Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

The House met at 5 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend William Gurnee, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, this day we come humbly before You and ask Your blessing upon our country and this Congress. In Your goodness, be present to our citizens and allies who are far from home and seeking safety.

May our elected leaders make it their aim to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Finally, Dear Lord, give the Members of this body passion for their cause, eloquence in debate, and respect for those with whom they disagree.

Most especially, grant them, at the end of the day, the certain knowledge that they have served their country well.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. FEENSTRA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FEENSTRA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

GET THE VACCINE

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, the coronavirus has gotten to levels in Memphis not known since last January; it is dangerous. Fortunately, today, the Pfizer vaccine was given final full approval by the FDA for all people 16 and over.

This weekend, Phil Valentine, a conservative radio host in Nashville, passed away. Also, one of the greatest football players in Memphis, Danton Barto, 50 years of age, passed away. Both passed because they got COVID; neither had the vaccine. Both said toward the end of their life they wished they would have encouraged everyone to get the vaccine.

I ask you, please get the vaccine. Let America continue its activities and culture and lifestyle as we have known it in the past.

RESTORE THE PROMISE AND POWER OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 4. I stand in support of democracy. Earlier this month, the House Administration Subcommittee on Elections, on which I
serve, released a report documenting voter suppression following the Shelby decision. We detailed the ongoing onslaught on our freedom to vote.

To those that claim that voting is already accessible to all, read the report, open your eyes to the experience of minority communities who face endless barriers to the ballot box.

After Latinos, Native Americans, and Black Americans voted in historic numbers, State legislators moved to restrict voting in State after State. We have a constitutional duty to act. We must pass H.R. 4 to restore the promise and power of the Voting Rights Act.

Madam Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues to join us. Taking away equal access to the polls and defunding voter suppression is not partisan, it is un-American.

HONORING MARY SUE MIXON

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding woman of God, Mrs. Mary Sue Mixon. Mrs. Mixon will celebrate her appointment as a distinguished Sunday school teacher at the Mountain Gap Church in The Rock, Georgia.

Mary Sue Mixon is a native of Pike County, Georgia, and has taught Sunday school classes for adults, preteens, and primary classes for over 40 years. Beyond simply reading her weekly lessons to the fourth through sixth grade students, she has dedicated herself to sharing the full knowledge, love, and relationship she has with Christ, and has enabled countless others to walk with Him.

Mary Sue is a revered teacher and a humble community leader, but above all, she is a faithful servant of God. She has sacrificed too much in her life, but none of it would be possible without the grace of the Lord, and the love and support of her family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today, along with the congregation of Mountain Gap Church, and the residents of Georgia’s Third Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mary Sue Mixon on this joyous occasion.

BUILD BACK BETTER AGENDA

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, the Build Back Better agenda is simple, it tackles the biggest challenges facing working families by investing in what Americans need, from physical infrastructure to education and child care.

The feedback from my constituents has been clear, they need a hard infrastructure bill, but we can’t stop there. Pennsylvania has more than 3,000 bridges and 7,500 miles of highway in poor condition. The infrastructure bill includes $11 billion for our highways and the largest bridge investment since we built the interstate highway system. It will provide good jobs and lower costs to businesses.

But we must push with roads and bridges if we want America to succeed in the 21st century. Most Pennsylvanians can’t afford quality child care. The budget resolution would provide access to safe, reliable, high-quality care. We need to rebuild our public schools to construct affordable housing. We need to lower prescription drug costs and expand Medicare to include dental, hearing, and vision.

Each of these investments will help working families and allow everyone, not just the rich, to participate in the 21st century economy.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to passing this historic legislation.

RECOGNIZING COLTON GRAFFIN

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colton Griffin, a third grader from Moville, Iowa. After his classmate and friend, Hope, passed away in a tragic accident, Colton wanted to make sure her bucket list made it to the fair.

That is when he came up with this great idea to help his whole class help show her calf, Taffy. I had the pleasure of meeting Colton, and his dad, Cody, at the Iowa State Fair last week, and they truly embody “Iowa Nice.”

Supporting our friends and neighbors in tough times is one of the things that makes Iowa so special. With a heart that big, I know Colton is going to do great things.

Madam Speaker, may God bless Colton and his friend, Hope, and his family. May God bless.

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

(Ms. WEXTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise in gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the brave troops, diplomats, aid workers, and others who served in Afghanistan over the last 20 years, and for those who are still there on the ground working heroically to defend and evacuate American civilians and our Afghan partners.

Madam Speaker, I remain deeply concerned about the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, and I am calling on the administration to use every available tool to ensure that we not only protect and evacuate American personnel, but as many of our Afghan partners as possible.

I applaud the administration for picking up the pace of evacuations over the weekend and for expanding the perimeter around the airport in Kabul in order to increase access for evacuees and to avoid the developing humanitarian crisis.

