

And I heard from John in Madrid, who discovered his insulin refills literally cost more than the price of gold if you broke it down by price per ounce.

That is why I am supporting H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act. Iowans and Americans can't wait any longer. Every dollar spent on overpriced drugs is stealing money away from someone's retirement, from someone's college fund, and from buying a home, and it is putting someone's life at risk.

We must act now and pass and support the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

In a 1987 speech in West Berlin, President Ronald Reagan famously declared: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

For nearly 30 years, East and West Berlin were separated, both physically and ideologically.

On November 9, 1989, freedom prevailed. East Germany's communist government and the Berlin Wall, one of the starkest symbols of the Cold War, would fall.

That evening, on a West German television channel, reporter Hanns Friedrichs proclaimed:

This 9th of November is a historic day. East Germany has announced that, starting immediately, its borders are open to everyone.

While East and West Germany would not officially unify until the following year, East and West Berliners rushed to the Brandenburg Gate to celebrate this historic moment that would lead to the end of the Cold War.

Let today serve as a reminder that freedom is always worth fighting for.

REPRESENTING NEW YORK'S 25TH DISTRICT

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago today, I took the oath of office and was sworn in as a Member of the United States House of Representatives.

It is truly the honor of a lifetime to represent New York's 25th District, and I am grateful every day for the opportunity to serve the community I love.

I am so proud of the work we have done in the past year to improve the lives of everyday Americans. The House has passed landmark legislation to create universal background checks on all gun sales. We are taking action to lower the cost of prescription drugs

and make healthcare more affordable for working families. We are fighting to protect our climate, strengthen our economy, close the gender pay gap, and ensure everyone has access to a quality education.

Back home, I am working with community partners on strategies to reduce poverty and give opportunity to all of our citizens.

I am proud of our work, but there is so much more still to be done, and I look forward to another year continuing my work for the people of my community and the people of the United States.

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KEEPING SOLEMN PROMISE TO NATION'S VETERANS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, we gathered around the country to honor our veterans to whom we owe a tremendous debt. But sentiments expressed at parades and ceremonies ring hollow if we don't follow our good words with meaningful deeds for those who have served and sacrificed so much.

Although the VA has countless care providers and employees who have dedicated their careers to veterans, they work in a system that has serious problems that must be addressed quickly.

It is unacceptable that the health network for more than 9 million veterans has remained on the High-Risk List of Federal agencies prone to deficiencies and waste. That is why I introduced the Reducing High Risk to Veterans and Veterans Services Act with my colleague, General BERGMAN, to improve the management and care at the VA.

It is also unacceptable that the VA has not met the needs of a growing number of women veterans. I introduced legislation with Congresswoman STEFANIK that will ensure the VA is equipped to provide women veterans with life-changing prosthetics as part of the Deborah Sampson Act.

We made a solemn promise to our veterans, and we should be working together every day to fulfill that promise. These pieces of legislation are an important step forward, and I thank my colleagues for supporting these bipartisan bills.

ENACT GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION TO PROTECT POLICE, CITIZENS

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

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, on June 13, a gunman from another State sat in the parking lot of Tamaques Elementary School in my district, armed with a loaded .45-caliber handgun, hol-

low-point bullets, and 130 rounds of ammunition.

Because of the quick work of the Westfield Police Department of New Jersey, the gunman was disarmed and taken into custody. Officers Jeffrey Johnson, Michael Pollock, Joseph Habeiche, Elizabeth Savnik, and Tiffany Kenny, along with Detectives Nicholas Bruno and Jason Merritt, prevented what could have been a devastating tragedy.

I am eternally grateful for their brave and swift actions, and I am proud to recognize them this month as they are honored with the New Jersey PBA's Unit Citation Award for their heroism.

Mr. Speaker, police officers are the good guys with a gun in America. They are the good guys with a gun.

How many times do we have to experience these tragedies and close calls before Congress finally acts to protect them and us by keeping dangerous weapons from falling into the wrong hands?

The House has passed sensible gun safety legislation that will save lives. It is time for the Senate to act.

TRUMP-ERDOGAN MEETING SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, it is an outrage that President Trump has honored President Erdogan today with a meeting at the White House.

During his infamous May 2017 visit to the White House, Erdogan dispatched his thugs to beat up peaceful protesters at Sheridan Circle here in the Capital of the United States of America, demonstrating before the world his contempt not only for human rights but for the rule of law in our country. He should have been banned from America until he makes all of his victims whole.

