H3826

Takano

Taylor

Tipton

Titus

Tlaib

Tonko

(NM)

Trahan

Trone

Turner

Upton

Vargas

Veasey

Wagner

Walberg

Vela

Serrano Sewell (AL) Shalala Sherman Sherrill Shimkus Simpson Sires Slotkin Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Smucker Soto Spanberger Spano Speier Stanton Stauber Stefanik Steil Steube Stevens Stewart Stivers Suozzi

Walden Walker Thompson (CA) Walorski Thompson (MS) Waltz Wasserman Thompson (PA) Thornberry Schultz. Timmons Waters Watkins Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Torres (CA) Welch Torres Small Wenstrup Westerman Wexton Wild Williams Underwood Wilson (FL) Wilson (SC) Van Drew Wittman Womack Woodall Wright Yarmuth Velázquez Visclosky Yoho Young

Zeldin

NOT VOTING-16

□ 1613

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

 \Box 1615

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962 BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SUR-VIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and the majority leader to immediately schedule the Born-Alive bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

REPORT ON H.R. 2745, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGEN-CIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-63) on the bill (H.R. 2745) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Af-

fairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

EXPAND HEALTHCARE ACCESS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, the contrast between Republicans and Democrats on the issue of healthcare could not be any clearer.

Why do Republicans in the Trump administration want to make Americans sick again?

They want to eliminate protections for people with preexisting conditions. They want to take us backward.

Democrats, on the other hand, want to make America healthy.

We want to expand healthcare access. We want to strengthen the Affordable Care Act, and we want to make sure that people with preexisting conditions are not denied insurance coverage.

Madam Speaker, more than 200,000 people in New Jersey who purchased their insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace have preexisting conditions. That is why H.R. 986, the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act, is so important.

It would block the Trump administration's efforts to weaken the Affordable Care Act's protections for preexisting conditions, because there is no going back to healthcare discrimination.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2019

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week, May 12 through 18, as National Police Week 2019.

It is a privilege to take time this week to remember and honor our Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who courageously defend American citizens and protect our communities.

They selflessly put their lives on the line to ensure that this Nation is one of safety and order.

Just this past week, in the First Congressional District of Georgia, this reality hit home when Sergeant Kelvin Ansari passed away in the line of duty while investigating a robbery.

Overall last year, 158 police officers died in the line of duty across the country.

As tens of thousands of police officers gather this week in Washington, D.C., and other cities throughout America, I hope that everyone will take some time to thank these individuals who work to keep us all safe.

To all of our police officers, thank you for your service to our communities. God bless you.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND UKRAINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, how does one define a traitor?

According to Merriam Webster, a traitor is one who betrays another's trust or is false to an obligation or duty.

How does one define a traitor to a Nation?

By this definition, the Trump administration and some of its minions have some explaining to do. While snubbing-and even offending-key U.S. allies, the President and several of his crew have cozied up with Russia time after time.

This certainly doesn't strike me as dutiful.

Well, look at Paul Manafort, his campaign manager, or Michael Flynn, who have chosen to serve their Nation now in Federal prison because of violating the trust of the American people.

This blatant disregard of duty has reached new lows. President Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, recently announced a visit to Ukraine to chase conspiracy theories.

This is a dangerous time for Ukraine. Following a historic election, the Nation is now undergoing a transition of power in the face of Russian invasion.

The House of Representatives is watching. The American people are watching. Pay attention to traitors.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

REBUILDING OUR NATION'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Infrastructure Week, a week to highlight the importance and necessity of rebuilding our country's crumbling infrastructure, thus investing in our own future.

The American Society of Civil Engineers gives U.S. infrastructure a "D plus" with over 56,000 bridges considered structurally deficient, major airports unable to keep up with the demand and outdated water pipelines experiencing an estimated 240,000 water main breaks annually.

In fact, my own district in Central Florida, one of the fastest growing in America, is crisscrossed by Interstate 4. which has been deemed one of the most dangerous highways in the entire Nation.

The need to invest in highway improvements, auxiliary roads, public transportation, and airports is palpable.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, upgrading infrastructure with 21st century technology would benefit all Americans, and can be done in a bipartisan manner.

If we seek to sustain the economic growth witnessed these last 2 years or simply keep our citizenry safe, further expansion of infrastructure hubs is necessary, and we should no longer delay in investing in our future. It is time to build and time for Congress to get to work.

HONORING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, from the moment of their founding in 1882, the Knights of Columbus have made charity their first principle.