But we cannot stop there. Thousands more are at risk, including journalists, women’s rights activists, and NGO employees. I am calling on President Biden to establish a special humanitarian program specifically for these groups and other highly visible activists in Afghanistan; to increase processing capacity at USCIS; and to immediately ensure the exit of all Afghans of priority 1 and 2 visa holders to third countries.

Getting citizens out of harm’s way must remain our top priority, but we also cannot abandon our Afghan allies.

DO NOT FORGET WHAT IS HAPPENING ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, obviously a lot is going on in America right now, and with all the focus on what is going on in Afghanistan, as well as the latest spending bills going through Congress, we are perhaps losing track of the thing that I think will have the biggest impact on America over the next few years.

I beg the American public and the American media not to lose sight of what is going on at our southern border. In the last couple of weeks, it has become apparent that, by an estimate, 105,000 people crossed over the border into that country as opposed to 80,000 in June; over a 30 percent increase in 1 month, almost entirely unremarked; of that is an estimated 15,000 unaccompanied minors, which is a human relations tragedy.

It is going to further increase the amount of illegal drugs in this country. Right now, 90,000 people a year are delivered illegal drugs. It is hard to believe that this time last year only an estimated 8,000 people were coming in the country, whereas, this July, again, we are at 105,000.

It should be headline news every day in every newspaper in this country when we go from about 10,000 people to 105,000 people per month.

INVESTING IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, the bipartisan infrastructure package makes important investments in our country’s roads, bridges, high-speed internet, and clean water. But to fully deliver on our climate agenda, we must also pass a budget reconciliation bill that invests in a top priority for my district: climate resiliency.
Climate change is an ever-present danger to our constituents and communities. Just yesterday, a tropical storm made landfall in my district with intense winds of at least 47 miles per hour in southern New England. With communities at risk of flooding, property damage, and loss of life with increasingly harsh and dangerous storms, Congress must act.

Massachusetts is a leader in mitigating and combating climate change, but the Affordable Clean Energy Act does not do it alone. I urge my colleagues to vote to pass both the Build Back Better Act and the bipartisan infrastructure bill to take the necessary steps to end climate change.

**BIDEN ADMINISTRATION FAILING AT KEEPING AMERICA SAFE**

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, America is less safe today than it was when President Biden was sworn in 7 months ago.

Last week, as the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, they released 5,000 al-Qaida and Taliban terrorists who are armed with $65 billion of U.S. taxpayer-funded weapons as a result of the Biden administration’s incompetent withdrawal. Our allies have lost respect for America, and our enemies do not fear us.

At the same time, Vice President Kamala Harris has left our southern border completely exposed and vulnerable for anyone to cross, and over 200,000 people are crossing each month. This is a national security disaster with dreadful future consequences.

But the evidence of government is that Democrats are not concerned with public safety. They have been promoting defund the police and supporting soft-on-crime policies that have caused crime to skyrocket this past year.

The key role of government is to keep our families safe, and the Biden administration has failed miserably.

**FIGHTING AGAINST GOP-LED VOTER DISCRIMINATION**

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, as I stand here today, Republicans in the Texas State Legislature are rapidly advancing some of the most restrictive voting laws that we have seen in our Republic since the Voting Rights Act was passed in the 1960s.

That is why it is so important that we pass H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, because H.R. 4 will help us fight against this dangerous GOP-led anti-voter discrimination that we are seeing, discrimination against minority voters who have fueled growth in our State and who are allowing Texas to pick up two new seats after reapportionment.

It will help restore full protections of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 and re-implement the critically needed VRA preclearance provision to focus on States with a recent history of discrimination, like the State that I live in. It will push racially charged anti-voter legislation that will allow everything from empowering partisan poll watchers to intimidating Texas voters to imposing criminal penalties.

We hope you’re something about this. Let’s pass H.R. 4.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. HONG**

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Mike Myungki Hong, a giant in the Korean-American community who exemplified the American Dream. He was a personal friend, a mentor, a visionary, and a very generous philanthropist who touched the lives of so many people.

Despite his success as an engineer and founder of Dura Coat Products, he was a very humble man who loved his wife, Lorrie, and his children very, very dearly. He spent his life giving back to his community and supporting the next generation of young leaders.

Dr. Hong dedicated his life to carrying on the legacy of Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, a leader of the Korean independence movement, with honesty, humility, integrity, and passion.

The Korean-American community and I are indebted to Dr. Hong for his service and dedication. I pray that Dr. Hong’s love of our country and community continues to live through us, and I pray for God’s peace for his family.

**PRESIDENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR AFGHANISTAN TERRORISM**

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the ongoing disaster in Afghanistan.

As a Vietnam-era veteran, I have seen the outcome of a poorly executed withdrawal, with tragic images of our allies hanging off of aircraft.

The scene that unfolded at Hamid Karzai Airport in Kabul last week is a betrayal to the American military, American citizens, our Afghan partners who aided American troops in the global war on terrorism, and the Afghan people.

