners for parents and cuddlers, and Bereavement Services Moses Baskets. This community project has brought 21st century care to a rural community.

Mrs. Parris is an example of some of the long-time serving nurses that have given their lives to serve those in Calhoun County and in the surrounding areas, and this project is much more than a fun run to these nurses and the families receiving its benefits. Run Baby Run is unlike any other 5k, as all are welcome to participate, from pregnant mothers to fathers pushing strollers and wagons with toddlers to baby-wearing parents, the community has been supportive and involved.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 10th anniversary of this project and congratulating Mrs. Parris on making her vision come to life to help families as they continue to grow and make a significant contribution to the area.

## SALUTING OUR SOLDIERS OF TOMORROW

## HON. KEITH SELF

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of tomorrow, the service-bound academy students of the Third District of Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people, and it is always an honor to recommend such fine students to our nation's service academies. I know they are ready to join the premier military force of the world. This year, Texas' Third District is going to send nine students to the United States Military Academy; seven students to the United States Naval Academy; nine students to the United States Air Force Academy; and one student to the

United States Merchant Marine Academy. The 26 appointees and their hometowns are as follows:

### U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Ronald De Madet—Frisco. Brian Dyer—Plano, Jaden Fabiani—Plano, Christopher Newton—Richardson, Andrew Nguyen—Murphy, Andrew Smith—Plano, Caleb Smith—Richardson, Prachet Upadrashta—Frisco, Brian Yun—Plano

### U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Tanner Call—McKinney, Ajay Goluguri—McKinney, Daniel Gurevich—Frisco, Chelan McNear—Frisco, Riley Perumal—Prosper, JeaShe Sherpell—Prosper, David Walker Jr.—McKinney

### U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Samuel Adler—Allen, Kailey Blackmon—Plano, Alexander Baum—Murphy, Sophie Kent—Frisco, Kyle Kermes—Anna, Yumin Kim—Frisco, Kim Kyugmin—Plano, William Steen—Plano, Kai Tiede—Frisco

### U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Aidan Graham—Allen

God bless these 26 appointees. God bless America. I salute them.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Jeff Hurt, whose longtime service to Texas and the U.S. Service Academies is to be commended, Jeff exemplifies the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership, which in turn have enabled him to assist in seeking out our next generation of servant leaders to lead our Nation as military officers in training. We commend Jeff for his dedication to our next generation of student military leaders.

## HONORING MELISSA TRAN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

## HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Melissa Tran as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Melissa Tran is a marriage and family therapist and obtained her Master of Arts in 2008. Ms. Tran relocated to Florida from Washington in 2011 when she began serving the Central Florida community as a therapist at the Department of Veteran Affairs. Her early federal career included serving as the region's Asian American Pacific Islander representative with the Vet Center. She also served in various roles for the Florida Family Therapy Alliance from 2014 to 2021, such as in the diversity committee and leadership development team.

Ms. Tran is also the military sexual trauma coordinator and leads initiatives advancing perinatal services at the Orlando VA Health Care System. In 2020, she founded Perinatal Reproductive Education Planning and Resources (PREPARE), which provides comprehensive, accessible, and equitable perinatal care to Veterans. Her contributions to perinatal care for Veterans and their families are trans-

formative, setting a new standard of care and support for some of the most vulnerable populations in Central Florida.

Ms. Tran has received multiple achievements and recognition for her work, some of which include the 2021 Under Secretary for Health's Dr. Robert L. Jesse Award for Excellence in Innovation and the 2023 FedHealthIT Disruptive Tech Change Agent Award. She was also a 2022 Federal Asian Pacific American Council Civilian Awards nominee and was named one of Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Emerging Leaders in 2023.

Ms. Tran is the daughter of Vietnamese immigrants. Her faith and heritage are woven into her identity and practice with the deep need to focus on care for marginalized communities. As a Vietnamese American, wife, and mother of two children, her values are rooted in compassionate kindness as a provider, advocate, and role model for other people of color.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC INSPECTORS FOR SAFE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

## HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" (H.R. 3785) with U.S. Representatives JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA) and SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D-TX). Our bill builds upon the "Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2019," introduced by former Congressman Jose E. Serrano (D-NY).

The "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" would require construction inspections for federally funded highways to be conducted by public employees. Our bill would allow State or local transportation departments lacking sufficient inspectors to contract privately employed inspectors temporarily. Our bill ensures public safety by requiring that all federally funded bridges, tunnels, and roadways are inspected objectively and thoroughly under the highest safety standards. This work can and should be done by skilled, qualified inspectors employed by state and local departments of transportation.