Their Liberty Council 1910, based at the parish of the Holy Cross in Bridgeton, New Jersey, is made up of a diverse group of men of the Catholic faith who are guided by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, but particularly, by charity.

A short list of the good works they do includes: blood drives, planning and implementing youth activities, painting the parking lines in their churches, helping the homeless, advocating for the most vulnerable in our society, leading a diaper drive for new mothers in need of assistance, and helping with various fundraisers in the parish.

The Knights are committed to serving their parish, their community, and their country, and they do it without fanfare and without expecting thanks.

I want to thank the men of Liberty Council 1910 and all the local councils for their service to South Jersey, and the National Organization for its service to our great country, the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL DUNLAP

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

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding constituent of the 15th Congressional District, Mr. Bill Dunlap, as he retires from his role as deputy director of the Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board.

Madam Speaker, it is not news that we are facing a drug epidemic in this country. Families from Ohio to Oregon are torn apart by addiction, and we can't hope to overcome this crisis without outstanding individuals on the ground in each of those communities, without people who are compassionate and dedicated to their neighbors, without people like Bill Dunlap.

I have had a chance to see Mr. Dunlap's work firsthand over the years. We have collaborated on drug task forces, and other community initiatives, and I can't say enough about his dedication and commitment to combating the drug crisis.

I can say without a doubt, Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties—and truly, all of southeastern Ohio—are better and healthier places as a result of his efforts.

Madam Speaker, I am incredibly grateful for Bill's service and his leadership. I wish him the best in his next chapter.

ENSURING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, all Americans deserve equal treatment under the law and should have these rights protected, including individuals in the LGBT community.

They should be able to compete equally for jobs, be assured equal opportunity in education, housing, financial, and judicial settings.

At the same time, the free exercise of religious beliefs is a core ideal of our country, protected in the Constitution and through Federal law.

The Equality Act explicitly prevents application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, RFRA. This law was passed nearly unanimously in 1993 by a Democratic House, Senate, and White House.

Congress has never passed a law that shrinks or exempts itself from RFRA. It is critical to ensuring that religious freedom stands a chance of being fully lived out and fairly treated in court.

This week, I will vote for the Equality Act for the broader goals. But before it becomes law, we must do more to ensure religious liberty.

THE EQUALITY ACT ENDGAME

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

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, usually it is easy to identify the endgame for bad policy.

Those who want open borders are looking for more votes. Those who support things like the Green New Deal want to eliminate fossil fuels and American energy strength along with it.

But here is the endgame for the Equality Act, or H.R. 5. It would flip our moral, social, legal, and religious fabric of this Nation upside down.

By erasing the recognition of gender from Federal law, the traditional family, laws, religious beliefs, morality and/or identity gets erased with it.

Madam Speaker, every man and woman in this body are special, and they should vote "no" on H.R. 5.

\Box 1630

THE MUELLER REPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to lead a reading of parts of the Mueller report, otherwise called the "Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election." As I said, it is more commonly known as the Mueller report. It documents widespread and effective foreign intervention to target voters and influence the outcome of the 2016 election.

This operation, led by Russian agents, was a direct attack on our democracy. The report has not been taken seriously by the administration. Even worse, it has been ignored for fear it would somehow minimize President Trump's electoral college victory and bruise his ego.

It is critical that we set the record straight and work to address an ongoing threat that Russia poses to our future elections. My fellow Members and I will be

My fellow Members and I will be reading excerpts taken directly from the report, documenting the Russian campaign to secure a Trump Presidency.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HECK), to read his quote.

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, from volume I, page 14, section 2, entitled: "Russian 'Active Measures' Social Media Campaign," it read as follows:

"The IRA"-which was a Russian troll farm. "The IRA and its employees began operations targeting the United States as early as 2014. Using fictitious U.S. personas, IRA employees operated social media accounts and group pages designed to attract U.S. audiences. These groups and accounts, which addressed divisive U.S. political and social issues, falsely claimed to be controlled by U.S. activists. Over time, the social media accounts became a means to reach large U.S. audiences. IRA emplovees traveled to the United States in mid-2014 on an intelligence-gathering mission to obtain information and photographs for use in their social media posts.'

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for coming.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) to read a quote from the Mueller report.

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, of course I am reading from volume I, pages 22 through 24, inclusive.

"Dozens of IRA employees were responsible for operating accounts and personas on different U.S. social media platforms. The IRA referred to employees assigned to operate the social