The catastrophe that we have seen over the last few weeks was completely avoidable. We have watched as the Taliban quickly took control of the country, released terrorists from prison, and began implementing sharia law on those left behind.

Just as important, we will have less safety of our homeland, and it will have lasting repercussions.

**THANKING THE CAPITOL POLICE**

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Capitol Police and all of those who really created a miracle in the midst of a potential bomb threat just about a week ago here in the United States Capitol again, and to thank them for their astuteness and to recognize that, in spite of all of our commentary from our friends on the other side about the border, that the most serious threat here in the United States is domestic terrorism, and there evidenced an individual, whatever their condition was, wanting to bomb the Capitol.

I thank them for their honest and serious work and again credit them for their leadership.

Finally, let me say that as we move toward the Voting Rights Act, H.R. 4, it is crucial because Texas Democratic representatives will be here over the next 2 days, the same people who had a civil arrest and were stalked in their own State because they refused to go to a session that was nothing but denying rights to vote to Texan minorities, ethnic minorities, language minorities, denying them the right to vote. H.R. 4 is crucial.

I thank them for their bravery and their service.

Let’s get on with passing H.R. 4.

**PRESIDENT EMBOLDENED TALIBAN**

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

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the Taliban is emboldened today. They have found a new reason to cry death to America. That reason is Joe Biden. His foreign policy is not America first; it is Taliban first.

Mr. President, listen carefully, and I will say it slowly just for you: No man left behind. That is leadership.

Here is my pledge to the Taliban: You can hang a death to America today, but mark my words, the levers of power will be in strong hands soon. If you harm an American, we will rain...
down vengeance upon you with wrath and fury that will put the fires of hell to shame.

Psalm 91 promises us that God will be our refuge and our fortress. But you do not worship my God or heed His promises. So when we come for you, there will be no refuge, no cave, and no crevasse you can crawl into that will save you from our wrath.

To those who hate America and all we stand for, read my lips: I am young, and I have a long memory. When power in Washington inevitably shifts, we will not forget you because we are in the business of killing terrorists. And pretty soon, business will be booming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SOLLOWELL). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President, and Members are also reminded to address their remarks to the Chair, not to a perceived viewing audience.

ADMINISTRATION BOTTCHED AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, the situation in Afghanistan left behind by the President's hasty withdrawal has been horrific. It has been unconscionable and unacceptable.

We have thousands of American citizens unable to get to the airport in Kabul because this administration botched the withdrawal, sent mixed messages, and undercut our allied partners.

Let me be clear: We should not leave Afghanistan until every single American citizen has been safely evacuated, period.

For the last 20 years, our brave servicemen and -women have served in Afghanistan, with valor, and with distinction. They have done everything that our country has asked of them and more. They deserve our gratitude and our respect.

It is time for this President and this administration to do right by them, to rescue every single American, and to demonstrate the leadership that our country needs. At this point, Madam Speaker, that leadership is severely lacking.

REMEMBERING BRENDA LANNOM

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a great Tennessean. A devoted wife and mother, Bible school teacher, and a true Volunteer in every sense of the word, Brenda Lannom was a blessing to her family, her friends, her community, her church, and her country.

As I remember Mrs. Lannom, I recognize that she represents many great women, past and present, across America who choose every day to put the needs of their family ahead of their own. Women like Mrs. Lannom never hesitate to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. They are always there when a child needs to be scooped up and held close in their mother's arms. They are the best friend and trusted partner of their spouse, even through life's toughest challenges. And women like Mrs. Lannom spend a lifetime giving warm hugs and sharing sweet smiles that instantly provide assurance to those who need it most.

America thrives because of women such as this. My district, my State, and this Nation need women like Brenda Lannom. The loss of such a special person brings great sadness, but we can be comforted knowing that she has surely gone home to be with her Lord and Savior, and what a fitting reward for such a faithful and lovely soul.

HONORING BILL HABEL

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and work of Bill Habel, of Naperville, who passed away suddenly just a few weeks ago at the age of 63.

Bill was a tireless champion for workers and their families, and he never missed an opportunity to help amplify their voices. He started his career as a union electrician in 1986 and was a dedicated member of IBEW Local 701.

Beyond his day-to-day work, Bill made it a priority to give back and to help others begin their careers. He spent 23 years as an instructor for the electrical workers' apprenticeship program, helping introduce others to good-paying career opportunities in the building trades.

He was a leading voice for the economic development of the Naperville community and never missed a chance to advocate for job creation and infrastructure development that attracted so many people to Naperville and to DuPage County.

Madam Speaker, Bill knew instinctively what many of us have learned, that when you prioritize workers and their families, the entire community benefits. Simply put, the Naperville community is a better place because of the work that he did and what he did to help build it up.