From the delays in building the carpool bridge connecting the San Diego (405) and Costa Mesa (55) freeways to the series of issues that delayed the Bay Bridge, there are numerous examples where outsourcing inspection work to private contractors has undermined public safety, delayed projects, and contributed to cost overruns. Our bill seeks to avoid these potential conflicts of interest, while also mandating public disclosure of any private inspection contracts used by state and local transportation departments when public inspectors are unavailable.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to join us in cosponsoring the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act." As a senior Democratic member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I filed this bill as amendments to the House's 2015, 2020, and 2021 Highway Bills.

HONORING MS. JENNIFER BLAKE  
AS MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jennifer Blake as the Moore County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Blake is a third-grade teacher at Carthage Elementary School. She credits her own student experience as her inspiration for becoming a teacher. Following the example set by her own educators growing up, Ms. Blake works diligently to provide third-grade students with an excellent academic foundation as well as serve as a trusted mentor for students as they develop important life skills. It is imperative that we acknowledge individuals like her who continue to assume the high calling of serving in North Carolina's public schools. As the son of a retired schoolteacher, I have seen the tireless work that educators put into developing our youth for a successful future. I am extremely grateful for her efforts and encouragement which have touched and benefited the lives of so many.

Ms. Blake has led by example throughout her career and has made impactful contributions to our community. Carthage Elementary School is better today because of her passion and hard work. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for her dedicated service to our youth and wish her the best as she continues to educate and inspire those in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Ms. Jennifer Blake for being named Moore County Schools Teacher of the Year.

HONORING ROSALINDA  
TOMIMBANG AS A DISTIN-  
GUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL  
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERIT-  
AGE MONTH.

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Rosalinda Tomimbang as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Rosalinda Tomimbang is a registered nurse with Orlando Health. Her version of the American Dream is unique.

Born in 1956 in the Philippines to a modest family with seven kids, her parents emphasized the value of education. Rightfully so, five of them became nurses. The other two became a doctor and an accounting professional.

Rosalinda received her B.S. in nursing in Manila in 1978. She got married the same year to her high school classmate, Wendell, an electrical engineer.

She gave birth to twin girls in 1980 and another one in 1987. In 1982, along with her twins, she joined her husband in Iraq while he was working with a Kuwaiti company. Iraq was

then at war with Iran. The young family adapted to the war-torn country, braving frequent missile attacks from Iran. Her twins attended the Baghdad International School.

At the end of June 1990, Rosalinda and her daughters came to the United States for vacation. A month later, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Her husband followed, leaving behind everything they had, including several months of pay with his company.

After months of waiting with no end to the situation in sight, her husband started looking for a job. Shortly after, he was offered employment and partnership in a business.

Rosalinda started working in 1991. The first few years were hard for the young couple and Rosalinda took on two jobs. They stressed the value of education to their kids and all of them became successful in their careers. Christi, the elder of the twins, is a civil engineer and project manager. Faye, the other twin, was an aerospace engineer who after more than 10 years with the Space Shuttle Program pursued a career in medicine. May, the youngest, has a degree in engineering and is now an Army warrant officer training as a helicopter pilot.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR JUDY C.  
MINER, Ed.D. ON HER RETIRE-  
MENT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Judy C. Miner, an extraordinary educator and public servant.

Judy Miner was born in San Francisco to immigrant parents. One of five children, she was the first in her family to attend college. She earned a Bachelor's degree in history and French and a Master's degree in history from Lone Mountain College, and a Doctorate in organization and leadership with a concentration in education law from the University of San Francisco.

Dr. Miner has worked in the California Community Colleges for 35 years, and was President of Foothill College for eight years. In 2015 she was named the seventh permanent Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, a post she held with distinction and honor. She has devoted her life to closing opportunity and achievement gaps and to student equity, and she has taken the District to the highest levels of leadership and accomplishment. Because of her tireless dedication, postsecondary education has become accessible and excellent, and her tenure as Chancellor propelled the District to be one of the best in our nation.

Dr. Miner has always invested in the infrastructure that students need to succeed. She increased faculty pay to attract top talent and developed a partnership with the Krause Center of Innovation to help teachers be more effective with students. She advocated for new degrees and fields of study, such as the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy and the Nanny and Family Studies Program. She made students feel welcome with counseling services, vocational organizations and community building programs.

