

items from Mr. Armstrong's life and career. The museum's yearlong celebration of the *Apollo 11* anniversary culminates this weekend in a series of events, ranging from meet-and-greets with active and retired astronauts to the Run to the Moon 5k and 10k races, special exhibits at the museum, and the grand finale concert.

Mr. Speaker, Neil Armstrong died in 2012 at the age of 82, but the impact of his journey is still felt today in rural Auglaize County, Ohio, and throughout the world.

I am pleased to join the people of Wapakoneta in celebrating the man who took a small step but left a giant legacy.

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END SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate an important milestone in the fight to protect patients from unfair and expensive surprise medical bills.

For too many middle-class families, receiving an unexpected and very expensive bill from an out-of-network provider is devastating and can lead to severe anxiety, depression, and financial ruin.

That is why, yesterday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed H.R. 3630, the No Surprises Act, a bill that will protect millions of hardworking Americans from receiving a surprise medical bill through no fault of their own.

I am fighting to end surprise medical bills once and for all. The No Surprises Act includes my bipartisan amendment to create an independent arbitration process that keeps patients out of the middle and off the hook for surprise medical bills.

As an emergency medicine physician, my life's work has been about putting patients first, and I am still fighting to put their health above all else.

I thank Chairman PALLONE for leading an open, inclusive, and collaborative process that has brought us one step closer to a bipartisan solution that protects patients and ends surprise medical bills.

WORK ON KITCHEN-TABLE ISSUES

(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 Matthew in the New Testament, it talks about: "You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit."

Mr. Speaker, the tree of the House of Representatives hasn't borne much fruit this week. At a time of hurricane

and floods, the continued border crisis exacerbated by inaction on properly defining "asylum" or "legal immigration," instead of the kitchen-table issues families sent us to work on, we get impeachment questions that, for all the hype, barely mustered one-fifth of House votes to not table that discussion. Next week is another round of Robert Mueller, after 2 years and tens of millions of dollars of drilling a dry well.

Mr. Speaker, for those who watch this House, our constituents, to actually feel embarrassed by its governing, even causing our Speaker pro tempore to abandon the Chair—out of privilege, I believe—over this infighting, we have some serious self-contemplation and soul-searching to do as a body to uphold the dignity of this institution, not just change the rules to support the inappropriate language of its leaders of this House or attack our close ally Israel with a BDS resolution.

Mr. Speaker, we will be recognized by the fruits we produce in this body.

RAISE THE WAGE ACT

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 492, I call up the bill (H.R. 582) to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 492, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor, printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of House Report 116-155, is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 582

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 "Raise the Wage Act".

SEC. 2. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) except as otherwise provided in this section, not less than—

"(A) \$8.40 an hour, beginning on the effective date under section 7 of the Raise the Wage Act;

"(B) \$9.50 an hour, beginning 1 year after such effective date;

"(C) \$10.60 an hour, beginning 2 years after such effective date;

"(D) \$11.70 an hour, beginning 3 years after such effective date;

"(E) \$12.80 an hour, beginning 4 years after such effective date;

"(F) \$13.90 an hour, beginning 5 years after such effective date;

"(G) \$15.00 an hour, beginning 6 years after such effective date; and

"(H) beginning on the date that is 7 years after such effective date, and annually thereafter, the amount determined by the Secretary under subsection (h);";

(b) *DETERMINATION BASED ON INCREASE IN THE MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE OF ALL EMPLOYEES.*—

Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h)(1) Not later than each date that is 90 days before a new minimum wage determined under subsection (a)(1)(H) is to take effect, the Secretary shall determine the minimum wage to be in effect under this subsection for each period described in subsection (a)(1)(H). The wage determined under this subsection for a year shall be—

"(A) not less than the amount in effect under subsection (a)(1) on the date of such determination;

"(B) increased from such amount by the annual percentage increase, if any, in the median hourly wage of all employees as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

"(C) rounded up to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

"(2) In calculating the annual percentage increase in the median hourly wage of all employees for purposes of paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shall compile data on the hourly wages of all employees to determine such a median hourly wage and compare such median hourly wage for the most recent year for which data are available with the median hourly wage determined for the preceding year."

SEC. 3. TIPPED EMPLOYEES.

(a) *BASE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED EMPLOYEES AND TIPS RETAINED BY EMPLOYEES.*—Section 3(m)(2)(A)(i) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(m)(2)(A)(i)) is amended to read as follows:

"(i) the cash wage paid such employee, which for purposes of such determination shall be not less than—

"(I) for the 1-year period beginning on the effective date under section 7 of the Raise the Wage Act, \$3.60 an hour;

"(II) for each succeeding 1-year period until the hourly wage under this clause equals the wage in effect under section 6(a)(1) for such period, an hourly wage equal to the amount determined under this clause for the preceding year, increased by the lesser of—

"(aa) \$1.50; or

"(bb) the amount necessary for the wage in effect under this clause to equal the wage in effect under section 6(a)(1) for such period, rounded up to the nearest multiple of \$0.05; and

"(III) for each succeeding 1-year period after the increase made pursuant to subclause (II), the minimum wage in effect under section 6(a)(1); and"

(b) *TIPS RETAINED BY EMPLOYEES.*—Section 3(m)(2)(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(m)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of the matter following clause (ii), by striking "of this subsection, and all tips received by such employee have been retained by the employee" and inserting "of this subsection. Any employee shall have the right to retain any tips received by such employee"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: "An employer shall inform each employee of the right and exception provided under the preceding sentence."

(c) *SCHEDULED REPEAL OF SEPARATE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED EMPLOYEES.*—

(1) *TIPPED EMPLOYEES.*—Section 3(m)(2)(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(m)(2)(A)), as amended by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended by striking the sentence beginning with "In determining the wage an employer is required to pay a tipped employee," and all that follows through "of this subsection." and inserting "The wage required to be paid to a tipped employee shall be the wage set forth in section 6(a)(1)."

(2) *PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.*—Subsection (i) of section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206), as amended by section 5, is further amended by striking "or in accordance