I am proud to call Bill a friend and even more proud of the work that he accomplished for his community. We will all miss him dearly.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.
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EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon today.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, August 24, 2021, at noon.
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:

[August 24 (Legislative day of Aug. 23), 2021]

Mr. NEGUZE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 594. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3684) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 14) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031; and for other purposes (Rept. 117–115). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 5071. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress daily reports on the evacuation of citizens and permanent residents of the United States from Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BERA:

H.R. 5072. A bill to authorize use of rental assistance amounts for individuals and families from Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DELGADO (for himself, Mr. MANN, Ms. SERRILL, and Mrs. MILLER-MEKEES):

H.R. 5073. A bill to improve the Veterans Crisis Line of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. GIMENEZ:

H.R. 5074. A bill to prohibit the United States Government from charging fees to citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States in exchange for evacuation from a foreign country due to an emergency situation of a military nature, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. LIEU:

H.R. 5075. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the expedited review of actions to which the President is a party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. JONES, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 5076. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit executive branch officials from engaging in election interference, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI):

H.R. 5077. A bill to study and facilitate the abatement of environmental hazards in homes rehabilitated with community participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 5078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount that can be withdrawn without penalty from individual retirement accounts as first-time homebuyer distributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BARR, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. HUDD, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. CLINE, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. TIFFANY, Mrs. MILLER-MEKEES, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. OBERNHOLT):

H.R. 5079. A bill to provide liability protection for elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NEGUZE (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PELLMUTTER, Mr. DEAN, and Ms. ESCOBAR):

H.R. 5080. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a person who fails to meet age and residential requirements from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms and ammunition, to increase the penalties for transfer of a firearm to anyone who is under indictment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 5081. A bill to direct the Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp depicting Bayard Rustin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 5082. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the definition of a broker, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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H.R. 5083. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the definition of a broker, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

H.R. 5084. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself and Mr. DeFazio):

H. Res. 595. A resolution expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives that the House of Representatives commits to the consideration of a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3684; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. GOSAR):

H. Res. 596. A resolution impeaching Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, for usurping Congress’s legislative authority and willfully circumventing the express guidance of the United States Supreme Court by extending the COVID-19 eviction moratorium, and other high crimes and
CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

[Omitted from the Record of August 20, 2021]

By Mr. CRENSHAW:
H.R. 5057. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BERA:
H.R. 5072. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
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H.R. 5074. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LIEU:
H.R. 5075. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Art. 1, Sec. 8.

By Mr. LIEU:
H.R. 5076. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8.

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By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:
H.R. 5078. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:
H.R. 5079. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. NEGUSE:
H.R. 5080. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. NORTON:
H.R. 5081. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. TURNER:
H.R. 5084. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 3: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 4: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. GARCÍA de ILIUS, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 279: Mr. AGUILAR, H.R. 366: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 431: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. GARCÍA of California, Mrs. LURIA, and Mr. CARL.

H.R. 432: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 598: Danny K. Davis of Illinois and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 630: Mr. LEVIN of California and Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 783: Mr. COHEN and Mr. GOTTHEMIR.

H.R. 808: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 851: Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 943: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1012: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1179: Mr. LAMALFIA.

H.R. 1952: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 1284: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 1390: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 1355: Mr. LOPUREN, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1551: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 1574: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1579: Mr. SABLAN.

H.R. 1733: Mr. MCEACHIN.

H.R. 1734: Mr. MCEACHIN.

H.R. 1792: Mr. MILLER of Nebraska.

H.R. 1764: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1846: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 1946: Mr. SPEIZER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 1959: Mrs. SPAERTZ.

H.R. 2033: Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 2194: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 2191: Mr. CONTA.

H.R. 2192: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia and Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 2193: Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. ROSS, Mr. McGovern, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. GARCÍA de ILIUS, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. ESPALLAT, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. Kim of New Jersey, and Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 2222: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2255: Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 2256: Mr. LEVIN of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 2289: Mr. BAHN.

H.R. 2307: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 2326: Ms. WILSON of Georgia and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 2339: Mr. MOUNTZ.

H.R. 2363: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 2370: Mr. STEIL.

H.R. 2499: Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. TITUS, and Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 2528: Mr. CARL and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 2716: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2728: Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 2756: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 2803: Mr. KILMER and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 2811: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 2884: Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma and Ms. BASS.

H.R. 2903: Mr. MYLAN, Mr. KUSTER, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. RHEID, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 2918: Ms. HERRERA BRUTLE.

H.R. 2920: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3031: Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. YARMUTH, and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 3078: Mr. Jacobs of New York.

H.R. 3100: Ms. KUSTER, Mr. Jackson LEE, Ms. PINOHER, Mr. LASSEN of Washington, and Mr. LANGLEY.

H.R. 3104: Mr. MCCINTOCK.

H.R. 3108: Mr. LOBUGHER and Ms. MANNING.

H.R. 3173: Mr. CURTIS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. LANDEGRAF, Mr. STROBEL, Mr. CORREIA, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. RYAN, Mr. NIXAUS, Mr. MENG, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. MORILLES, Ms. BLUNT ROESTER, and Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 3185: Ms. DELAURO, Ms. MALLIAKATIS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BACON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida.

