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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MANNING).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHY E. MANNING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, and their family members and caregivers.

I am speaking up because the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, made a decision that will severely limit access to the only drug

shown to slow the progression of Alzheimer's. I think their decision is a mistake.

Alzheimer's is a heartbreaking disease. It has no cure. These are the faces of Alzheimer's. They are our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our fathers, our neighbors, our grandparents, our fellow Americans, who are living with this dreadful disease. As time passes, they are slipping away from their loved ones a little bit at a time. They have asked and hoped for something to help them. Anything. Anything that could give them more time with their families.

For the past 20 years, there has been little progress on new Alzheimer's drugs. Like too many other Americans, I have had the heartbreaking experience of watching my mother struggle with Alzheimer's, and still have the challenge of finding sufficient caregivers to help care for her and those who speak Spanish. My mother's story is not unique. Nearly 6 million people in the United States are suffering from Alzheimer's, and this number is growing every single day.

Last summer, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first new Alzheimer's drug, providing hope for families. But CMS will not cover it. They finalized a coverage policy that will tightly restrict access to the entire and only known class of drug that has shown promise to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Is that the way we should respond to this crisis?

This is an access issue. People who have money and can pay for it will get the drug. People who are under a CMS program will not.

Every day, Americans living with Alzheimer's are burdened with the expense of caregivers, doctors' visits, and seeing their family members decline. This is why my colleagues and I wrote a letter urging CMS not to limit access to breakthrough therapies for Alzheimer's patients.

And as a representative of over 150,000 Angelenos who are living with Alzheimer's disease, I am deeply disappointed with CMS's decision. These are my constituents and members of my community, as well as yours. Time is not on our side in this fight.

To all the patients, families, and caregivers out there who are struggling with Alzheimer's, I am not done. I stand with you and I will continue to fight for you.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATION'S SERVICE ACADEMIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the men and women from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District who have received appointments to our Nation's service academies. Through their academic work, their commitment to physical fitness, and their readiness to serve, these students have demonstrated that they are ready to begin the training that will ultimately lead to their commissioning as officers in our Armed Services.

This morning, I am proud to recognize:

Elizabeth Pfisterer of Adams County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Brian Johnson of Blair County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis;

Eli Burtner of Somerset County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Nathan Kirkwood of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis; and

Meagan McHale of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Nassau County, New York.

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Thanks to these excellent young men and women, their commitment to our Nation and to our military must be recognized. The soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, and marines that you will one day be asked to lead deserve officers who are disciplined and thoughtful.

Thank you for your commitment to our country, and may God bless you and your families as you begin this new chapter of your lives. Today, I congratulate you.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated Democrat.

I rise today on this occasion of remembrance, remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust. I rise to associate myself with comments that have been made by others.

I would first note for the RECORD that there was a joint resolution approved on September 18, 1978, a joint resolution designating April 28 and 29 of 1979 as Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

President Carter, who signed H.J. Res. 1014, Public Law 95-371, approved on September 18, 1978, indicated in a public statement, "The resolution was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress. This reflects our Nation's wholehearted conviction that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

Madam Speaker, I acknowledge and associate myself with a statement from President Joe Biden, dated April 22, 2022. It is styled, "A Proclamation on Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, 2022."

In this statement, he indicates, among many other things that I associate myself with, "The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions"—I underscore it by saying it twice—"millions of innocent people."

A PROCLAMATION ON DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, 2022

On Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and throughout this week of remembrance, we reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust when the Nazi regime systematically murdered 6 million Jews and millions of other innocents, including Roma, Sinti, Slavs, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, political dissidents, and many others. We stand with Jewish people in the United States, Israel, and around the world in grieving one of the darkest chapters in history. We honor the memories of the victims. We embrace the survivors. We commit to keeping alive the promise of "never again."

The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions of innocent people. Entire families were wiped out. Communities were shattered. Sur-

vivors were left with agonizing memories and fading tattoos etched into their skin by the Nazis, reducing them to numbers. It is forever recorded into the history of mankind, and it is the shared responsibility of us all to ensure that the Shoah is never erased from our collective memory—especially as fewer and fewer survivors remain. The truth must always be known and shared with future generations in perpetuity.

I have taught my own children and grandchildren about the horrors of the Holocaust, just as my father taught me. I have taken my family to bear witness to the darkness at the Dachau concentration camp so that they could understand why we must always speak out against antisemitism and hatred in all of its pernicious forms. The legacy of the Holocaust must always remind us that silence in the face of such bigotry is complicity.

Remembrance is our eternal duty, but remembrance without action risks becoming an empty ritual. As individuals, we must never be indifferent to human cruelty and human suffering. As nations, we must stand together across the international community against antisemitism, which is once again rearing its ugly head around the world. We must combat other forms of hatred and educate new generations about the Holocaust. We must reject those who try to deny the Holocaust or to distort its history for their own ends. We recognize that, just as the Holocaust was an act of pure antisemitism, so too Holocaust denial is a form of antisemitism. We watch with dismay as the term "Nazi" is deployed to make flawed historical parallels. Efforts to minimize, distort, or blur who the Nazis were and the genocide they perpetrated are a form of Holocaust denial and, in addition to insulting both the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, spread antisemitism.

My Administration has stepped up our efforts to counter all the ugly forms antisemitism can take, including Holocaust denial and distortion. We co-sponsored a United Nations resolution that charged the international community with combating Holocaust denial through education. We are partnering with the German government to improve Holocaust education and counter Holocaust denial and distortion. A renowned scholar of the Holocaust and antisemitism, Deborah Lipstadt, was recently confirmed as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism.

In addition to speaking out against the evils of antisemitism, I signed—and my Administration continues to implement—legislation that gives us more tools to combat crimes that are based on a victim's actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability. We issued the first-ever National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism. My Administration has implemented increased funding for a program that helps threatened nonprofits—including houses of worship and other religious affiliated entities—to improve their safety and security. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, I met with Bronia Brandman and the Vice President met with Ruth Cohen—both Auschwitz survivors—at the White House so we could bear witness to their stories, combat Holocaust denial and distortion, and give life to the lessons of that most terrible period in human history.

Those like Bronia and Ruth who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives inspire our Nation and the world, and they are living testaments to the enduring resilience of the human spirit. It is the responsibility of all of us to recognize the pain that they carry and to support them by ensuring that the cruelty of the Holocaust is never forgotten. Today and every day, we stand

against antisemitism and all other forms of hate and continue our work to ensure that everyone can live in a world that safeguards the fundamental human dignity of all people.

Now, Therefore, I, Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 24 through May 1, 2022, as a week of observance of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, and call upon the people of the United States to observe this week and pause to remember victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to place in the RECORD a statement from Speaker PELOSI styled, "Pelosi Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." Among the many things said that I agree with is this statement: "This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference." Hateful violence when met with indifference.

PELOSI STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect on the unfathomable evils of the Shoah. As we mourn the six million Jews and countless others murdered across Europe, we also honor the survivors who have bravely shared their stories so that such atrocities may never be repeated. More than seven decades later, we remain outraged by the Nazis' barbaric crimes and unwavering in our commitment to fulfilling humanity's sacred promise: Never Again.

"This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference. In 2020, I had the solemn privilege of leading a Congressional delegation to Poland and Israel to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, bearing witness to hate's destructive consequences. The epidemic of antisemitism still remains today, threatening Jewish communities both at home and around the world. Shadows of these same dark forces have reached into more communities, from the surge of bigoted violence across the country to crimes against humanity being perpetrated abroad, including against Ukraine.

"Our nation must never fail to call out and defeat these perilous threats wherever and whenever they arise. In 1943, my father Thomas D'Alesandro appealed to 'the American sense of justice and decency' as he implored the Roosevelt Administration to take action against the horrors of the Holocaust. Today, driven by those fundamental American values, the Congress is working to preserve our collective memories of the past, educate the next generation and speak out against all of hate's vile manifestations. Congressional action has helped forge a safer, more just society: from combating antisemitism by strengthening Holocaust education resources and establishing Congressionally mandated Days of Remembrance to fighting hate-fueled violence by enacting the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and the Emmett Till Antilynching Act.