Dr. Judy Miner's work has gone beyond Foothill-De Anza. She is a global leader for

community colleges, representing our country honorably with the American Council on Education and at the International Conference for Community Colleges. Her legacy will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Dr. Judy Miner for her exemplary work in education. She has bettered the lives of hundreds of thousands of students, and her work has made us a stronger community and a greater nation. She is truly a national treasure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD  
GOODMAN

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Donald Goodman, who passed away at the age of 83 on April 29, 2023. Don was a pillar of the community who dedicated his life to supporting youth athletics in Cloverdale.

Born in Mendocino County in 1939, Don grew up in Hopland and graduated from Hopland High School. He later attended Napa Valley College where he met his wife of 63 years, Neva Goodman. The couple later moved to Cloverdale, where in 1971, Don began volunteering with the Cloverdale Little League to coach their son's team. He continued to serve the children of the Little League as the administrator for California District 35, a position he held for 40 years. Don also assisted in the Little League World Series every summer. In recognition of his many years of supporting young athletes' success, he earned the W. Howard Hartman Little League Friendship Award in 2018.

Most notably, Don volunteered as the public address announcer for Cloverdale High School for half a century and was considered "the voice of Cloverdale." Don was known to ensure that every student athlete felt special and empowered when announcing for the football, basketball, baseball, and softball teams of Cloverdale High School. Throughout the seasons, hundreds of young athletes have benefited from Don's generosity, work ethic, and dedication to making a positive difference for others.

Beyond student athletics, Don served on the Cloverdale School Board of Trustees where he demonstrated an exemplary commitment to academics and high-quality education. He also served many years on the Board of Directors for Cloverdale's annual Citrus Fair, helping showcase the bounty and talent of the community.

While he will be greatly missed, Don's legacy will live on through the innumerable positive impacts he has had on his community. Don is survived by his wife and children, Doug, Tom, and Nanci, his four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending deep condolences to Don's family and many friends, and in expressing my deep appreciation for his decades of public service in his community.

HONORING KAMALAKAR SHENAI AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Kamalakar "Kam" Shenai as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Kamalakar "Kam" Shenai emigrated to the United States from India in 1976 with \$208 in his pocket, an engineering degree, a determination to work hard, and a heart full of ambition. Along the way, he earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from UC Berkeley and an MBA in Marketing from RIT.

Mr. Shenai's career started as a salesman in Buffalo, New York, which became a 35-year corporate journey. A span that culminated into being the head of marketing operations for North America at a Fortune 500 company and then chief client officer for a privately held global company.

Mr. Shenai has been a Central Florida resident since 2014 and in his retirement has served on several boards, is on the Kidney Advocacy Committee for the National Kidney Foundation, and is the co-founder of Asian Pacific Islanders Coming Together (ACT).

One of the most notable examples of Mr. Shenai's commitment to making positive change in the AAPI community is his work on ACT, a non-partisan organization. ACT's mission is to engage, educate, and empower the AAPI population to amplify their voice through voter participation.

Mr. Shenai is also involved with the National Kidney Foundation. As a kidney patient himself, he has been an active member of the Kidney Advocacy Committee, where he has worked to meet with federal lawmakers and urge them to support the organization's legislative agenda.

Mr. Shenai lives in Lake Nona, Florida with his wife of 50 years. has two children—a daughter and a son—and is a proud grandfather of four grandchildren.

Mr. Shenai's motto, "Do common things uncommonly well," is a testament to his commitment to excellence and his desire to make a difference in the lives of those around him.

RECOGNIZING NEVILLE RAY, 23 YEARS WITH T-MOBILE USA

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Neville Ray for his thirty years of work in wireless network management, and to congratulate him on his retirement as T-Mobile's President of Technology and Strategic Network Advisor to the CEO.

Throughout his 23 years with T-Mobile, Neville has played a critical role in architecting the carrier's transition from 2G to 5G and leading a best-in-class team. He is responsible for the management and development of the com-

pany's wireless network, technology services, and technology operations.

Neville's colleagues recognize him as a strong, adaptable, and innovative leader. According to T-Mobile CEO Mike Sievert, Neville "takes the crown as the nation's overall network leader" and "has made T-Mobile's network a true competitive weapon." T-Mobile's 5G network was the first to offer coverage in all 50 states, largely thanks to Neville and his team, who anticipated that the 5G era would be won or lost on mid-band spectrum.

