

the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5277

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 442 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 442. Government Publishing Office**

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the terms ‘diversified’, ‘employee benefit plan’, ‘holdings’, ‘mutual fund’, and ‘unit investment trust’ have the meanings given those terms under section 2640.102 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto; and

“(2) the term ‘printing-related interest’ means an interest, direct or indirect, in—

“(A) the publication of any newspaper or periodical;

“(B) any printing, binding, engraving, or lithographing of any kind; or

“(C) any contract for furnishing paper or other material connected with the public printing, binding, lithographing, or engraving.

“(b) OFFENSE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Director of the Government Publishing Office, Deputy Director of the Government Publishing Office, nor any of their assistants as determined by the Director of the Government Publishing Office shall not, during his or her continuance in office, have any printing-related interest.

“(2) EXCEPTION FOR MUTUAL FUNDS, UNIT INVESTMENT TRUSTS, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS, AND RETIREMENT PLANS.—It shall not be a violation of paragraph (1) for an individual who is described in such paragraph to have an interest in a diversified mutual fund, diversified unit investment trust, employee benefit plan, investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, or pension plan established or maintained by a State government or any political subdivision of a State government for its employees that has 1 or more holdings that are printing-related interests if the fund, trust, or plan does not exhibit a practice of concentrating in printing-related interests.

“(3) AUTHORITY OF SUPERVISING ETHICS OFFICE.—The supervising ethics office for the Government Publishing Office under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) shall have the authority to issue rules and promulgate regulations governing the implementation of this subsection.

“(c) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (b)(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 23 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 442 and inserting the following:

“442. Government Publishing Office.”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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**HONORING THE VANGUARD  
THEATER COMPANY**

(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, I rise today to honor a small group of artists with big dreams, the Vanguard Theater Company.

The company began in Maplewood, New Jersey, 4 years ago with one goal: It wanted to increase diversity in theater acting, directing, and training. The company is based on a dream of diversity, reciprocity, education, awareness, and mentorship, with a strong emphasis on mentorship.

Vanguard has run several programs and camps to connect young artists with skilled performers. Recently, it received a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The grant will fund acting lessons for 40 students. Then these new actors will put on shows for hospital patients, senior citizens, and children across the area.

I am proud of the Vanguard for encouraging youth of color to pursue their dreams in theater, and I wish them all the best.

**MEDICARE ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS  
PATIENT-CENTERED  
CARE**

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5262, the Medicare Orthotics and Prosthetics Patient-Centered Care Act, a bill I am happy to cosponsor with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON of California.

After being seriously injured, the last thing any individual should be worried about is further hardships like financial stress or fraud. I have seen these challenges firsthand, having served many years as a therapist and a licensed nursing home administrator.

I am proud to cosponsor this bipartisan bill to help mitigate these burdens in the O&P sector and ensure these individuals have access to quality, affordable orthotics and prosthetics.

The Orthotics and Prosthetics Patient-Centered Care Act aims to:

Ensure truly off-the-shelf orthotics are eligible for competitive bidding;

Prohibit the practice of drop shipping prostheses and custom orthoses to Medicare beneficiaries;

Create requirements that better distinguish orthotists and prosthetists from suppliers; and

Standardize the definition of orthotics and prosthetics.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5262 to ensure quality orthotic and prosthetic care for Medicare patients and better protect these individuals from fraud.

**LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW**

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Too many hardworking families and seniors in Illinois can't afford the rising costs of prescription drugs. We must rein in these outrageous prices. That is why I am proud to cosponsor this bill.

When I walk the supermarket aisles and I talk with folks back home, who also write me notes and send them to my office, the stories about the high cost of drugs are absolutely shocking. Let me share a couple of them with you.

In Stronghurst, one woman's medication spiked from \$23 to \$98, more than a 300 percent increase, for no apparent reason.

In Andalusia, another person's insulin jumped from \$365 to \$538 every single month, more than \$2,100 increase over the year.

And several counties away, in Pekin, Illinois, a senior saw his insulin skyrocket from \$333 to \$830 per month, a 250 percent increase—again, no explanation.

We must do more to make prescription drug prices more affordable and lift this unfair burden on families. This bill would do just that. I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill.

**RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF  
JAMES BERRONG**

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize our Blount County Sheriff, James Berrong, who is celebrating his 30th year in office.

Since 1989, Sheriff Berrong and his deputies have served the community by maintaining safe neighborhoods, providing outstanding emergency service, and busting lawbreakers.

Sheriff Berrong successfully advocated better pay for his deputies and has prioritized hiring and retaining an excellent deputy force. Under his leadership, Blount County continues to be a safe place to live and raise a family.

Sheriff Berrong and his deputies remain focused on guaranteeing safety at religious institutions and schools, increasing the Sheriff's Office's presence when necessary.

Additionally, he ensures that sex offenders and human traffickers are held accountable. Sheriff Berrong has effectively led the crackdown on these dirtbags, and the Blount County Sheriff's Office has gained a reputation as one of the best law enforcement agencies, if not in the State of Tennessee, in the entire United States of America, for dealing with sex-related crimes.