Today, joining with House colleagues to honor those murdered in the Shoah, I recalled the moving words inscribed on San Francisco's Holocaust Memorial: 'In remembrance is the secret of redemption.' Let us

reflect on that truth as we seek to find redemption in a future of dignity and justice for all. May we never forget the horrors inflicted on so many innocent souls, and may we never relent in our righteous fight to put an end to the scourge of hate."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise and desire that the statement from Majority Leader HOYER be acknowledged. His statement is styled, "Hoyer Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." And I associate myself with many of the things in this statement, but the thing that I want to associate myself with the most are the final words in his statement: "Never Forget. Never Again." I associate myself with his statement.

HOYER STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Yom HaShoah, we remember the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. The genocide perpetrated by Adolf Hitler and his fascist collaborators—and enabled by the indifference of millions of people in Germany and across Europe—continues to bear scars to this day, with the families of victims and survivors still living with immense trauma and grief. The Holocaust was not only an immeasurable tragedy for the Jewish people; it was also a low point for humanity, when the worst evils of human hatred were unleashed in a way that was methodical and on an industrial scale in an effort to dehumanize and destroy an entire ethnic group. First by enacting degrading racial laws and forcing Jewish people to live in squalid ghettos and wear identifying marks for the purposes of ostracism and discrimination, and later through a systematic program of either deportation to labor and death camps or the massacre of entire communities by mobile killing squads, the Nazis taught the world a lesson on what happens when antisemitism and other forms of racism and bigotry are allowed to fester unchecked and are taken to their extreme. Every human being who inhabits our planet has a responsibility to learn the lessons of the Holocaust because it is a warning to all of humanity. 'Never Again!' must be a promise kept by all. 'Terrifyingly, however, we are now seeing in our day a dangerous rise in violent antisemitism here at home and around the world. Extremists of all kinds have revived Nazi tropes, and too many make light of Adolf Hitler and the reality of his crimes against humanity. There ought to be no celebration or even condoning of him or those who helped him perpetrate the Holocaust. At the same time, some have chosen to invoke the Holocaust flippantly when engaging in debates about policy, which is not only deeply inappropriate but also insulting to its victims, its survivors, and their families. In much the same vein, the misuse of the Holocaust and Nazism by Vladimir Putin in an attempt to justify his unjustifiable and criminal invasion of Ukraine—as well as the disgusting misuse of the Holocaust to criticize the Jewish State of Israel, a democracy based in human rights and the rule of law—is a cynical and disturbing effort to twist history upside down. Together, all who support truth and cherish human rights and human dignity must oppose such statements and efforts."

"The Nazis tried to destroy the Jewish people, but their resilience, defiance, and heroism—and the sacrifices of so many brave American servicemembers who were liberators and rescuers—overcame Hitler's evil plans. Today, the success and vibrancy of the State of Israel and the flourishing of Jewish communities in America and around the

world is a living testament to Nazism's defeat and to the triumph of justice. I'm proud to be the Majority Leader in a House that affirms, again and again, that antisemitism has no place in our country or in our politics—and to continue serving as a leader in the broad, bipartisan coalition in Congress ensuring that our ally Israel remains safe and strong and that America and Israel can be successful together in rooting out hatred, injustice, and antisemitism on Earth. "Never Forget. Never Again."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have Jewish friends, as I believe most people do, and I have spoken to them about the horrors of the Holocaust. I have been to Israel, and I have been to Yad Vashem. I assure you, a visit to Yad Vashem can become a seminal moment in your life because of what it shows with clarity about the horrors of the Holocaust.

I am so proud that our leadership has gone on record in remembrance, and I am proud that this Congress passed a resolution signed by President Carter initially for days of remembrance.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Day of Prayer next week on May 5.

The United States has always been a Nation of prayer. From our very first settlers to our Founding Fathers, our leaders have understood the power of prayer and have consistently called the Nation to prayer during times of consequence, adversity, conflict, and crisis.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonists to pray for wisdom as they worked to form a Nation, the call to prayer has continued throughout our history.

First officially established by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, the National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our country's heritage, and prayers remain very important in strengthening the fabric of our society today.

I would venture to say that 90 percent of our country's challenges—everything from drug addiction, to suicides, to infidelity, to the breakdown of the family, to fraud, to the coarseness and vulgarity of the language we see every day on television and witness in our communities, and even political divisiveness—all are a direct result of a moral and spiritual decline that can only be reversed by our willingness to come before God, acknowledge our sinful nature, and turn our hearts back to Him.

Only then will healing begin and divisions subside. For the hubris of sin distorts our views of truth and creates divisions even among those with whom we agree most of the time.

Our Founding Fathers understood the sinful nature of man. That is, in fact,

why they devised a government designed to disperse power by creating three equal branches. Even the U.S. Congress—which is one of those branches—the legislative branch, has two very different bodies with different rules and different aims to help ensure that the minority voice is not trampled, and that it is at least heard if it cannot be accommodated.

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Now, many ask me when we are going to fix Washington. My reply is always this: When we fix our home life; when we fix our churches; when we fix our communities, Washington will fix itself.

Those of us who have the honor of serving in Congress are, after all, a reflection of our constituency, as designed by our Founders. And, therefore, the two bodies of Congress are no more and no less than a microcosm of society.

So, on the National Day of Prayer, let us all join in prayer for our families, our communities, our State, and our Nation. May we pray for forgiveness, to seek the face of God and to turn from our inherently sinful ways. For when we do, we will hear, we will learn, we will communicate, and unhealthy traps of division of all stripes will fall away.

Through the power of prayer, we will achieve a renewing of our mind, a renewing of our commitment to that which is honorable and virtuous, a renewing of the family, our societal structure, and a renewing of this great Nation we call the United States of America, the greatest lamp of liberty and beacon of freedom, prosperity, and generosity ever known to mankind

RECOGNIZING GAVIN CHRISTOPHER DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gavin Christopher Deal, a native of Alexander County in the Fifth District.

Gavin has served over a decade in the military and is currently a Surface to Air Ballistic Missile Specialist on the USS Fitzgerald.

Recently, he joined 12 other Petty Officers in representing the United States in the Milan 2022 Multinational Naval Exercise, and the International City Parade.

He also successfully launched two harpoon ballistic missiles in the previous war games near the Philippines. These are terrific accomplishments indeed.

Gavin, thank you for your continued service to both North Carolina's Fifth District and our great country. You are a shining example of the best that the Fifth District has to offer.

RECOGNIZING MAURA SCHAFFER-GREER

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Maura Schaffer-Greer, a social studies teacher, assistant swim

coach, and percussion instructor at South Caldwell High School. As you can tell, she is a true renaissance woman.

Recently, her class participated in a project where class members wrote letters to me about different pieces of legislation and asked for my thoughts. In doing so, her students learned a truly invaluable lesson: becoming an informed citizen is one of the most important duties we have as Americans.

Madam Speaker, after talking with Mrs. Schaffer-Greer and learning about her love of teaching, it is clear to me that she leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her students. May she continue to do so for many years in the future.

SOUTHERN BORDER CATASTROPHE CONTINUES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, our southern border is under siege and President Biden is asleep at the wheel.

Over 40 illegal aliens on the terror watch list have been arrested at the southern border since President Biden took office.

In March of this year, 220,000 illegal aliens were encountered at the southern border, and 62,000 of them evaded Border Patrol agents.

Madam Speaker, that averages out to roughly 2,000 people per day escaping into our country.

So who did Border Patrol agents not catch? Who else is on the terror watch list that escaped into our country?

Madam Speaker, border security is national security, and it is clear that this administration fails to recognize that most basic fact and do its duty.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, which we honor in April each year.

Madam Speaker, 1 in 44 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has increased 16.3 percent since the year 2000, making it even more important to expand research and provide adequate resources for people who are on the spectrum. By increasing awareness, we can support the more than 5.4 million individuals in America living with autism spectrum disorder.

Our early childcare programs, especially in schools, must have the knowledge, resources, and ability to provide assistance to those living with autism. Early diagnosis and treatment can make all the difference.

I will take a moment to recognize my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin, of Saugerties, New York, who truly is an inspiration to me and to all of us who are standing there trying to help the cause of autism awareness.

Vincent is an active and dedicated member of his community with full-

time employment and doing volunteer work for the fire department and numerous other not-for-profit agencies in his community. He constantly strives for increased awareness for autism through his selfless service and tenacious advocacy.

