Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, this weekend the 10-2 University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles are going to be traveling to Houston, Texas, to win the Conference U.S. Championship Game. As a fourth generation Golden Eagle, I would like to place a friendly wager on the victory of the great Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles over the LSU Tigers—a gallon of Mary Mahoney’s famous seafood gumbo—that we will walk away victorious.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Well, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I am a proud Cougar, and as you well know, Cougars are silent, fast, and deadly. We welcome Southern Miss to Houston, Texas, the 12-0 Cougars, and we plan to give you all the barbecue you can eat as we celebrate the victory of the great Cougars, University of Houston, academic and athletic champions. It’s a pleasure to place this wager with you tonight.

Mr. PALAZZO. Well, our Golden Eagles’ talons are going to be out. They’re going to be sharp, and we’re going to rip you all to shreds. I accept your challenge.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Peace in the valley. Victory for the Cougars.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10, REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2011

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112–311) on the resolution (H. Res. 479) providing for consideration of the H.R. 10, 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, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES TAKE ON HOUSTON COUGARS

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

POSTAL REFORM LEGISLATION

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, in fiscal year 2011, the United States Postal Service brought in $65.7 billion in revenue but spent $70.6 billion. When counting a $5.5 billion mandatory payment to fund health benefits, which they would have defaulted on already were it not for the extensions on the payment, the postal service ran a deficit of $10.6 billion.

In an attempt to cut costs, the postal service has announced that it’s considering closing over 3,000 post offices, the large majority of which are rural. By the postal service’s own numbers, they would only save $200 million annually if they were to close each of these post offices.

This is kind of like asking a family of four that makes $65,700 a year and adds $10,600 in credit card, and then only getting $200 from their annual budget to get their finances under control.

Last month I visited the Grubbs and Sedgwick post offices, two of the 100 post offices that are being considered for closure in my rural district. Residents in both towns told me about the important role that their post office plays in their communities.

In order to prevent the postal service from closing any post office that does not have an Alternate post office within 8 miles driving.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, it’s bad enough that the people who control this body aren’t interested in creating jobs for the American people. But now, if people want new leadership in the House, if they want a Congress that will finally focus on job creation, they’re foiled by restrictive election laws designed to suppress the vote.

Guess which populations are disenfranchised by strict photo ID requirements and other barriers to political participation?

It’s not the wealthiest 1 percent. It’s not the affluent and the comfortable. It’s not, frankly, the base of the Republican Party. It’s disproportionately communities of color and low-income families who are having their rights undermined and even stripped away.

These laws, passed across the country in the name of states’ rights, are underhanded. They’re an attempt to consolidate political power. They are unfair, undemocratic. And voting rights are among the most precious privileges that we have as citizens, and they must be protected.