Neville has helped T-Mobile achieve numerous company milestones, including the first launch of Wi-Fi calling with a hotspot in 2007, the first launch of video calling using LTE or Wi-Fi in 2015, and the first-ever World Series 5G experiences in 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Neville Ray for his career helping T-Mobile innovate and succeed, and I wish him a happy retirement.

**HONORING THE WOODEN FLOOR**

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of one of the foremost creative youth development nonprofit organizations in the country, The Wooden Floor.

In 1983, Beth Burns, who at the time was a sister with the order of St. Joseph of Orange, founded the organization under the name Saint Joseph Ballet as a summer dance program for at-risk youth. The program was an immediate success, and by 1989, the organization was receiving national recognition and serving 150 students in a donated 4,000-square-foot space in downtown Santa Ana.

In 1998, college scholarship awards were established for the growing number of graduates enrolling in higher education. The following year, the organization grew to a 21,000-square-foot campus with three dance studios, education, and community centers, which were funded by supporters who raised a total of \$6.8 million for the construction and establishment of their Endowment Fund.

By the early 2000s, they grew to serve 375 students with expanding services, including academic assistance, college preparatory guidance, crisis intervention, and intensive dance immersion with leading dance choreographers from around the country.

After over 20 years, founder Beth Burns retired in 2005, remaining connected to the organization and honored as a Board Emerita.

2005 also marked the first year that 100 percent of their graduates enrolled in college, a feat that has continued to this day. In 2009, the organization changed its name to The Wooden Floor, with the tag line "From here, you can step anywhere," to reflect the comprehensive nature of their supportive model.

Locally, The Wooden Floor expanded in 2018 to serve an additional 100 students and their families at a second location in Santa Ana, totaling nearly 500 students year-round who are served from 3rd through 12th grade. Celebrating 40 Years of Impact in 2023, with national and international grants and awards, an innovative brand refresh and the launch of an Endowment Campaign called Step Forward, The Wooden Floor is positioned to pro-

pel young people forward well into the next 40 years through its new mission statement: "To inspire and transform the lives of young people through the power of dance and access to higher education."

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exceptional contributions and achievements of The Wooden Floor.

HONORING ASHOK PATEL AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Ashok Patel as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Ashok Patel was born in Nairobi, Kenya. His grandparents had moved to East Africa from India in the early 1900s. When he was just four years old, Ashok moved with his family to London. There, he directly experienced the challenges of being raised in an ethnic minority community and yet learned to integrate positively into the prevailing British lifestyle. He was deeply attracted to the faith of his forefathers, Hinduism, in particular BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha. Thus, though a brilliant student, he followed his heart and dropped out of college to live a life of study and meditation in India.

After several years, he was asked to begin reaching out to Hindus around the world to elaborate and teach the traditions of the world's oldest religious tradition. Ashok did this with a particular focus on the young and vulnerable. He became a highly respected writer, speaker, and life coach, traveling across the world. He actively coordinated acclaimed international events, such as the Cultural Festival of India held in New Jersey and the All-World Religions Conference sponsored by the United Nations in New York. He has received various awards and felicitations.

Although settled in London, Ashok accepted the challenge of immigrating to the United States. He successfully entered the hospitality and tourism industry and later diversified into the retail grocery trade, actively working with other small businesses to help them succeed.

Today, he owns and manages Prayosha Vacation Homes, an innovative property management company specializing in short-term vacation rentals. Ashok is a director of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce, vice chair of the Small Business Council, president of the Downtown Kissimmee Leads Group, and serves as a voluntary director at Osceola Community Health. As a successful Osceola businessman, Ashok continues to help small businesses succeed.

Ashok is a highly respected leader in the Indian community of Central Florida and is involved in inter-community relations. He is an active volunteer leader of BAPS Charities international.

HONORING DR. ELLEN JUNN

**HON. JOHN S. DUARTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great admiration and respect to honor Dr. Ellen Junn, the esteemed President of Stanislaus State. Dr. Junn's unwavering commitment to excellence in education and her outstanding leadership have had a profound impact on the university community, its students, and California's Central Valley.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Junn has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the transformative power of education. Under her guidance, Stanislaus State has flourished, reaching new heights in academic achievement, student success, and community engagement. Her vision and dedication have paved the way for innovative programs and initiatives that have enriched the educational experience for students and provided them with the tools to succeed in the modern world.