H.R. 3207: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 3259: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MOONEY, Ms. WILD, and Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 3306: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 3407: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 3460: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 3461: Mr. TRONE and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 3482: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 3488: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 3491: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 3513: Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 3517: Ms. LOBUGHER, Mr. NAVADA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. LANDEGRAF, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. HALLERAN, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 3554: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 3557: Ms. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 3569: Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 3588: Mr. MCKINLEY.

[Submitted August 23, 2021]
POTITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk’s desk and referred as follows:

PT-47. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the State of Alabama Attorney General, Montgomery, Alabama, relative to a letter expressing disappointment of the omission of the Hyde Amendment in the budget proposal that President Biden delivered to Congress in early July from 22 state attorney generals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

PT-48. Also, a petition of the City and County of San Francisco, California, relative to Resolution No. 240-21, supporting the protesters and activists in Colombia and joins the international condemnation of the repression and violence being perpetrated by the Colombian government against civilians and protesters; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PT-49. Also, a petition of Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relative to Resolution 21.032, urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to carefully consider the negative impacts and unintended consequences and oppose CLEAN Future Act and any substantially similar legislation or policies; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

PT-50. Also, a petition of Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relative to Resolution 21.055, urging the Federal Government to work with states in the spirit of cooperative federalism during review of the Federal Fossil Fuel Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under Clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 4 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.
HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL GARY HARRELL

HON. DIANA HARSBARGER OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Gary Harrell, who is a distinguished veteran that has served our country in numerous combat operations and in both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. After an accomplished career in service to our country, Gary retired as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. It is my privilege to recognize him for his service and to honor his sacrifice to our country.

Gary earned his bachelor’s degree in industrial technology from East Tennessee State University in 1973. His distinguished career began shortly after when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Anti-Tank (TOW) platoon leader. In 1977, having earned a Green Beret, he was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group in Panama.

Gary was deployed to Grenada during “Operation Urgent Fury,” and then took part in combat operations in Panama with “Operation Just Cause.” He was also sent to the Middle East during “Desert Shield” and “Desert Storm,” and as commander of the special operation Delta Force, he was wounded by mortar fire during United Nations relief efforts in Somalia, a story chronicled in the book and movie “Black Hawk Down.”

In 2001, Gary was Assistant Division Commander for the 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he led the largest special operations force assembled since World War II. He retired in 2008 as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Operations Command. Gary’s awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal (with V-device and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Purple Heart among many others.

Gary is hailed as an expert in the special operations community, and he is highly respected by his colleagues and friends. He has been described as having “unmatched expertise,” and at his retirement ceremony in 2008, Lt. Gen. Robert Wagner stated, “If it was complex, if it was difficult or critical to our nation, Gary was there.” When being inducted into the ETSU ROTC Hall of Fame, it was said that “to say General Harrell is a legend would be an absolute understatement.”

In retirement, Gary has served in several roles, including as Director General for King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) in Amman, Jordan and Senior Vice President of Special Operations and Intelligence Advisory Group for CUBIC Applications Inc. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been blessed with three children and six grandchildren. I am proud to join the chorus of Gary’s family, friends, colleagues, and admirers in thanking him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COACH WILFRET ANDERSON, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired football coach Wilfret Lewis Anderson, Sr.

Coach Anderson was born to the late Louise and Lewis Anderson, Jr. on January 5, 1937. He was called to his Heavenly Home on August 16, 2021, with his family by his side. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was a faithful member of Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

As a young man at Jim Hill High School, Coach Anderson was a member of the School’s choir, the first football team, and the track team. He received his B.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1962 and M.S. Degree in Physical Education in 1978 from Jackson State College. Throughout his childhood and college years, he excelled in sports, which served as a significant foundation for him as a successful coach for many years. Upon graduating from college, Coach Anderson accepted a teaching position at Jim Hill High School, where he was the first graduate to return for a teaching position. He spent over 25 years as a dedicated teacher, coach, mentor, and father figure to many students while teaching and coaching at the old Jim Hill High School (Blackburn Jr. High School), Whitten Jr. High School, Jim Hill High School, and Provine High School.

