ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

WORKFORCE DEMOCRACY AND FAIRNESS ACT

(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, in June the National Labor Relations Board, NLRB, proposed a new rule that accelerates the election process for unionization. Union workers would be forced into memberships without having a reasonable time for managers to fully explain the advantages and disadvantages of membership.

This afternoon, under the leadership of Education and Workforce Chairman JOHN CLINE, Congress will vote on the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act, legislation that limits the NLRB’s ability to deny employers and workers the right to a free election, right granted to every American by the laws of our country.

It is time for the President’s National Labor Relations Board to stop focusing on policies that trample over the rights of American workers. I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of our country.

Like every Member of this body, he took an oath to uphold and defend our Constitution. He died while well and faithfully discharging his duties. I think it is fitting and appropriate to honor Gabe Zimmerman with a permanent memorial in the United States Capitol.

I extend the thanks of the whole House to Gabe’s family for their participation in this project.

Let us honor Gabe’s memory by following his example of service to this institution, which remains the direct voice of the American people and their will. So later today, I would ask the House to support the resolution.

Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.

Ms. HOCHUL. Madam Speaker, last week, like millions of Americans across this country, my family and I gave thanks for our blessings, our Nation’s freedom, and for the food on our table—provided by the hardworking farmers of our country and from my district. Now I ask my colleagues to join me in giving thanks for our farmers who make this great harvest possible.

America’s farms are the best in the world. Our food is safer, higher in quality, and more efficiently grown than that of any other country. The labor and innovation of America’s farmers puts food on the tables of not just families here at home, but for hungry people across the world.

As our farmers bring their goods to market in the 21st century economy, they expect to have a 21st century government that will help, not hinder, their business. That’s why I call on the Secretary of Labor to allow farmers to submit their H-2A applications for temporary guest worker online.

New York farmers are increasingly relying on temporary guest workers for the legal labor they need to plant and harvest their crops. This summer, I was absolutely shocked to learn that one of my onion farms in Genesee County had to mail almost 20 pounds of paperwork to the Federal Government in order to participate in this program. There must be a better way.

An online application program would save money for our farmers and our taxpayers, and I urge the Secretary of Labor to swiftly implement this program.

Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.

Ms. HOCHUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the struggle of the 33 million people around the world who are living with this terrible disease. And I rise to celebrate the new and real possibility that we could end AIDS in our generation.

Madam Speaker, this government has funded the PEPFAR fight which brought hope and health to millions of people around the world, and we have funded the research that allows us to say today that we could end AIDS.

Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, an attack on one who serves is an attack on all who serve.

I don’t think I fully understood the meaning of those words until last January’s senseless assault on our fellow citizens and our most fundamental responsibilities. This House responded in prayer and solidarity, reminding the world that no act of violence could silence the sacred dialogue of democracy.

It is in that same spirit that later today we will gather here to honor Gabe Zimmerman, the first congressional staffer to give his life in the line of duty and, God willing, the last.

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Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, 25 million people die around the world, 14 million orphaned children on the continent of Africa alone. This is part of the toll that the human race has borne since the terrible scourge of HIV/AIDS began its deadly work a generation ago.

Tomorrow, December 1, is World AIDS Day.

I rise today to commemorate the millions of brothers, sisters, friends, and children that we’ve lost to this disease. And I rise to celebrate the new and real possibility that we could end AIDS in this generation.

This afternoon, under the leadership of Education and Workforce Chairman JOHN CLINE, Congress will vote on the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.