Dr. Junn's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive campus environment is truly commendable. She has championed access to quality education for all, ensuring that every student has an equal opportunity to thrive. By prioritizing the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students, faculty, and staff, she has created a campus that celebrates the unique perspectives and experiences that each individual brings to the table.

Under Dr. Junn's leadership, Stanislaus State has forged strong partnerships with local industries, government agencies, and community organizations. By fostering these collaborations, she has created numerous opportunities for students to gain real-world experience and develop the skills needed to excel in their chosen fields. This commitment to experiential learning has not only enhanced the educational experience but has also strengthened the university's ties to the community it serves.

Dr. Junn's impact extends far beyond the walls of Stanislaus State. She has been an influential voice in higher education, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit all students and institutions. Her leadership has been recognized and respected at the state and national levels, further solidifying Stanislaus State's reputation as a force for positive change in the education landscape.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Junn is known for her compassion, approachability, and dedication to the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. She leads by example, embodying the values of integrity, resilience, and empathy. Her genuine concern for the success and happiness of those around her has created a vibrant and supportive campus community.

As we honor Dr. Ellen Junn, we express our gratitude for her transformative leadership, unwavering dedication, and remarkable achievements. Her vision and passion have made a lasting impact on Stanislaus State and the lives of countless individuals who have had the privilege of being a part of this remarkable institution. We wish her continued success in her future endeavors, knowing that her legacy will continue to inspire and shape the future of education.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EVELYN  
DIXON WILLIAMS**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the remarkable life of Evelyn Dixon Williams, who sadly left us at 107 years old.

As a woman of faith, Evelyn Williams was a leader and lifelong member of New Jerusalem First Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a Deaconess and Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Williams was a compassionate and generous person, regularly visiting home-bound and nursing home residents in the Dania/Liberia community; sharing food, gifts and spiritual encouragement.

Mrs. Williams was active in community organizations such as the Broward Civic Improvement Association, which focused on improved housing and roadways, black business and employment opportunities, and equity in public accommodations. She served in the Order of the Eastern Star—devoted to religious, charitable and educational work. An ardent supporter of education, Mrs. Williams financially assisted area youth in pursuing their higher education and professional goals. She and her husband Alonzo were business owners with rental property and gas stations including a station in Dania.

The Broward County Historical Society and the City of Dania Beach have recognized Mrs. Williams for her many years of community service and activism, which included registering voters and serving as a dedicated elections poll worker for more than 50 years.

Truly an inspiration, Mrs. Williams is remembered for her quiet dignity, kind and generous spirit, and legacy of service to family, church and community. My heart is with her family in mourning the loss of this kind, generous, and compassionate soul. We were forever privileged to have shared this time with her. May her memory be for a blessing.

**HONORING HELEN O'CONNOR AS A  
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL  
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN  
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023, I recognized Helen O'Connor as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Daughters of South-Asian mothers know the pressure for perfection, the grind toward pleasing others, especially mom. Helen's family expected her to follow traditional Filipino ways—for the daughter to stay in her parents' home and take care of them until their passing. Facing potential shame, Helen left. She knew her gifts existed for her community and not for mom alone.

Within an international English school and Valencia College, Helen O'Connor has collaborated with professors, exploring ways to

improve instructional approaches and reflect on unknowingly harmful practices. She actively seeks inclusive approaches to hiring and designs and builds new standard operating procedures that remove overlooked barriers to student success. Helen championed this in PERT outreach programs, emphasizing the necessity for learner-centered activities. This engaged students who had not met qualifying scores in reading or writing and led to 84 percent of attendees making qualifying writing scores and the majority making qualifying reading scores.

Her ripples in the community go beyond Central Florida. Helen joined Writing Center leaders, introducing strategies to incorporate Linguistic Justice with Writing Center directors internationally. She also influenced ways to better center agency to their tutors and students' voices alike. Through her ideas, Helen brings consistency and structure. She normalizes compassion and vulnerability by inviting others to be their authentic selves in the workplace.

By encouraging healing spaces and embracing the complexity of intersectional identities, Helen spreads compassion while building her own path. She didn't stay in her mother's home but brought her mom to hers. She learned the constant pressure and ridicule her mother faced and the struggle between loving one's culture and being shamed because of it. This duality drives Helen, and she works without rest to ensure others can find clarity in their own identity, and above all, their voices.

**HONORING THE FEARLESSNESS,  
PERSEVERANCE AND LEGACY OF  
JAMES "JIMMIE" MATTERN**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of James "Jimmie" Mattern.