It is my honor to recognize Sheriff Berrong for his outstanding career as Blount County Sheriff. I know I speak for many in east Tennessee when I

thank him for his continued service to our community.

#### SUPPORTING HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to celebrate and recognize the importance of educational opportunities at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, creating opportunities for thousands of young men and women, many of them first-time college attendees. I am delighted to have Texas Southern University in my congressional district and, as well, to have Prairie View A&M in the near area.

I was very instrumental in getting Hurricane Harvey relief dollars and financial aid relief for students at the campus of Texas Southern University in the amount of \$13 million and to be able to help digitize the projects for former U.S. Members of Congress Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland.

As well, I remember working with Prairie View A&M when they helped establish a very grand criminal justice center that is educating many young people.

But I am really here to support the FUTURE Act, Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education, supported by the House and passed out of the House on September 17, 2019.

Unfortunately, this bill is held up in the Senate. This House bill is much better. We support the House bill and would ask the Senator from Tennessee to do what he should do, which I believe he has done: to make sure that bill goes out, and goes out as the House bill.

This is a bill to focus on STEM and to create opportunities for our young people. I support HBCUs and opportunities for those young people.

#### CONGRATULATING ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN, JR., 2019 ROTARY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert C. Zimmerman, Jr., on being named the 2019 Person of the Year by the Rotary Club of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. This recognition is well-deserved for someone who has exemplified the attributes of public servant leadership in our community for over 50 years.

Bob began his service to our community by serving our country in the United States Marine Corps, then later in the U.S. Army Reserve. His service also includes active work in community organizations like the United

Way, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Sunbury Area Community Foundation.

For the last 43 years, Robert has been working in his family business, Zimmerman Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM, where he continued Zimmerman's long tradition of treating customers like family.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I again congratulate Robert C. Zimmerman, Jr., on being named Person of the Year by the Rotary Club of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

#### CONGRESSIONAL UKRAINE CAUCUS MEETINGS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, bipartisan support for the U.S.-Ukraine longstanding strategic partnership remains resolute.

Ukraine is the nation on the scrimmage line for liberty in Europe. And as I speak, Ukraine's armed services are protecting Europe's eastern flank from Russian aggression. Its people have made their commitment to democracy clear in its most recent elections, and over 14,000 Ukrainians have now died fighting Russia's illegal invasion.

Tomorrow, the Congressional Ukraine Caucus will join the Atlantic Council in hosting a half-day bipartisan, bicameral conference, entitled, "U.S. Strategic Interests in Ukraine." It will be held tomorrow at 11:30 in the Visitor Center Meeting Room North. I encourage my colleagues to come and spend a few minutes with us.

I am also pleased to host a roundtable with extraordinarily brave, award-winning Ukrainian journalist Myroslava Gongadze tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the morning in Rayburn 2362B.

Following the brutal murder of her husband, Myroslava tirelessly pursued justice on his behalf in the European Court of Human Rights and now serves as the Voice of America's chief for Ukrainian service.

Madam Speaker, I kindly invite all my colleagues to attend these important sessions.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF GERALD BRENCE

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Gerald Brence, the athletic director for the Plano Independent School District, for 39 years of dedicated service to the students and athletes in Plano, Texas.

Before earning the title of athletic director in 2007, Gerald Brence served as the head coach of the Plano Senior High School football team from 1992 to 2007. During his tenure, the Plano Sen-

ior Wildcats secured a State championship title in 1994 and made five trips to the State quarterfinals. One of the most winning coaches in Plano Senior High's history, Coach Brence has earned the respect and admiration of those around him.

Under his steadfast leadership as athletic director, Plano ISD earned State championships in seven different sports, including golf, tennis, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, and girls basketball.

Our community is proud of Director Brence's leadership within Plano ISD, and we are grateful for the countless lives he has inspired throughout his career. Now, upon his retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Director Gerald Brence for his dedication to Plano ISD.

#### SUPPORT UKRAINE AND COUNTER THE RUSSIAN BEAR

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, earlier tonight, the Democrat leadership of this House put to the floor a resolution, H. Res. 546, to state that Russia should not be allowed to officially rejoin the G7. That resolution calls out the President's desire to reengage with Russia in the G7 in an attempt to put Republican Members in the House in a false debate between supporting the President and supporting Ukraine's sovereignty.

Madam Speaker, there is no debate, at least not in the Republican Conference. As we all have voted before:

Russia must restore Ukraine's borders;

The United States must continue to provide military aid to Ukraine to withstand Russian aggression;

The United States must continue to assist our European allies in resisting Russian influence; and

The United States must continue to sanction the irresponsible regime of Vladimir Putin.

In all these policies, President Trump has actually gone further than President Obama: sanctions have increased; military aid has been elevated to include lethal weapons.

I strongly support the President's policies to continue to support Ukraine and counter the Russian bear.

Madam Speaker, NATO—where the President is over, today, working in London and remarked that NATO has become stronger—did not become a strong alliance by having the House of Representatives constantly undercut the Commander in Chief.

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#### RECOGNIZING HOLLY VEGA

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