Vincent is a shining example of how effective and beneficial early treatment and community empowerment can be for people with autism spectrum disorder.

It is a privilege today to acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month. May all Americans living with autism receive the tools, resources, and support necessary to live fulfilling lives. Autism should never be a barrier preventing Americans from achieving success or pursuing happiness.

Good luck to all of them, and especially my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin. Thank you so much for keeping me aware and for inspiring all of us.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST BISHOP EVANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TONY GONZALES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Texas National Guard Specialist Bishop Evans. Bishop Evans is a hero. He is a name that we all should learn, should know, and should be speaking.

Bishop Evans, this young gentleman, was a National Guardsman. He was stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. He selflessly gave his life trying to save people. He didn't care what nationality they were. He didn't care the circumstances.

When the situation arose and two people fell or jumped into the river, he immediately took off his body armor. He immediately jumped into the river, and he tried to save these people, and he lost his life doing it.

This is something that here in D.C. we should be talking about. The whole country should be talking about Specialist Bishop Evans. The man is a hero.

There are many men and women that serve that are just like this, that when the time comes, it is a fight-or-flight moment and they are rushing to the fire; they are not running away from it.

I give my condolences to Specialist Evans, his grandparents, Jo Ann and Dannie Johnson, in Arlington, Texas. Their grandson meant everything to them, and they are going to have a funeral this weekend.

I celebrate this man's life. I celebrate what he stands for. I celebrate everything that he has done. He is a patriot. He served our country. He served in Kuwait. He served in Iraq.

This man, when duty called, he answered the call. And here he was, stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas, in my dis-

trict, in Texas 23, and he jumped into the river. He didn't have to do that. He lost his life doing that.

This border crisis has impacted everybody, all parts, all walks of life, Texas. Every State in America has become sucked up into this crisis, and this gentleman here gave his life. He is a hero that we all should remember. Bishop Evans is a hero that we should all remember.

Please say a prayer for his family. I was raised by my grandparents. He was raised by his grandparents. Not all families are traditional families, per se. And his grandparents, they lost a part of them when they lost Specialist Bishop Evans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ELLA AND OWEN ROGERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend two of my young constituents from Daniel Island, South Carolina, Ella and Owen Rogers—Ella is 14 and Owen is 17—and their efforts in support of Ukraine and standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people during one of the toughest times in Ukraine's history.

They are both descendants of their great-great-grandfather, Joseph, who was born in Galicia, Ukraine. Joseph was forced to flee to the United States during the early 20th century due to the armed conflict between Austrian and Russian Empires trying to occupy the region.

The story of their family history shows similarities to what the world has witnessed in the last few months during the beginning of the unconscionable and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces in late February.

As Ella and Owen Rogers have witnessed these atrocities, as my teenage kids who are very similar in age, these kids have seen these atrocities; have witnessed these war crimes. They have seen it all over social media and television.

But they have spoken with their uncle recently who had been providing humanitarian and military intelligence aid in Warsaw, Poland at the time, and they decided the best way to make a difference was through providing nourishment to mothers and children who are fleeing their home country of Ukraine.

I was recently in Warsaw and in Poland a few weeks ago witnessing the women and children fleeing Ukraine and coming into the country. There are millions of families, particularly women and kids, who have been displaced because their fathers and husbands and partners are staying back home in Ukraine to fight this war.

But they rallied their relatives, their friends, their neighbors, the amazing community of Daniel Island in the

Lowcountry. Ella and Owen have raised over \$7,000 for the World Central Kitchen, which is an organization that provides food and nourishment to communities around the world in times of conflict, crisis, and war.

Ella and Owen are just one example of the type of compassion and empathy that we see each and every day in the Lowcountry. The great people of the Lowcountry show, not only to their fellow citizens, the State of South Carolina, our Nation, and around the world, there are no strangers they have ever met, and everyone is witnessing great hope for the future of Ukraine.

I hope that the story of Ella and Owen can serve as an inspiration to others who stand up for what is right, even when it seems like there is nothing that can be done in the face of hardship. They have shown hard work; they have shown that we need to do the right thing; and they have shown people that they care.

And now, more than ever, it is important that we do all we can to support our friends in Ukraine to help them during this critical crisis.

I again thank the Rogers family and the incredible work ethic that Ella and Owen have shown the Lowcountry and the State of South Carolina.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOBBY BERKSTRESSER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of a good friend and Rockbridge County resident, Bobby Berkstresser, who recently passed away at the age of 71.

Bobby was truly a kind soul who had a passion for both people and business. In 1981, he purchased his first business, Lee Hi Travel Plaza, in Lexington. At the time, he had only eight employees on payroll, but over the years he grew it exponentially and was able to expand.

When Bobby passed, he employed more than 400 people, and his second business, White's Travel Center in Raphine was the largest east of the Mississippi, a fact of which he was definitely proud.

He brought honor and pride to the job and, in 2018, he was honored with the NATSO Hall of Fame Award for his contributions to the industry.

His employees say, "He was not only your boss, he encouraged you, and he was family to a lot of people." That was certainly how everyone felt about Bobby Berkstresser.

Aside from owning White's and Lee Hi, Bobby was deeply committed to his community. He regularly contributed to local nonprofits, in addition to serving on several boards, including the Bank of Botetourt, Rockbridge YMCA, Rockbridge United Way, Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, former Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital,

RALS, Rockbridge Republican Committee, and NATSO.

Madam Speaker, it goes without saying that Rockbridge County lost a giant. His passing will be felt by this community for quite some time, and my thoughts and prayers remain with his wife, Sue, and his beloved family.

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REJECTING THE BIDEN BUDGET

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, as Americans face the worst rate of inflation in 41 years, President Biden's proposed budget does nothing to help ease the burden on our country's struggling families.

Despite experts predicting that a recession is coming, the President's proposed budget would further exacerbate high inflation by spending \$73 trillion over the next decade and would be funded by the highest sustained tax burden in our Nation's history.

As Americans pay record prices at the pump, this budget proposal prioritizes radical Green New Deal energy policies and continues Biden's destruction of American energy independence with increased taxes on the oil and gas industry.

Who is going to feel those increased taxes? Working men and women in the Sixth District of Virginia and across this country. Further, it pushes unnecessary and already rejected Build Back Better social programs and provides benefits to illegal aliens, which is entirely unacceptable.

For my constituents in the Sixth District, I will continue to hold Biden administration officials accountable and demand justifications for this spending spree that is this budget when they come before the committees on which I serve.

Madam Speaker, I stand in strong opposition to the President's proposal, and I urge its rejection should it come before this House.

INVESTING IN SUCCESS OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, the America COMPETES Act of 2022 includes bold, smart, and strategic investments to power the success of America's workers, businesses, and economy based on bipartisan bills, many of which have already passed the House with bipartisan support.

Madam Speaker, for generations, America's innovation, from electricity to automobiles, robotics, and plastics, has shaped the course of history. We prevail because of our early investments in science, research, and technology.

But today, America's preeminence is being challenged. Other countries have followed our lead in research, science, and technology. As a result, more of

the technology that we are relying on today is made abroad, driving up the cost in the United States, contributing to inflation, threatening our workers' financial security and their jobs, and eroding our Nation's competitiveness.

The House's America COMPETES Act is precisely what is needed to ensure America's might in manufacturing and innovation while creating good-paying jobs and lowering costs for our Nation.

Our bill brings American manufacturing back to our shores, including \$52 billion for chips, which are crucial for making cars, cell phones, and more.

Our bill will help reinvigorate America's industries, securing \$45 billion to strengthen our supply chain and reduce dependence on foreign nations and lowering costs.

Our bill will invest in research and education so that we diversify our STEM workforce with apprenticeships.

Our bill will promote U.S. global leadership.

These are investments that all Americans need so desperately in order to obtain prosperity.

My colleagues and I look forward to swiftly going to conference with the Senate so we can put forth a strong bill that will help all Americans and put it on the President's desk to sign.

REAUTHORIZING THE FARM BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the farm bill in 2023, I rise today to deliver the eighth installment of my farm bill impact series, where I am highlighting various aspects of the farm bill that deserve Congress' awareness and support.