Jimmie was born in Freeport, Illinois on March 8, 1905. From an early age, he was fascinated with mankind's newfound ability to take to the skies. His fascination quickly turned to passion, and in 1926, he embarked on his first solo flight. Jimmie spent the next several years as a pilot for cargo, passenger, and stunt planes, before changing course and setting his ambitions on breaking world records.

In June of 1933, less than a year after an attempt at a tandem world speed record that ended with a crash landing in Belarus and a brief imprisonment in a Soviet prison, Jimmie set out from Floyd Bennett Field in New York to complete the first-ever solo flight around the world. Unfortunately, Jimmie once again crash landed in the USSR and had to navigate the frozen wilderness of Siberia before being rescued by nomadic fur traders. This year marks the 90th anniversary of Jimmie's historic solo flight.

Following his awe-inspiring escapades, Jimmie became an international celebrity, spending the next several years touring the world recounting the epic true tales of his adventures.

Jimmie's courageous attempt to challenge the limits of human capabilities inspired a generation of American aviators to reach for new

heights. Quoting astronaut Wally Schirra, Ronald Reagan remarked in a tribute upon Jimmie's death, "We stood on your shoulders to reach the stars." Astronaut Neil Armstrong held similar admiration toward Jimmie, bringing both Jimmie's watch and license into space with him.

During WWII, a patriotic Jimmie Mattern served as the engineering test pilot for the famed Lockheed P-38 fighter jet and invented the "piggy-back" method of training pilots in the single pilot plane, ensuring American aviators were well-prepared to handle the complex and cutting-edge aircraft.

As a result of his remarkable career and impact, Jimmie received numerous honors and awards throughout his life, including being welcomed into the Oval Office by 4 United States Presidents. He also received the Navy League Award and was awarded a one-of-a-kind United States Air Force citation for his work teaching young pilots.

Today, Jimmie's legacy lives on through his 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. His daring attempt to circumnavigate the globe, along with his many other contributions to American aviation, has inspired generations of young aviators to follow in his footsteps. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the life and contributions of James "Jimmie" Mattern.

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT DR. LAURIE  
NICHOLS

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**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laurie Nichols on her retirement. Dr. Nichols is retiring from her current position as President of the Black Hills State University, where she says the highlight of her role was returning to the same region where she began her career nearly 40 years earlier.

Dr. Nichols has also served the education community as President of the University of Wyoming and held leadership roles at South Dakota State University and Northern State University.

During her term as President of Black Hills State University, she expanded the Rapid City campus, strengthened partnerships with the nearby Ellsworth Air Force Base, and continued to build on the academic partnerships with American Indian University of North America.

I am proud to recognize her accomplishments throughout her career and service to her community in South Dakota.

HONORING TOM LIN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2023 I recognized Tom Lin as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Tom's family origins are from the Tai Po and Yuen Long districts of Kowloon in Hong Kong, China. His father was a scientist in the U.S. government who helped direct him to a career path. Tom's academic studies included police science, criminology, and psychology. Tom is married to his wife Paula and has four children.

Tom started in the U.S. government in 1978 working at the FBI in Washington, D.C. He eventually transitioned to law enforcement in 1982 at the Alexandria City Police Department, where stigmatism towards Asians still continued in society. Tom left Virginia and the D.C. area in 1988 and was hired at the Orange County Sheriff's Office, where he presently works.

With over 40 years in law enforcement, his work experience has included general police duties and court appearances. He also worked in vessel handling to include airboats in the Marine unit. Tom was a master diver on a dive/recovery unit, an aviation flight officer, and a fugitive/warrant agent. He also worked in vehicular and economics investigations. Tom's last assignment was a school resource officer for five years and was certified in crisis intervention and firearms instructing.

In 2022, at the direction of Sheriff John Mina, the inception of the OCSO Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Liaison Group came to fruition. Tom accepted a team leader role which continues to this day, with visions of building a stronger relationship between law enforcement and the AAPI community. His success has always been predicated on the strong leadership ranks of the AAPI community that he serves, striving to recognize the growing AAPI community and safety needs. In Orlando/Orange County, Florida the AAPI community numbers around 6 percent of the 1.4 million population, with the state of Florida at 2 percent of 21 million and rising. The outreach and networking through public events had been invaluable.