Coach Anderson was a man with many talents, and he wore many hats. Known as a reasonable disciplinarian, he always maintained a very uplifting, encouraging, and humorous personality. He was by far an extraordinary person, and we celebrated his selflessness and decisiveness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the sacrifice and service given by Coach Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, United States Marine Corps, for his honorable and devoted service to our great nation. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones will be presented the Navy Cross by Marine Corps Commandant General David H. Berger during an August 26, 2021 ceremony at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Navy Cross is our nation’s second highest military decoration for valor awarded to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who exhibits extraordinary heroism in combat. Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones, of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, is an American hero who risked life and limb on March 8, 2020, conducting a counterattack against an ISIS stronghold in the Makhmur Mountains of Iraq. His fearless leadership and daring attitude saved countless lives that day. Our service members and our nation are safer because of his selflessness and decisiveness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the sacrifice and service given by Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Jones. On behalf of the United States Congress, we thank Staff Sergeant Jones, and his family for his unwavering commitment to our nation. God bless our Marines and God bless the United States of America. Semper Fidelis.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NAVY FIREMAN FIRST CLASS PAUL E. SAYLOR

HON. DIANA HARSBARGER OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mrs. HARSBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Navy Fireman First Class Paul E. Saylor, who, as a 21-year-old, was assigned to serve on the USS Oklahoma. The Oklahoma was moored at Ford Island in both Fox 5 on Battleship Row of Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when it was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The ship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize and result in the death of 429 crewmen, including Saylor. His remains were recovered, but not identified and accounted for until Nov. 24, 2020.

Saylor was born in 1920 in the First District of Tennessee in Bluff City to the Reverend
Lula is a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Darling, MS, under Gregory Coleman’s leadership. She confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and has been a member of this church all her life under different pastors. She has been the Financial Secretary for over thirty-plus years, and she enjoys her work in the church.

Lula graduated from Quitman County High School in May 1966. She also attended Coahoma Community College and graduated in May 1968 and Mississippi Valley State University from 1968 to 1969. Her first work experience was at Falcon Junior High School in Falcon, MS, as a Teacher Assistant. Her second work experience was at Delta Hills Head Start Central Office in Holly Springs, MS, as a payroll clerk from September 1970 to May 1977. Other jobs included Mississippi Department of Corrections Office Clerk from July 1977 to September 1978, Wilsew Manufacturing in Sledge, MS, as a payroll clerk, and lastly the Mississippi Department of Human Services as an Eligibility Worker, and she later became a Case Manager. She was a faithful employee at the Mississippi Department of Human Services from August 1981 to April 2014. She retired on April 16, 2014 and began living her best life.

Currently, Lula is enjoying her retirement by giving back to the community. Before the pandemic, she would volunteer at the Quitman County nursing home. She is the type that says no when asked to complete a task either in the community or at church. She enjoys helping individuals in the community, spending time with her family, cooking, gardening, traveling, and doing things she could not do while working an 8 to 5 job.

Lula lived to see two significant milestones: her 50th year graduating from high school, May 2016, and her 50th year graduating from Coahoma Community College, May 2018. Our family is proud to call her mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lula Windless Boyd for her dedication in serving her community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LT. COLONEL GERALD W. BOSTON, USMC RET.

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Lt. Colonel Gerald W. Boston Retired of Baneberry, Tennessee. Jerry was born in Oklahoma of Cherokee Heritage. The family moved to Tennessee where he spent his younger years growing up in the Mill Springs community of Jefferson County, Tennessee and he celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on August 23, 2021. He attended Jefferson High School and then Carson Newman College. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corp in 1959.

His career in the Marine Corps led him to the war in Vietnam where he was commander of ground reaction forces involved in heavy fighting at the DMZ and the TET combat mission. He also served in Rota, Spain and later attended and graduated the “Command and Staff” College in Quantico, Virginia. Due to his experience and his training, he was sent back to Vietnam to serve as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Marines who were engaged in severe combat with the North Vietnamese Army. Later he was assigned to Hawaii and was Battalion Commander of the 2nd BN, 4th Marines. In 1982, he retired after serving his country for twenty-one years in the United States Marine Corps.

After his career in the United States Marine Corps, Colonel Boston transitioned to civilian
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HONORING MAPLE L. CAMPBELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community leader, Maple L. Campbell.

Ms. Campbell was born in June 1963, in Doddsville, Mississippi, located in Sunflower County. She is currently a resident of Indianola, Mississippi. There she graduated from Gentry High School in 1981. Afterwards, she moved to Mississippi Valley State University, where she graduated, as a two-time honor scholar, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 2008.

Ms. Campbell has dedicated her life to serving others. A fulfilling life according to Ms. Campbell, "is not focused on financial wealth (although it helps) but rather on helping others who are in need. We all need help in life, and we are all servants in some capacity. My public service journey started as a teacher in the school system and then I moved over to health care. I have a sister that is disabled from birth, and finding the right facility and care for her has always been a challenge for my parents. My entire family help my parents take care of her."

Ms. Campbell's life as an Educator began in 1998 as the Family Support Technical Specialist and Advocate Volunteer for Project Empower (Greenville, MS). In that position she worked with mental health officials and the Mississippi State Department of Education to improve services for students with special needs within the Indianola and Greenville Public School District. In 2005, Ms. Campbell was employed as the Tutor within Spencer's Learning Center. She provided on-site tutoring for students in grades Pre-K to First Grade in subject matter areas of reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies. From 2006 to 2011, she worked at the Indianola School District in different roles. First as the Career Center Manager for the Vocational Center, then in 2009 as the Family and Consumer Science Teacher for the Vocational Center. In 2010, Ms. Campbell taught Family and Consumer Science for the Tunica County Chamber of Commerce and Banberry City government.