The food aid programs within the farm bill not only support the nutrition of millions of Americans struggling with hunger, but they also help to stop global conflicts before they start.

Kansas is the Wheat State, and wheat is the number one commodity used in U.S. donations for international food aid. If you combine all the aid destinations, they amount to a top 10 market for U.S. wheat.

The last two farm bills have granted USAID flexibility in implementing aid programs, which has resulted in the U.S. purchasing from other countries more than half of the total food we give out.

That is a noble thing to use our resources to help hungry people overseas, but our government should prioritize the commodities of American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers as we carry out this good work abroad.

International food assistance programs work alongside legislation to help stabilize countries ravaged by famine and war, reduce terrorism, and give people an alternative from fleeing their homeland just to find food.

For instance, I introduced a resolution condemning and prohibiting the

use of hunger as a weapon, which some bad actors do in countries suffering from war and natural disasters. Food aid programs work alongside the legislation to avert food shortages in such countries, making it more difficult for anyone to use hunger as a weapon in the first place.

The farm bill has some excellent programs for international food assistance that I believe should be reauthorized.

The Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust is a special authority in the 2018 farm bill that allows USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance to respond to unanticipated food crises abroad. I just sent a bipartisan letter earlier this month asking the President to release BEHT.

Food for Peace is another great program through which our country responds to humanitarian crises and food security problems globally. The idea for this program actually came from a meeting of the Southwest Kansas Farm Bureau and first appeared in 1954 when President Eisenhower signed the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act into law.

Today, USDA and USAID partner with organizations to implement Food for Peace and other food aid programs, stopping global conflicts from escalating into humanitarian disasters.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, named in part for Kansas' own Bob Dole, helps support education, child development, and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries around the globe. The program provides for the donation of U.S. agricultural commodities, as well as financial and technical assistance to support school meal programs as well as maternal and child nutrition programs.

I supported this program in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 appropriations because it has a proven track record for reducing hunger, improving literacy in children, and helping provide nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, and preschoolers.

Earlier this month, Nicole Berg, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, spoke to the House Agriculture Committee's Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee. In her testimony, she gave us her eyewitness account, from her 2019 trip to Kenya and Tanzania, of how international food assistance helps those people in most need.

She visited refugee camps where the World Food Programme is feeding 98 percent of the 200,000 people there who hail from nine countries. She said that witnessing U.S. food shipments saving lives firsthand changed her life.

I want to make sure that, going forward, we use U.S. commodities while we carry out this good work abroad. If America is going to conduct international food assistance in an effective way, the Biden administration is going to have to get a grip on the agricultural impact of its trade and foreign policies.

Sadly, on an international scale, the Biden administration is turning a blind eye to agriculture. Russia's assault on Ukraine is one of the most horrifying humanitarian crises in recent memory, and it has grave food security implications for Europe.

Ukraine is known as the breadbasket of Europe. It is the third-largest grain exporter in the world. You would think this administration would want a point person to develop a strategy for addressing this looming problem, but President Biden still hasn't appointed either a USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs or a Chief Agricultural Negotiator for USTR.

The Biden administration has also sat back and done nothing to hold China accountable for stifling American farmers out of \$16 billion in the Phase One trade deal, and the President left agriculture out of his Indo-Pacific strategy entirely.

I, along with American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers, am appalled at this shortsightedness. You cannot take food for granted, which is why the Biden administration needs to wake up and why Congress must think carefully about the reauthorization of the international food assistance programs in the farm bill.

I will be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my farm bill impact series. America's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers are American heroes who are bearing the responsibility of feeding hungry people around the world.

Their efforts deserve the full support of Congress because the food security and, therefore, the national security of America hangs in the balance.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 39 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, on this Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remember.

We remember the 6 million lives of Jewish men, women, and children, and the millions of others whose very being was arbitrarily deemed a disgrace, and whose light among us was extinguished. Now they, like the heavens, have no speech, nor are there words,

their voice is not heard. And yet, their cries resound to the ends of the Earth.

Remind us again that each life is sacred; Yours is the breath held in the soul of each person.

We remember that it only took one person to fuel a horrendous movement of hatred, abuse, and genocide. Though one person, there were countless others who would not speak out against the seduction of power or stand up to the sway of control.

Holy God, remind us that this murderous evil still roams the Earth this day. Convict us who remain silent and shield our eyes from the raging fire of inhumanity.

Then inspire us from remembrance to action, from indifference to indignation, from silence to speech. Then may the words of our mouths be effective in Your sight, the meditations of our hearts be worthy of Your blessing, that never again would we allow the catastrophe of the Holocaust to touch Your children.

In Your merciful name we pray.

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 gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOULAHAN 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RIISING PRICES AND INFLATION

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I am here today to lift up the voices of my community, to address an issue facing too many Pennsylvanians, as well as others across our country. I am here to talk about rising prices and inflation.

When Sidney from Malvern tried to renew an essential prescription, it was on back order and he doesn't know when it will be back in stock.

Andrew from Mohnton is a small business owner affected by supply chain issues, making it difficult for him to employ his staff and keep his equipment running.

And Dennis from Downingtown had to sell his car because he could no longer afford the high financial burden on top of other expenses.

Our communities deserve support in facing these challenges, and it is vital that we do everything that we can to confront them. I helped establish an Inflation Working Group to find policy solutions to lower costs for Americans, reinforce supply chains, and fight inflationary pressures. Simply put, we must use every tool in our toolbox to support our families.

We live in an increasingly globalized world, which is why I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, traveled to Australia and India to speak with our international partners about cooperation on trade, investments, and shoring up our supply chains.

I promise to continue to make this issue a priority, working with all of my colleagues to find substantive solutions for my constituents and for all Americans.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 895. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON COUNTY CIDERWORKS

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a small business in Iowa's Second District.

Jefferson County Ciderworks of Fairfield recently won four awards at the annual New York International Cider Competition. This competition featured over 300 different ciders from around the world and was judged by industry professionals.

Jefferson County Ciderworks finished the competition with four medals, including being named the Iowa Cider Producer of the Year. Four additional ciders were awarded medals in the modern, fruit, and spiced cider categories.

I applaud Jefferson County Ciderworks for proudly representing Iowa on the international stage and wish them the best in the Great Lakes International Cider and Perry competition later this year.

HONORING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, live from Atlanta, Georgia, households across America were introduced to The Weather Channel. For the first time, Americans could get safe, reliable, trustworthy information about the weather 24 hours a day.

Since its first broadcast, The Weather Channel has done far more than just provide up-to-date information about weather forecasts. With the help of friendly, familiar faces, The Weather Channel's reporting has inspired countless young people to wonder and care about the natural world around them, motivating them to study weather and our climate. And through their constant innovation, The Weather Channel's award-winning breakthroughs in weather reporting have undoubtedly saved countless American lives.

I am proud to lead a House Resolution with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman LOUDERMILK, to commemorate the anniversary; and I wish The Weather Channel continued success as they document and broadcast vital weather and safety information to millions of households across the country.

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET SERIOUS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, in Fiscal Year 2021, Customs and Border Patrol seized 11,000 pounds of fentanyl at our southern border. During the same period, opioid deaths jumped to 75,000, up from 56,000 deaths the prior year.

This is no coincidence. Even in a hearing on combating the opioid crisis this week, not a single one of my Democratic colleagues called for President Biden to end his open border policies that have allowed the free flow of fentanyl or other illicit drugs into the United States.

During the hearing, the former Acting DEA Administrator testified that securing the border is a commonsense approach to stopping drug traffickers and giving power back to our law enforcement.

On one hand, Washington Democrats say they want to solve the opioid crisis. On the other hand, they are supporting policies and politicians that have left our border open.

Washington Democrats need to get serious. If we want to solve this opioid crisis, we must secure the border and restore law and order.

MARKING BIRTHDAY OF THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this week, we mark the 33rd birthday of Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama. Born in central Tibet, at the age of six he was recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, one of the most important figures in the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism, and a senior figure across all of Tibet.

In May of 1995, just 3 days after he was recognized, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family were taken away by the Chinese Government. Disappeared. Kidnapped.

For 27 years, Tibetan Buddhists have asked of his well-being. For 27 years, Chinese authorities have refused to provide proof of life. The most they have said is that he is well and wants to be left alone.