Tom has been affiliated and member of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce for 15 years and currently serving on the Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 term. He has worked in conjunction with the Orange County Mayor's Office's Orange County Asian Committee, among various other AAPI organizations, to promote further expansion of business networking initiatives and resources which better resonate with the community. Tom looks forward to being a continued resource for AAPI community members in Orange County and Central Florida.

HONORING MS. DEBBIE WARREN AS MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Debbie Warren as the Moore County Schools Principal of the Year.

Ms. Warren is an experienced educator who has devoted her career to fostering excellence in education for the youth in our community. She began her impressive 36-year tenure with Moore County Schools as an exceptional children teacher at Robbins, Westmoore, and Pinehurst elementary schools. She has since served as assistant principal at Southern Pines Elementary School, Pincrest High School, and West Pine Middle School and as a principal at Aberdeen Elementary School and Southern Middle School prior to her position as principal at Carthage Elementary School. In addition to this prestigious award, Ms. Warren was previously recognized as the Pinehurst Elementary School Teacher of the Year as well as the school district's Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year on account of her outstanding service and leadership.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Warren has made a significant impact on our community both as a teacher and an academic administrator. Carthage Elementary School and other schools throughout the district are better today because of her passion, hard work, and dedicated leadership which set an example for all to follow. It is imperative that we acknowledge those who continue to assume the high calling of serving in North Carolina's public schools. As the son of a retired schoolteacher, I have seen the tireless work that these individuals put into developing our youth for a successful future. I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation for her dedicated service and wish her the best as she continues to lead and inspire those in our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating Ms. Debbie Warren for being named Moore County Schools Principal of the Year.

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CONGRATULATING JEWEL WICKS OF INVERNESS, MONTANA FOR HER COMMISSION AS AN ENSIGN IN THE U.S. NAVY

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**HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, each year, countless Montanans answer the call to service and join the ranks of our military. Nearly ten percent of Montanans are veterans, and the Treasure State has a long tradition of protecting our country.

Even in the small towns that dot Montana's Hi-Line, there is no shortage of servicemembers eager to defend our nation. Today I'm proud to announce that my good friend Jewel Wicks of Inverness, Montana is carrying on this tradition and has just been commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.



Jewel graduated from North Star Highschool in neighboring Rudyard before attending the University of Montana in Missoula. After graduating Cum Laude with a major in Psychology and a double minor in International Relations and Global Public Health, Jewel began to consider a career in public service. Jewel's impressive background could launch her into plenty of interesting opportunities, and I'm pleased that she decided on an exciting career with the U.S. Navy and joined their Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Jewel made all of Montana proud this spring, graduating with honors and earning her first commission as an ensign. Jewel's impressive career is a testament to herself, her family, and the entire state of Montana. I will follow her naval career with great interest as she pursues this thrilling new chapter of her life. I want to thank Jewel for her service to this country and it is my privilege to recognize her amazing accomplishments in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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RECOGNIZING DR. JEFFREY RAFN

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 5, 2023*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of retiring Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

(NWTC) President, Dr. Jeffrey Rafn. An exemplary member of the Northeast Wisconsin community who has had an incredible impact on higher education.

Dr. Rafn has held many roles during his 42-year career in education and is now retiring from his 26-year role as the president of NWTC. After earning his Ph.D. in sociology from Boston University, Dr. Rafn served as an educator and administrator throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Dr. Rafn set an incredible bar as an educator and administrator, eventually becoming the State Commissioner of the New Hampshire Community Technical College System before moving to Northeast Wisconsin in 1997 to begin his career at NWTC.

Dr. Rafn's time at NWTC has resulted in many major accomplishments from passing a \$46.6 million building referendum in 2001 to a \$66.5 million building referendum in 2015. During his career, NWTC also became the first college in Wisconsin to utilize e-textbooks and saw significant expansion by creating campus locations beyond just the original Green Bay campus—in Sturgeon Bay and Vlarinette. Dr. Rafn is an innovative leader who spearheaded meaningful advancements that drastically improved the NWTC learning experience for all students.

During his 26 years at NWTC, Dr. Rafn was an inspirational leader who garnered an impressive list of accomplishments and led the institution to new heights. Under Dr. Rafn's leadership, NWTC was recognized by Community College Weekly in 2003 as the fastest

growing large community college in the nation and more recently, in 2021 was recognized as a Leader College of Distinction by Achieving the Dream. Dr. Rafn won the Wisconsin Technical College System Eagle Management Award in 2019 and won the Lifetime Achievement Award from Vistage in the same year. Dr. Rafn's accomplishments throughout his career did not go unnoticed and his lengthy list of awards is demonstrative of that fact. I commend Dr. Rafn for his dedication and commitment to NWTC and to Northeast Wisconsin.