This time, his visit coincides with Turkey's savage military campaign in northern Syria, an invasion that has killed hundreds of civilians, displaced and driven from their homes over 160,000 people, threatened our national security, and produced a massive humanitarian crisis.

Just weeks ago, the U.S. House passed H.J. Res. 77 and H.R. 4695, the Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act, which denounced Turkey's military actions against the Kurdish people in northern Syria.

We also cannot overlook Erdogan's continuing oppressive actions against the Turkish people. He has executed a campaign of repression against anyone who dares disagree with his barbaric policies.

This meeting should not be taking place.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

FOUNDATION OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION CHARTER AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2019

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1663) to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1663

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 "Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION.

Section 70501 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 70503 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

"(a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws."; and

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

SEC. 4. GOVERNING BODY.

Section 70504 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 70504. Governing body

"(a) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the exercise of, the powers of the corporation. The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the bylaws.

"(b) **OFFICERS.**—The officers and the election of the officers are as provided for in the bylaws."

SEC. 5. RESTRICTIONS.

Section 70507 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 70507. Restrictions

"(a) **STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.**—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

"(b) **POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.**—The corporation or a director or officer in his or her corporate capacity may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

"(c) **DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.**—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment, in amounts approved by the board of directors, of—

"(1) reasonable compensation; or

"(2) reimbursement for expenses incurred in undertaking the corporation's business, to officers, directors, or members.

This subsection does not prevent the award of a grant to a Federal Bar Association chapter of which an officer, director, or member may be a member. This subsection also does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the corporation's employees for services undertaken on behalf of the corporation.

"(d) **LOANS.**—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, member, or employee.

"(e) **IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.**—Members and private individuals are not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

"(f) **CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.**—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities; it may, however, acknowledge this charter."

SEC. 6. PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

Section 70508 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking "the District of Columbia," and inserting "a United States location decided by the board of directors and specified in the bylaws."

SEC. 7. SERVICE OF PROCESS.

Section 70510 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 70510. Service of process

"The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of the State or District in which it is incorporated."

SEC. 8. DEPOSIT OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION.

Section 70512 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 70512. Deposit of assets on dissolution or final liquidation

"On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets of the corporation remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the charter and bylaws."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am proud to have served as the lead Democratic cosponsor of this bill introduced by my friend from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT), H.R. 1663, the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act of 2019.

The Federal Bar Association serves as the primary voluntary bar association for attorneys, both in the private and public sectors, practicing in Federal courts. This bill will permit the FBA Foundation to better fulfill its role as the only institution in America chartered by Congress to promote the Federal administration of justice, the advancement of Federal jurisprudence,

and the practice of law in the Federal courts by providing it with the organizational flexibility that it needs to fully meet its contemporary mission.

The original 1954 charter created a framework that has served FBA for the last six decades. During these years, the foundation has indeed strengthened Federal jurisprudence, advanced legal education, and promoted effective legal practice. The organization's initiatives have also directly improved the lives of our people.

For example, one community outreach program, the Wills for Veterans Initiative, is a pro bono project where FBA chapters provide the drafting of wills and signing services for veterans in their communities. I know a number of my constituents who participate have found great fulfillment working on this project, just as many veterans have benefited from it.

Another initiative establishes a mentorship program for law students to work alongside experienced attorneys.

The current charter must be amended to allow the organization greater flexibility of operation and growth.

For example, the existing charter codifies strict membership and governance requirements that constrain member development and nimble governance of the organization. This rigidity presents serious challenges as the organization seeks to expand its critical charitable and educational initiatives.

H.R. 1663 makes technical fixes to the charter that will give the FBA the needed flexibility in the new century. In the place of legislatively fixed membership criteria, it permits the FBA to proactively establish and update membership criteria through the bylaws process. Similar provisions authorize enhanced flexibility in the composition and duties of the members of the board.

In general, this measure would enable the FBA to swiftly meet its needs and improve the administration of Federal justice.

A similar version of the bill was introduced last year, which was passed by this body on a voice vote, but it did not pass in the Senate for various reasons. One was that the language in the bill's proposed nondiscrimination provision did not explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity, as most of the new anti-discrimination legislation does.

To that end, I am very pleased that the Federal Bar Association took it upon itself to amend its own bylaws on April 18 of this year to include the following language: "The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin."

As a cosponsor of the Equality Act, introduced by the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE), my good friend, I fully support equal rights for all. The proactive amendment of the FBA bylaws, I believe, makes clear the