Tibetans deserve an answer. The world deserves to know.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima remains one of the world's longest-held prisoners of conscience.

His enforced disappearance is an egregious example of the Chinese Government's violation of the religious freedom of Tibetan Buddhists, who have the right to choose their own religious leaders, including the Dalai Lama, without government interference.

In honor of his birthday, I again call on the Chinese Government to free the true Panchen Lama immediately and to uphold its international obligation to respect the religious freedom of all persons.

WELCOMING GEORGIAN PRESIDENT ZOURABICHVILI

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Washington welcomed President Salome Zourabichvili, of the Republic of Georgia, who had come to attend the funeral of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

During an interview with The Washington Post, President Zourabichvili explained that, along with Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova were the two countries closest to Russia wanting to join NATO and the European Union, but not protected by either. "Georgia should not be forgotten" and if so, they might be a temptation for the Russian leadership.

President Zourabichvili reviewed that Georgia also had a history of war with Russia, most recently in 2008, as well as 1991, shortly after declaring independence.

It is reassuring, the President said, the Georgian population is 100 percent united in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Americans are also united for the independence of Georgia, Moldova, led by President Maia Sandu, and Ukraine.

America supports the sovereignty of Georgia and will stand with President Zourabichvili for the freedom of Georgia.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

COMMEMORATING THE 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire embarked on a genocidal campaign to wipe out more than 1.5 million innocent Armenians. For too long, the world denied the Armenians' plight. But thankfully, leaders like President Biden and this House of Representative have recognized the Armenian genocide for the tragedy that we all know to be true.

My home State of Rhode Island boasts one of the largest Armenian communities in the country, and I have been proud to represent them for the last 22 years.

Yet, as Winston Churchill famously said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

Mr. Speaker, another genocide is unfolding before our eyes in Ukraine. The scenes from Bucha, Mariupol, and the villages across the country are heart-breaking and haunting. But like the Armenian people, Ukrainians are strong, and they have shown their unmatched bravery to the world.

I strongly reiterate my harsh condemnation of Vladimir Putin's war crimes. We must do all that we can to support the Ukrainian people in their battle for freedom. The consequences of failure are far too dreadful to imagine.

□ 1215

ADMINISTRATION MUST SECURE BORDER

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see more and more illegal crossings at the southern border. March was the worst month yet, with over 221,000 migrant encounters.

Instead of securing our border and empowering law enforcement, this administration continues to make this crisis worse every day.

I am a proud immigrant and first-generation American. I came here legally. There are 4.4 million people waiting their turn to legally come to the greatest country in the whole world. Meanwhile, this administration continues to allow millions of illegal migrants to take advantage of our weak border policies.

We are a nation of laws, and enough is enough. The administration must stop the flow of drugs and crime into our country and secure the border to protect our citizens.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the city of River Rouge, Michigan, as they celebrate a 100-year anniversary.

Established as a city on April 3, 1922, River Rouge is a rich part of Michigan's history. It is situated between the Detroit and Rouge Rivers. The city of River Rouge has been the heart of Michigan's industrial and manufacturing history.

Nearly 8,000 residents strong, the city of River Rouge takes pride in its role as being an integral part of Michigan's economy. They are the jewel of Michigan's downriver communities.

It continues to thrive as a diverse, vibrant, and welcoming community that I truly love.

Its public parks and access to river recreation offer unique opportunities for enjoying nature and spotting wildlife along the riverfronts.

Please join me in recognizing the city of River Rouge as we join them in celebrating its 100-year anniversary.

Again, I am beyond proud of serving this beautiful city of River Rouge and its residents in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING THE SULLIVAN BROTHERS

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

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo, Iowa, as well as those who are working to preserve their legacy by saving the USS *The Sullivans*.

On January 3, 1942, a month after the bombing at Pearl Harbor, George, Frank, Joe, Matt, and Al Sullivan of Waterloo, Iowa, enlisted in the Navy.

At the time, Navy policy separated brothers, but they enlisted under the condition that they could serve their country together, and they did until November of that year when a Japanese torpedo sunk their ship, the USS *Juneau*.

Nearly all the sailors aboard the USS *Juneau* died, including all five of the Sullivan brothers.

The Sullivans weren't just heroes in Iowa; their story was told nationwide. In 1943, less than 3 months after their passing, a Fletcher-class destroyer was named in their honor. The ship's motto is "We Stick Together," a permanent symbol of the Sullivan brothers' commitment to each other and our country.

But earlier this month, a leaky hull caused the ship to start sinking at its berth in the Buffalo Naval Park. So, Mr. Speaker, I am rising today to thank those who are working to refloat and repair the ship to ensure that the Sullivan brothers' legacy continues. Their service and sacrifice are emblematic of the shared experience and patriotism of those in the Greatest Generation.

Freedom is fragile. We know that we must always honor those like the Sullivan brothers of Waterloo who fought and died for our freedoms and for our country.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS

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

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Congresswoman KIM, to honor the winners and participants of 2021's Congressional App Challenge.

Since the competition's inception in 2013, this official initiative has given middle and high school students from across the country the ability to participate in a program designed to inspire them to pursue computer coding and careers in STEM.

Congresswoman KIM and I have had the privilege of shepherding this year's initiative, which yielded more than 2,100 fully functioning apps from over 7,000 students across the country.

Mr. Speaker, 340 of our fellow Members held challenges in districts spanning all 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.

As excited as we are about this year's participation in the challenge in terms of sheer numbers, the program would not be possible without the students who invest their time and efforts into their passion projects.

Congresswoman KIM and I are honored to co-chair this effort and offer our remarks here today as a testament to the dedication of these students who embody the future of American ingenuity.

To all the winners of this year's competition, we offer our sincere gratitude and congratulations on your work.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE STUDENTS

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the participants and winners of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge. This is the largest App Challenge to date.

The App Challenge gives students of all backgrounds and from communities across the Nation the opportunity to move from passive consumers of technology to active creators of technology.

Coding and technological skills will only become more important in the economy of the future. These students blew us away by creating apps that would make a difference, tackling real-world challenges and reflecting their commitment to making our world a better place.

I thank and offer my congratulations to all the students that participated this year, and I wish every single one of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

QUESTIONING REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, under the American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats and signed by President Biden, more than 7.4 million jobs were created in the first 14 months of the Biden administration, the most in U.S. history.

During that time, unemployment dropped to its lowest in over 50 years. Democrats are building a better America for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know. But I do know that Republican Congresswoman MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE recently stated that the Catholic Church is controlled by Satan. She has not yet apologized for her bigoted remark.

Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN tried to board a plane with a gun for a second time. What has Republican leadership done? Nothing.

DANGEROUS OPEN BORDER POLICIES

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the utter failure of President Biden's dangerous open border policies.

In March, there were over 221,000 illegal encounters at our southern border, a 542 percent increase, bringing the total under Biden's watch to more than 2.4 million. Forty-two of those apprehended were on the terrorist watch list. This can't happen.

Illegal migrants are being dispersed into communities throughout country, making every State a border State, Mr. Speaker.

Meanwhile, my constituent, an American citizen, has been told his wife and daughter, who have fled war-torn Ukraine, must wait up to 2 years outside the United States for a visa interview.

This is wrong. These policies reward those who violate our laws and punish those trying to do the right thing.

They also put law enforcement officers in serious peril, as evidenced by the death of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans. May his memory be

eternal. He tragically drowned last week while courageously working to save individuals trying to cross the Rio Grande River illegally.

This insanity has to stop.

JUSTICE FOR THOMAS RAYNARD JAMES

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the recent freedom of Thomas Raynard James and the crucial work of his attorney, Natalie Figgers.

One of the most paramount pillars of our legal system is the concept that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. But how does the system react when even those who are innocent are deemed guilty? This Wednesday, the Nation was able to witness the legal system right one of these wrongs.

Thomas Raynard James was wrongfully convicted of murder and sentenced to life due to a case of mistaken identity in 1991. His preliminary conviction was based on an eyewitness account.

Three decades later, this wrongful conviction has been overturned based on revised testimony, new evidence, and lack of physical evidence. Due to persistence and faith in the legal system, Ms. Figgers succeeded in freeing Mr. James, who was an innocent man.