Mr. Dykes will be honored by the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service with the Cocke County Citizenship Award in September of 2021.

Madam Speaker, Roland Dykes, III has been a source of leadership, compassion, and support for the community where he and Cocke County as well as a strong community advocate for racial equality and positive change. I proudly honor him.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. ROLAND DYKES, III

HON. DIANA HARSBARGER
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSBARGER, Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Roland Dykes, III, a beloved pillar of Newport in Cocke County, Tennessee. Mr. Dykes is currently the Mayor of the City of Newport, having followed in the footsteps of his father. He is a graduate of Jacksonville University where he earned his MBA; the University of Tennessee-Knoxville where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1974; and Cocke County High School in 1969 where he graduated with honors. He retired from Quaker Oats/PepsiCo in 2012 and then worked briefly as an independent marketing consultant in the beverage industry before retiring for good in 2013 to pursue volunteer and political opportunities. His illustrious career includes stints working for such notable companies as Xerox, DuPont, AT&T, and Quaker Oats in positions of leadership ranging from District Manager, Regional Manager and Area Manager.

Roland’s legacy of community service is notable as well. He is a graduate of both the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program and Cocke County’s Leadership program. Mr. Dykes has served as the President of the Tanneytown Preservation Alliance, an organization to preserve the first school for African Americans in Cocke County. He is a former President of the Tennessee Picnic Association, served on the Board of Directors for Newport Utilities and served as Chairman. He is the immediate Past Chair of the East Tennessee Development District and currently chairs the Policy Council of the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency. His civic and community service also includes being active with the Newport Kiwanis Club and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

His legacy of love includes being married to his wife, Rhonda, and they will celebrate 45 years of marriage on November 26, 2021. They have one son, Roland IV.

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Barbara Brown.

Ms. Brown was influenced by her history and government teacher to return to her hometown of Canton, Mississippi, to teach because she saw a spark of passion in her for educating youth. She retired from education after serving 47 years as a teacher at Canton High School. Ms. Brown attended Jackson State University and received a degree in Social Science. Three years later she returned back and received her master’s degree in Social Science.

Ms. Brown currently resides in Canton, Mississippi. She has two sons and one grandson. She attends Middleton Groves A.M.E. Zion Church in Canton, Mississippi. She enjoys working with school children because she feels that she can make a difference in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Brown for her dedication to serve her community.

HONORING BARBARA BROWN
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Along the way, he mentored and inspired many young adults to serve in law enforcement including one, Matt Grooms; who went on to become a United States Border Patrol Agent and eventually an agent with the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Lawson was a self-employed business owner and his flexible schedule enabled him to serve his fellow citizens as their Constable.

For decades he served the citizens of Sevier County as a Constable with the familiar slogan, "my services as your Constable are always as close as your telephone" and as the times changed, he offered his personal cell phone to his fellow citizens to be available to them. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and at one point served as a deputy Sheriff in Sevier County. He helped lives including his own Sheriff in one dangerous setting and pulled a woman to safety and saved her from drowning in the Little Pigeon River. He was a true public servant.

George’s legacy of love includes his marriage to his wonderful wife, Charlotte, and his children, Cindy, Tammy and son, Little George Stephen, who has given he and Charlotte seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, George Lawson has faithfully served his community and family, and I proudly honor him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEFFREY MITCHELL

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ
OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of Jeffrey Mitchell. Elected officials, business leaders, community advocates, and New Mexicans from all walks of life looked to Jeff’s leadership and broad expertise to build a better New Mexico.

Jeff was an economist and the Director of the Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BBER) of New Mexico in Albuquerque. As head of BBER, Dr. Mitchell oversaw the economic forecasting for the entire state. He directed economic analysis and projections that assisted private businesses, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and cities, and towns. His regular presentations were followed closely by CEOs, political leaders, and community advocates. Jeff brought sharp insights, expert research, keen wit, and deep compassion to his leadership and policy roles. He believed firmly that economic analysis and community development should benefit the greater society and foster a broadly shared prosperity.

Jeff was also a community builder. He actively worked with nonprofits to promote renewable energy and sustainable development and was a policy advisor to 1000 Friends of New Mexico. He co-founded SHARE New Mexico, a comprehensive, web-based resource directory that ensures everyone similarly dedicated to improving our communities has the information they need. As an economic analyst, he used numbers and math to perform his work, but most importantly he relied on his love for our beloved communities to guide it. Jeff’s passion for life and discovery cannot be distinguished from his professional accomplishments. As a young adult, Jeff hitchhiked across the United States and Central America with a book of philosophy in his backpack, curious to learn about these great lands and their peoples. He was a humanitarian from an early age, and he started his career working on housing and energy projects for low-income communities. He was a Fulbright scholar in Venezuela and traveled through every corner of New Mexico and the world, working and learning. It was that never-ending sense of curiosity that helped make Jeff’s career—and life—so full.

