

commonsense legislation that will save American lives. She knows all too well the cost that gun violence takes on our communities and on our families. Like many who serve in this House, she is someone who has attended funerals, comforted, and continues to comfort so many grieving mothers and fathers because of gun violence.

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. KELLY for yielding. Ms. KELLY has been such a stalwart voice for all who are all too often forgotten in what we are seeing happen in this country, a voice for those who are not lost, because sometimes we say “lost to gun violence.” These are not lives that are lost. These are lives that are ripped from us, taken from us, brutally ended.

In the 5 years since the horrific shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, in my district, 170,000 Americans have been taken from us, sons and daughters of this great country, 170,000 souls.

We should just reflect on that, what that means, what each and every one of those people might have done if they had lived.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative KELLY for being a tireless voice, which we need in these challenging times.

Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago tonight, it was cold and snowy in Connecticut. The families of Newtown had picked up their children from school. They were getting ready for the holidays. It was already snowy and cold, no one having any thought on December 12 that, in 2 days, their lives—and America’s lives—would be changed by the reality of what gun violence has done and is doing to this country.

So, tonight, I want to read the names of the 20 children and six educators who were brutally gunned down and murdered in Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut:

Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Rachel D’Avino, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana Marquez-Greene, Dylan Hockley, Dawn Hochsprung, Madeleine Hsu, Catherine Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Anne Marie Murphy, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Lauren Rousseau, Mary Sherlach, Victoria Soto, Benjamin Wheeler, and Allison Wyatt.

Mr. Speaker, we can and we must do better in this great country. We must do better for all those who have been taken from us. We must do better by taking action in this, the people’s House.

The people are watching, the people are waiting, and they deserve that we do our best—and not to honor only with words and silence and prayers, important as those are, but to honor, even more importantly, by taking action to save future lives.

Again, my thanks and my admiration to Representative KELLY for her extraordinary leadership and persistence.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman ESTY for her

words, her commitment, and her voice in making sure that those 26 lives will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I have been reading names for nearly half an hour, and we still have stacks and stacks of names—the names of Americans taken by gun violence—to still read. And, tragically, every day the list of names grows and grows as we do nothing to stop it.

Children are murdered in their kindergarten classroom and we remain silent. Mothers and their children are killed in Cracker Barrel parking lots and we still do not act.

Hadiya Pendleton, a smart, charming, and talented young woman who performed at Barack Obama’s inauguration has been resting for nearly 5 years. How much longer must she wait, Mr. Speaker?

Country concerts, nightclubs, and even a congressional baseball practice have been shooting galleries, and the majority callously often calls for thoughts and prayers and moments of silence.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to crawl out from under the gun lobby checkbook and do something—anything—to save American lives.

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my good friend and colleague, Congresswoman ROBIN KELLY for tonight’s special order hour on gun violence.

Congresswoman KELLY is a stalwart leader against gun violence and serves as a visible, out-front advocate for putting an end to the gun violence epidemic.

Far too many children, families, and communities have been devastated and destroyed by a gun inappropriately in the hands of a shooter.

We have seen far too many deaths, too many young African-Americans with guns, too many killed by guns.

My district in Central Ohio has seen an alarming rise in gun violence.

Just this week, Columbus saw its 130th homicide of the year, which is closing in on an all-time record.

We can and must do better.

I stand with Congresswoman KELLY in her relentless efforts, calling on the Congress to honor victims through action.

We can join together to pass commonsense gun laws—background checks; no fly-no buy; and safety locks.

Gun violence is a health epidemic—one that we cannot address in isolation.

We must fund mental health programs, we must address the needs of urban communities, and we must provide sustainable community and economic development initiatives to reduce violence—like community policing coupled with commonsense gun reforms.

Tonight, Congresswoman KELLY puts a face on the victims of gun violence. I join and salute her for reading the names of victims.

As we read the names, let us remember that, gun violence isn’t a Democrat or Republican issue—it is an American issue requiring an American solution.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 447. An act to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o’clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 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:

3367. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0398; FRL-9971-14-Region 3] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3368. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; 2011 Base Year Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Baltimore, Maryland Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2017-0396; FRL-9971-13-Region 3] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3369. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Nebraska; Approval of Nebraska’s Air Quality Implementation Plan, Operating Permits Program, and 112(1) Program; Revision to Nebraska Administrative Code [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0485; FRL-9971-15-Region 7] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3370. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Emission Reduction Credits [EPA-R04-OAR-2009-0226; FRL-9971-12-Region 4] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3371. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Nebraska; Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Adoption of a

New Chapter Under the Nebraska Administrative Code [EPA-R07-2017-0386; FRL-9971-16-Region 7] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3372. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Missouri; Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2017-0515; FRL-9971-22-Region 7] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3373. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — State of Missouri; Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2015-0356; FRL-9971-21-Region 7] received November 21, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2872. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to promote hydropower development at existing nonpowered dams, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 115-461, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WOODALL: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 657. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2396) to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institutions, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry (Rept. 115-462). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. BUCK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 658. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1638) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4324) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make certifications with respect to United States and foreign financial institutions' aircraft-related transactions involving Iran, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-463). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2872 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills referred as follows:

Mr. WALDEN: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2872. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to promote hydropower development at existing nonpowered dams, and for other purposes; with an amendment; referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than December 12, 2017, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of those committees pursuant to clause 1(m) of rule X, and clause 1(r) of rule X respectively.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. NUNES (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 4616. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a temporary moratorium on the employer mandate and to provide for a delay in the implementation of the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PAULSEN (for himself, Mrs. WALORSKI, and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee):

H.R. 4617. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary moratorium on the medical device excise tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JENKINS of Kansas:

H.R. 4618. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary moratorium on certain taxes affecting purchases of prescription medication; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CURBELO of Florida (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico):

H.R. 4619. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide temporary relief from the annual fee imposed on health insurance providers, to the extent that such fee is due to Puerto Rican health insurance; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. NOEM (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 4620. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide temporary relief from the annual fee imposed on health insurance providers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 4621. A bill to galvanize United States Government programs in support of brain health for global victims of autism, hydrocephalus and Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for con-

sideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 4622. A bill to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries caused by underride crashes, to improve motor carrier and passenger motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ROKITA:

H.R. 4623. A bill to require each Executive agency to reduce the workforce of the agency after the enactment of a law that requires the consolidation or elimination of a program or project within the agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 4624. A bill to amend section 240(c)(7)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the time limit on the filing of a motion to reopen a removal proceeding if the basis of the motion is fraud, negligence, misrepresentation, or extortion by, or the attempted, promised, or actual practice of law without authorization on the part of, a representative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DELANEY (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 4625. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Federal Advisory Committee on the Development and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Education and the Workforce, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE, and Mr. HASTINGS):

H.R. 4626. A bill to preserve knowledge and promote education about jazz in the United States and abroad; to the Committee on House Administration, 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 Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 4627. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize expenditures to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GIBBS:

H.R. 4628. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to allow for modified permits for industrial minerals remaining operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4629. A bill to direct the Department of Transportation to issue regulations to require enhanced security measures for shipments of security sensitive material, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.