We applaud the work of his attorneys and all the leaders who continuously fight the good fight for justice to make sure that everyone has a chance at justice.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS JONES UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Kansan, Dennis Jones, on the occasion of his retirement.

In 1982, Dennis moved from Colorado to Kansas to begin working at the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Holcomb. He started out as an hourly employee on the harvest floor and worked his way up. Soon after proving himself to be knowledgeable and committed to his job, he moved up to the role of department head.

Dennis spent time at the Amarillo plant, learning about different departments and operations within the business, after which he came back to Holcomb in 2006. He quickly became the new operations manager and then moved up again to his current role as complex plant manager.

I love Dennis' story because it exemplifies hard work, tenacity, looking for open doors, and staying committed to a calling that requires skill, intuition, attention to detail, and relationship-building.

Dennis is the type of guy that embodies grit, agriculture, and conservative Kansas values.

On his last day at Tyson, Dennis plans to return his computer in the morning and then spend the rest of the day with the hourly employees on the harvest floor.

This is a great man whose career and legacy I am proud to honor here today. Congratulations on your retirement, Dennis.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those who participated in the National Day of Silence.

This day allows students and allies to take a vow of silence as a way to speak out against any harassment and discrimination experienced by LGBTQ people in our schools.

In my district on the Central Coast of California, Luka Chavez, who attends Watsonville School of Arts, took his vow last week. Luka told me that he wanted to take the vow so that he can make all the difference for all of those who don't have a voice in our own community.

Luka felt that his silence for 1 day was the least that he could do to speak up for those who feel isolated and excluded every day.

Luka, you may have taken your vow last week, but this week, on this day, on this floor, your voice is not only heard but, more importantly, your message is received by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, and all who support you but also, most importantly, those who don't.

Luka, your vow of silence allows me to speak for you and inspires Congress to continue its fight for LGBTQ students in our community and equal rights for our democracy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

RECOGNIZING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Weather Channel for 40 years of exceptional weather journalism, public service, and high-quality educational content.

Since 1982, The Weather Channel has provided accurate, by-the-minute live coverage of weather events, ranging from the mundane daily rain shower to catastrophic hurricanes and tornadoes.

Today, The Weather Channel reaches more than 80 million households across the United States. It has consistently been ranked the most trustworthy cable news network in the country and has received nationwide acclaim for its high-quality reporting and programming.

The Weather Channel has been instrumental in providing critical information to the public during natural disasters and severe weather events such as Hurricane Katrina, the 2011 tornado super outbreaks, and the January 2014 snowpocalypse that shut down much of north Georgia.

During these events, The Weather Channel's information was instrumental to the people in affected areas, giving them guidance on when to seek shelter and what weather developments to expect.

Today, I am proud to co-lead, with Representative MCBATH, a newly introduced resolution recognizing The Weather Channel on its 40th anniversary for its outstanding contributions to broadcast news and meteorology and for its role as a longstanding American institution.

□ 1230

RECOGNIZING SETH PARISH ON TAKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO WORK DAY

(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, today is Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day. While my three sons are grown, I have the privilege of having a friend of mine, Seth Parish, with me today.

Seth is 12 years old and hails from Maryland. He is actively involved in baseball, playing center outfield, ice hockey, and has recently joined the Civil Air Patrol where he learns about aerospace and survival skills.

Our schedule is busy today as the House Agriculture Committee held a 2022 farm bill review hearing. Seth joined me for that, and he is also joining me for this speech today.

In 2009, Seth's dad was serving in the Army and lost his life a month before Seth was born. This is the fourth year Seth has joined me through a program called Tuesday's Children. Tuesday's Children uses its experience and expertise to help our military families work through their own losses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope Seth is enjoying being my shadow again this year, and I can't wait to see all that he can accomplish.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NICHOLAS TROIANIELLO

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Nicholas Troianiello, a true American hero from Staten Island, New York.

After graduating Port Richmond High School in 1944, Nicholas joined the New York Guard where he served for 1 year before enlisting in the Marine Corps during World War II.

On February 19, 1945, Nicholas was one of 30,000 brave marines to land on the island of Iwo Jima for a battle that lasted 5 weeks and was one of the bloodiest battles during World War II. Nicholas was awarded the Purple Heart and the Conspicuous Service Award for his service to our great Nation.

Following his service, Nicolas returned to Staten Island to serve once again, this time as a member of the New York City Fire Department. He served for four decades until he retired with the esteemed title of lieutenant.

Sadly, Nicholas passed away last year at the age of 94. This weekend, I was honored to join local colleagues and Nicholas' family at a street naming ceremony last week to remember his life, legacy, and dedication to our community.

Nicholas was a true American hero who loved our country and our city, and I am proud to recognize his service today.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3522, UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1065 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1065

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 3522) to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 3. House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021 (as most recently amended by House Resolution 1017, agreed to March 31, 2022), is amended by striking "April 29, 2022" each place it appears and inserting (in each instance) "May 13, 2022".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met yesterday and reported a rule, House Resolution 1065 providing for consideration of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act under a closed rule.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule provides for one motion to commit.

The rule extends recess instructions, suspension authority, and same day authority through May 13, 2022. Finally, the rule deems H. Res. 1035 as passed.

Mr. Speaker, Vladimir Putin's criminal war of aggression and atrocity against the sovereign nation of Ukraine has dismembered the second largest country in Europe. Putin's soldiers have killed more than 2,700 Ukrainian civilians and more than 100 children in Ukraine. They have raped and murdered untold numbers of women, leaving their bodies in the street. They have wounded thousands of civilians. They have displaced 10 million Ukrainians, creating the largest exodus of displaced persons since the Nazis rampaged through Europe. They have traumatized a nation.

It is a sobering thing to canvas the damage today, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Putin's invasion is intended to deal a fatal blow to democracy in Ukraine and around the world. Putin's lurch into fascist aggression has actually unified and galvanized the democratic world, the democratic nations, and peoples and movements of the world.

I concede that Putin still has his cheerleaders for his homophobia, his corruption, and his white nationalist racism around the world. I concede that some people, even in this body, continue to chant the filthy words "Russia hoax" to describe what we know from our own intelligence community of Putin's unceasing efforts to subvert democracy all over the world. I concede that Vladimir Putin has been called a genius by a former twice-impeached President for his assault on a sovereign democratic nation.

The vast majority of Americans and vast majority of democratic societies around the world reject Putin's atrocities against democracy. President Zelenskyy and President Biden have rallied the world against Putin and in defense of the heroic people of Ukraine standing strong against this aggression—people who have more courage in their pinky than Vladimir Putin and his thugs will ever be able to understand.

Mr. Speaker, NATO members have sent or promised at least \$8 billion in weapons to Ukraine. The billions we have sent from the United States of

America has made a key difference in allowing the people of Ukraine to defend themselves. The people of America paid for anti-tank and anti-air systems, for helicopters, for drones, for grenade launchers, for 50 million rounds of ammunition, and more.

Today, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 comes before Congress as an important part of the effort to defend Ukraine. This act is rooted in the lend-lease program of World War II, which President Roosevelt proposed in January of 1941, which allowed our government to lend or to lease war supplies and equipment to any nation whose security was defined as vital to the defense and the security of the United States.

Passage of that act enabled Great Britain and Winston Churchill to keep fighting and to survive the fascist Nazi bombardment until the United States could enter the war.

President Zelenskyy has said that Ukraine needs weapons to sustain themselves, and President Biden has answered that call with billions in military assistance since Russia's full-blown invasion began on February 24, a day that will live in infamy in the freedom-loving world.

On April 21, last Thursday, President Biden announced that we will be sending an additional \$800 million in military aid to Ukraine, the eighth such installment, which will include 72 howitzers, 144,000 artillery rounds, 72 tactical vehicles, and more than 121 Phoenix Ghost tactical drones. Today, I understand President Biden has asked for an additional aid package for the next several months.

But S. 3522 will streamline current legal authorities under the Arms Export Control Act that allows our government to lend defense articles needed to defend civilian populations. We will eliminate red tape to make it easier for our government to lend or lease necessary military equipment in this struggle to defend Ukraine.