Jeff especially loved the arts and cultures of New Mexico and was the lead author of a groundbreaking report that found that they contributed $5.6 billion to the state’s economy and nearly 10 percent of its jobs. His work on this issue even helped inform legislation I introduced—the Economy Revitalization Act—to create jobs and support our creative workers through the pandemic.

Jeff will be deeply missed by his friends, loved ones, and family. He left us too soon, and we will always remember him. Jeff’s work, wisdom, and curious spirit will echo throughout New Mexico and across our country for generations to come. It is my honor to enshrine his contributions to our state, culture, and economy in history.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HONORABLE TOM WRIGHT

HON. DIANA HARSBARGER
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mrs. HARSBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Tom Wright of Greeneville, Tennessee. Mr. Wright currently serves as Circuit Court Judge for the State of Tennessee’s Third Judicial District. He was elected to the position in 2006 and reelected in 2014. Prior to his election as Circuit Judge, he served for eight years as the General Sessions and Juvenile Judge for Greene County, Tennessee, having been elected to that position in 1998. Judge Wright will be retiring September 1 to spend more time with his family, including two children, their spouses, and grandchildren at two separate Army bases, with the third grandchild coming soon.

Tom graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law with high honors in 1983 and was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif. Following his graduation from law school, he worked briefly for Campus Crusade for Christ before accepting a position as a Judicial Law Clerk for United States District Judge Thomas G. Hull.

Tom was in the private practice of law for several years following the judicial clerkship then accepted the position of Assistant Federal Community Defender for upper East Tennessee. He served as Federal Defender for six years before his election as Judge in 1998.

Judge Wright has been active with the Greeneville High School football team as their chaplain, Young Life, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He says, “I thank God for the opportunity to mentor, teach, and encourage these folks in their faith. Serving the State of Tennessee and the people of the Third Judicial District has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am so incredibly grateful to God and the people of Greene, Hawkins, Hamblen, and Hancock counties for giving me the opportunity.”

Madam Speaker, Judge Tom Wright has been an outstanding judge and valuable contributor to the Greeneville community. I proudly honor him.

BIDEN ENDANGERS AMERICAN FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during my service in Congress, I have concluded over 500 one-minute speeches with “God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.”

This reaffirmed my appreciation of our military for keeping Americans safe for 20 years. The 2,312 U.S. military personnel killed and 20,666 wounded in Afghanistan did not serve in vain. I know firsthand of the achievements of former S.C. Adjutant General Bob Livingston with the 218th Brigade across Afghanistan. I am a grateful dad of an Afghanistan Veteran with First Lieutenant Hunter Wilson. But my hopes for remembering September 11th were misplaced. The conquest by the Taliban and Al Qaeda this past week confirms that the shocking lesson of September 11th has been forgotten: it is possible to conduct a terrorist attack on American families at home from a cave in Afghanistan abroad resulting in the mass murder of 2,977 innocent souls.

General David Petraeus is sadly correct, the war is not over. It has moved. Now it is closer, putting American families at the greatest risk of a terrorist attack ever, with chants of “Death to America, Death to Israel.”

President Joe Biden undercuts our Afghan allies on April 14th, removing air cover and intelligence reports against the advice of military leaders. Over 60,000 Afghan military and police have been killed fighting Taliban terrorists. Former Ambassador Ryan Crocker, a valued resource of experience in the Global War on Terrorism, correctly asserted that the situation is “catastrophic.” President Biden must change course immediately and accept military counsel or he will be further diminished as a personification of catastrophic failure in the horrific tradition of appeasement like Neville Chamberlain.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we should never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.
Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5071–5084; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 595–599 were introduced.

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 594, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3684) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 14) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–115).

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. William Gurnee, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Washington, DC.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, July 26th.

Amending the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children: S. 325, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 255; and

Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2021: S. 272, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 256.

Recess: The House recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:42 a.m.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4350–51 and H4351–52.

Adjournment: The House met at 5 p.m. and adjourned at 12:42 a.m.
Committee Meetings

SETTING FORTH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2031; JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2021; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. Con. Res. 14, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031; H.R. 4, the “John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021”; and the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684, the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4, the “John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021”; and the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684, the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”, and for adoption of S. Con. Res. 14, Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4, the “John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3684, the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3684. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the Senate amendment and the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that rule XXVIII shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the House of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022. Testimony was heard from Chairman Yarmuth, Chairman Nadler, Chairman Pallone, and Representatives Smith of Missouri, Jordan, Malinowski, Graves of Louisiana, Rodgers of Washington, Jackson Lee, and Sessions.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 24

Senate Chamber
Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Tuesday, August 24

House Chamber
Program for Tuesday: Consideration of S. Con. Res. 14—Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 4—John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684—Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Subject to a Rule).

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