Outside of his responsibilities as president of NWTC, Dr. Rafn has been an active member of the community and has been committed to advancing education in all ways possible. He currently serves or has served on several commissions and boards such as: the Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis Council at UW Madison, the Brown County United Way Board of Directors, the Advisory Board of Community College Research Council at Teachers College at Columbia University, the Executive Committee on Advance Business Development, and many more. Dr. Rafn has truly applied his leadership skills and utilized his profound experience to better his community and higher education.

Dr. Rafn served close to 1 million students and created a legacy that will be admired by educators for years to come. Dr. Rafn's presence as President of NWTC will be missed and his distinguished career deserves the highest degree of recognition. I wish him and his family all the best in retirement.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 3793–3835; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 464–466, were introduced. **Pages H2740–41**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2743–44**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 835, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–87);

H.R. 2608, to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–88);

H.R. 2610, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–89);

H.R. 2793, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–90);

H.R. 2812, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small-and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–91);

H.R. 1579, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–92);

H.R. 2593, to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–93);

H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment” (H. Rept. 118–94);

H.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat” (H. Rept. 118–95);

H.J. Res. 49, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat” (H. Rept. 118–96);

H.R. 1541, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–97);

H.R. 1606, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–98);

H.R. 1644, to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–99)

H.R. 1651, to amend the Small Business Act to establish requirements for 7(a) agents, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–100);

H.R. 1730, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–101); and

H. Res. 463, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 277) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 288) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1615) to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1640) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products", and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–102).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fischbach to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act:** H.R. 835, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws;

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**Accredited Investor Definition Review Act:** H.R. 1579, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Con-

sumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor;

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**National Senior Investor Initiative Act of 2023:** H.R. 2593, amended, to create an interdivisional taskforce at the Securities and Exchange Commission for senior investors;

Pages H2721–23

**Amending the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company:** H.R. 2608, amended, to amend the Federal securities laws to specify the periods for which financial statements are required to be provided by an emerging growth company;

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**Amending the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review:** H.R. 2610, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review;

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**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:** H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby;

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**Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2023:** H.R. 2793, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 245; and

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**Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act:** H.R. 2812, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the costs associated with small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 246.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 62, providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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**Providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents**

**of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 63, providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H2732**

**Providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 64, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Pages H2732–33**

**Senate Referral:** S. 769 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2716.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2731 and H2732.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **REINS ACT OF 2023; SEPARATION OF POWERS RESTORATION ACT OF 2023; GAS STOVE PROTECTION AND FREEDOM ACT; AND SAVE OUR GAS STOVES ACT**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”; H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”; H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”; and H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Gas Stoves Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, and H.R. 1630, the “Save Our Stoves Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 277, the “REINS Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–6 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution further makes in order only those amendments printed in part A

of this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 288, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–7 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule further makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1615, the “Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent

and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1640, the “Save Our Stoves Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in part D of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hageman, Johnson of Georgia, Duncan, Pallone, and Moskowitz.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Providing Clarity for Digital Asset Spot Markets”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States; H.R. 1147, the “Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023”; H.R. 2813, the “Self-Insurance Protection Act”; H.R. 2868, the “Association Health Plans Act”; and H.R. 824, the “Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Listen Here: Why Americans Value AM Radio”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Clean Power Plan 2.0: EPA’s Latest Attack on America’s Electric Reliability”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Uncertain Debt Management: Treasury Markets and Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Examining DHS’ Failure to Prepare for the Termination of Title 42”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part II—Prioritizing U.S. Innovation Over Assisting Foreign Adversaries”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “Government Litigation and the Need for Reform”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Examining the Impacts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Proposed Changes to the North Atlantic Right Whale Vessel Strike Reduction Rule”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Law Enforcement Staffing Challenges at the Border”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, joint hearing entitled “ESG Part II: The Cascading Impacts of ESG Compliance”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the Weather Act: Users of Weather Data and Areas for Improvement by Sector”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “American Ingenuity: Promoting Innovation Through the Tax Code”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Amtrak Operations: Examining the Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Efficiency and Service”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, joint hearing entitled “From Months to Hours: The Future of VA Benefits Claims Processing”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 6

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1615—Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (Subject to a Rule).

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