The legislation requires the Biden administration to establish expedited procedures for delivering military equipment to Ukraine and other affected Eastern European countries to defend populations made vulnerable by Vladimir Putin's aggression. It also facilitates the provisioning of loaned and/or leased defense articles to Ukraine, easing a myriad of administrative regulations and processes.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman, my good friend from Maryland, (Mr. RASKIN), for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before us today provides for consideration of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

Mr. Speaker, let me start by saying that I strongly support this bill, which

streamlines existing defense authorities to enable the President to enter into a lend-lease agreement directly with Ukraine and Eastern European countries.

I know I speak for my Republican colleagues in expressing my wholehearted support for the people of Ukraine as they defend themselves and their democracy against Vladimir Putin's atrocities. That is why I look forward—and so do so many of my colleagues—to voting for this bill later today.

However, I have to urge my colleagues to oppose this rule as it continues Speaker PELOSI's authoritarian lockdown of the House of Representatives.

For over 2 years the Speaker has used COVID-19 as an excuse to deny Members the ability to advocate on behalf of the people they represent. This rule keeps those oppressive procedures in place, despite the fact that even the bluest of States are easing their COVID restrictions. This is just further proof that my colleagues across the aisle care only about political science, not about real science.

Further, Mr. Speaker, this rule fails to provide for consideration of legislation to address the serious issues facing the American people. Under the Biden administration, our Nation has careened from one crisis to the next.

Right now, families across the country are facing a 41-year high in inflation and skyrocketing gas and food prices. These are expected to cost the average American family \$5,000 a year.

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This morning we learned the U.S. GDP fell by 1.4 percent during the first quarter of 2022. This is getting worse by the day. Forty percent of small businesses are planning to raise prices by 10 percent just to keep up with inflation. This economic crisis is not the result of the war in Ukraine as President Biden and the leftists on the other side of the aisle like to claim. This crisis is a direct result of the Democrats' out-of-control spending and their far-left, dangerous, radical policies.

Just look at the fact that inflation has increased every month since Joe Biden has been President. Putin didn't invade Ukraine until February of this year, yet during President Biden's first year in office—again, well before the invasion of Ukraine—gas prices jumped nearly 53 percent, from \$2.25 a gallon to \$3.44 a gallon. Again, that was before Russian soldiers ever crossed the border in Ukraine.

But talking about borders, let's talk about our southern border. The border crisis is a direct result of Joe Biden's incompetence, and the radical policies of the left are leading to disaster. Thanks to the open border policy of the left, last month over 200,000 illegal immigrants were encountered at our southern border. That is a new Biden-era high. Again, that is over 200,000 illegal immigrants. To put this in per-

spective for my colleagues, that is roughly three congressional districts.

Since Biden took office, over 2.4 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border, including more than 40 individuals who are on the terrorist watch list. This is only going to get worse if President Biden gets away with lifting title 42.

So, again, Mr. Speaker, while I support S. 3522 and, of course, the people of Ukraine, I believe this is a missed opportunity to help the American people, the people in southwestern Pennsylvania, and the people throughout this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I, therefore, urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to hear from my friend from Pennsylvania that he supports S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. This is a moment of grave emergency in Ukraine as Putin's army continues to bomb hospitals and schools, rape and assault women, and murder the civilian population.

I am, of course, disappointed that even when we agree, the minority caucus insists upon disagreeing and bringing up matters that are utterly extraneous to this resolution. But my friend mentioned authoritarian lockdowns, oppressive procedures, and dangerous and radical policies. I didn't know if he was referring to Vladimir Putin or to the prior President whose dangerous, radical appeasement of Vladimir Putin empowered and emboldened him as Vladimir Putin has tried to undermine NATO; and the last President did everything in his power to undermine NATO and to weaken NATO. But at this point we have the opportunity to rally the democratic world, the democratic nations of the world, the democratic societies, peoples, and movements against Putin's bloody, imperial invasion of Ukraine.

That is what is on the table right now. That is what is on the table in the world today. That is where democracy is on the line.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN).

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act.

In the spring of 1941, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, which allowed the United States to rapidly deliver weapons and military supplies to Allies like Great Britain, assisting their heroic fight against Adolph Hitler. Once dead set on creating a global empire, he failed.

In the spring of 2022, another murderous dictator has emerged, committed to destroying a sovereign democracy and reconstituting old borders of the USSR. We must ensure that Putin also fails.

Since Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, the Biden administration has made impressive progress in the delivery of crucial security assistance to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. And yet, it is time to cut through the remaining bureaucratic red tape and accelerate the delivery of critical equipment to the brave warfighters on the ground in Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, they deserve nothing less than our swift and unwavering support. Freedom and democracy are at stake.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and pass the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. We must stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for their democracy, for their freedom, and for their homeland.

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Maryland said that we just can't help but to disagree. Nothing could be further from the truth. This bill could be passed on the suspension calendar. This is going to pass by well over two-thirds vote. It passed, I believe, unanimously in the Senate. The fact that we are here debating a rule on this instead of just passing this on suspension is a waste of time. This bill will pass.

But we have got a real crisis at the southern border. We have got inflation. Even the Biden administration said we are expected to have food shortages. We also are failing to project American power abroad, which is leading to chaos all over the world.

We agree on the issue with Ukraine, yet we are still here wasting valuable time that we could be using to address real problems.

But let's just go back to the southern border. As I mentioned earlier in my remarks, just in March, encounters at the southern border hit a new Biden-era high of over 200,000 individuals encountered at the southern border. In addition to apprehending individuals from the terrorist watch list, Border Patrol agents are seeing an increase in illicit drugs, including deadly fentanyl. Alarming, fentanyl border seizures increased by 134 percent in fiscal year 2021. President Biden and House Democrats had this open border policy that is creating a humanitarian and a security crisis both at the border and in our communities where people are literally dying from fentanyl overdoses.

With all that in consideration, the Democrats and the left still want to do away with title 42 and lift it. That is why, Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act of 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment in the RECORD along with any extraneous material immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK), who is the Republican Conference chair. She will explain the amendment.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act introduced by the gentleman from New Mexico, YVETTE HERRELL, to ensure title 42 remains in place.

Mr. Speaker, since Joe Biden took office and started implementing his radical open border policies, over 2.4 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border. We just had the highest number of border encounters in the past 20 years—over 220,000 in March alone.

In FY 2022, CBP has seized hundreds and hundreds of thousands of pounds of drugs and thousands and thousands of pounds of illicit fentanyl, the leading cause of death for adults aged 18–45. What is worse, over 40 people on the U.S. terrorist watch list were encountered at our U.S. southern border. And just today, Secretary Mayorkas, when asked if those individuals on the U.S. terrorist watch list had been released into the United States of America, could not answer that question. That should stun every American. It is unacceptable that the Secretary of Homeland Security cannot answer a question about whether those dangerous terrorists have been released into the United States of America.

In fact, just yesterday, in previous testimony, Secretary Mayorkas claimed that the Biden administration has “effectively managed” the crisis at the southern border and delusionally believes that the southwest border is somehow secure. Let me tell you something, Mr. Speaker, the American people are smart. There is nothing effective about this border crisis. No good management has come from the Biden administration when it comes to the southern border.

This has been an invasion. Just look at the numbers. President Obama's own Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson, said 1,000 apprehensions a day would be a crisis. We are already at the 7,000 mark, and we could see upwards of 18,000 a day if title 42 is lifted.

I just came back with my colleagues on a congressional delegation from Eagle Pass, Texas, from the Del Rio sector of our southern border. This was a delegation led by Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, hosted by our colleague, TONY GONZALES, who has been such a tremendous voice standing up for his constituents, particularly Border Patrol officers and their families.

It was a somber day. Just hours before, our Border Patrol identified the remains of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans. In fact, I had the opportunity to go on the boat with the river

Border Patrol officers, the two individuals who actually identified the remains.

God bless Bishop Evans. God bless his grandmother who has laid him to rest.

This is irresponsible of Joe Biden; and Joe Biden, Secretary Mayorkas, and this administration must be held accountable.

We also spoke to ranchers, local leaders, and local elected officials. They broke down in tears talking about the risks to their livelihood and their families. One rancher told us, in fact, that his children needed to carry pistols if they wanted to go outside and play in their yard because they needed to protect themselves as droves of illegal immigrants cross their property.

Do you know whom they blame, Mr. Speaker?

They blame Joe Biden, and they blame this administration who has turned their backs on having a secure border. They have turned their backs on the people, not just of south Texas but the people across this country.

We also witnessed a processing facility where illegal immigrants were given brand new iPhones—just released. I thought they were doing facial recognition technology to run through a list. No. They were doing facial recognition technology to hand the illegal immigrants their cell phone paid for by U.S. taxpayer dollars.

This is a crisis. Every district across the country is a border district and every State is a border district.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. STEFANIK. On top of that, we have seen flights in the middle of the night relocating illegal immigrants to other States across the Nation, including my home State of New York.

This current crisis is untenable. Our systems are well-beyond the breaking point. The drug crisis caused by our porous border is reaching every part of this country causing deaths in every congressional district. Every Member of Congress needs to step up and secure the border. Our colleagues across the aisle have had over a year to put forth any bill to secure the border. They have failed to put forth any single bill, and, now, because we are heading toward a November election, they are honestly worried. And they should be, because the American people are smart. They know this is a result of their failed policies.

In my district in northern New York, I am proud to represent Border Patrol officers who have been transferred over and over and over again to the southern border. They are stepping up to do their job. They are stepping up to address this catastrophe caused by Joe Biden.

House Republicans are going to be unified. We stand behind the PAUSE Act to make sure title 42 remains in place, which is why we will oppose the previous question.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think that all of these efforts to distract us from the issue at hand are meant to cover up the very clear pro-Russian and pro-Putin faction at the heart of their side of the aisle.

Last month in March of this year, the very distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia went on a radio show called the "Voice of Rural America," and she followed Donald Trump's sickening appeasement of Vladimir Putin and blamed Ukraine for the situation.

She said:

You see, Ukraine just kept poking the bear and poking the bear which is Russia, and Russia invaded. There is no win for Ukraine here. Russia is successful in this invasion.

When Members of Congress are cheerleaders for Vladimir Putin and are voices of nothing but defeatism, fatalism, and pessimism for democracy in Europe, then they try to distract us with a lot of phony rhetoric about other issues.

She also said:

NATO has been supplying the neo-Nazis with powerful weapons and extensive training on how to use them. What the hell is going on with these NATO Nazis.

Mr. Speaker, we have to decide which side we are on.

When Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and Americans looked at what was happening in Europe during World War II and they saw Nazis marching down the street, they did not see very fine people on both sides of the street. They did not start cheerleading for Mussolini, Hitler, and Franco. Yet we have people here who go out and speak on the side of Vladimir Putin and on the side of Russia.

□ 1300

Let's pass this Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act to show where America is. We are not cheerleaders for Vladimir Putin. We are not going to follow the Trump-Putin axis down the road toward autocracy and kleptocracy and sedition and insurrection and corruption and coups in the United States. That is not where we are going.

This is the land of the free, the home of the brave. We stand for democracy here, not Vladimir Putin.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, many people say ours is a nation of immigrants. But our Nation also has an unfortunate history of political opportunists who attack the latest wave of immigrants and seek to stoke fear and chaos in order to gain or cling to power.

Whether the attacks were against my ancestors, the Irish; those at the southern border today; or the many other groups in between, we have heard the same language and scare tactics year after year, generation after generation. But then as now, those attacks are a

sham. They are attention-seeking to divide and distract us from their proponents' lack of seriousness, their lack of solutions, and, at times, their own misconduct.

Now, I rise today in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act and hope to send it quickly to President Biden's desk. The Senate acted quickly to pass this bill and send it our way.

Eighty years ago, the U.S. created the lend-lease program to provide military and humanitarian aid to Great Britain and our Allies in Europe as they stood on the front lines to oppose the Axis powers that threatened democracies around the world, including our own.

Today, the Ukrainian people are standing on the front lines in the fight for democracy and against tyranny. The U.S. needs to provide them with every possible measure of humanitarian and military aid.

To date, Congress and President Biden have led the world in supporting the Ukrainian people, sending nearly \$14 billion in food, medical supplies, and military assistance to Ukraine, working in close collaboration with our allies.

With this aid, the Ukrainian armed forces have been incredibly effective in opposing Putin's unlawful and unprovoked invasion. But the Ukrainian success is dependent on them having the equipment and supplies to continue fighting, and this bill will ensure that they do.

This is a bill that every freedom- and democracy-loving Member of the House should support, and I look forward to its swift passage on the floor.

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

Just two quick points in rebuttal for my friend from Pennsylvania.

First off, if there is concern about the humanitarian crisis on the southern border, the best thing you can do is try to bring order to that southern border. The trek that these individuals have to take is incredibly dangerous. Women and children are often exploited. Coyotes are making literally millions of dollars. Oftentimes, when the illegal immigrants come to the United States, they are put in sort of indentured servant status to the drug cartels and the coyotes.

The perverse thing about arguing that you care about people is that if you really did care about the humanitarian crisis, you would share the Republican viewpoint of law and order.

Secondly, to the fact that we need to act quickly on the bill regarding Ukraine, my colleagues across the aisle could have passed this bill on Tuesday. The fact that we are here wasting time on a bill that could have passed by suspension just shows the lack of seriousness on the other issues facing the American people. To act quickly, my colleagues should have been advocating this bill be run on Tuesday on suspension.

Here to talk more about these issues is the Republican leader of the Oversight and Reform Committee, Mr. JAMES COMER of Kentucky, who recently led a delegation to the southern border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, Oversight and Reform Committee Republicans witnessed firsthand the crisis on the border after the southern border trip I led earlier this month.

By pushing blanket amnesty and eroding interior enforcement, President Biden has now signaled to the world that our laws can be violated with little to no consequence.

In 2021, over 2 million apprehensions of illegal immigrants were made. This is the most ever recorded by U.S. Border Patrol. In fact, I want to quote Punchbowl News because they really put it into perspective yesterday morning when they reported: "According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, during the past 3 weeks, the agency has 'encountered an average of 7,800 migrants per day across the southwest border. This compares to a historical average of 1,600 per day in the prepandemic years,' a roughly 480 percent increase."

The surge of illegal immigrants is overwhelming the Department of Homeland Security. As a result, DHS was forced to release hundreds of thousands of these illegal border crossers into the United States.

Catch and release does not work. It only encourages more illegal immigration. The numbers we have don't even account for illegal immigrants who have evaded capture entirely. That number is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.

The situation only gets worse when we look at how much fentanyl and other deadly drugs are being smuggled across the border by cartels. On our trip, we witnessed hundreds of discarded backpacks littering the ground, backpacks that once carried illicit narcotics.

The Biden administration's border policies have only boosted the human smuggling industry and empowered drug cartels.

Now, President Biden's decision to terminate the CDC's public health order under title 42 on May 23 will turn this national security and humanitarian crisis into a catastrophe.

Former Obama administration Secretary of Homeland Security Johnson once said that only 1,000 apprehensions per day was "a relatively bad number" that "overwhelms the system." He described 4,000 apprehensions per day as a crisis.

The Department of Homeland Security now predicts as many as 12,000 to 18,000 illegal migrants per day will attempt to cross the border because of President Biden's policies when the

title 42 order terminates, overwhelming the congregate processing facilities in ports and Border Patrol stations that we toured along the border in California and Arizona.

This administration's plan to address this catastrophe boils down to simply speeding up the release of even more illegal border crossers. Mr. Speaker, that is no plan at all. Placing illegal immigrants over Americans is unacceptable.

Committee on Oversight and Reform Republicans have been at the forefront of this crisis, demanding answers and seeking to hold the administration accountable to the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, the American people should know this: We will persist in exposing the waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement by this administration that has led to this current crisis. We will do everything in our power to stop the flow of fentanyl across President Biden's broken border.

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

Mr. Speaker, I find this astounding. We are here to talk about aid to Ukraine, how to streamline and expedite aid to defend the people of Ukraine, and they will talk about anything but.

I was willing to believe that the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia and several other Members were isolated in their Conference. Now, I am starting to think that maybe they are speaking for the whole Conference.

I wonder if my good friend from Pennsylvania would explicitly repudiate some of these statements made by the gentlewoman from Georgia.

Does the minority Conference agree that NATO has been supplying the "neo-Nazi in Ukraine" with powerful weapons?

Does the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania support or dissociate himself from the argument that the aid that we send to Ukraine falls "into the hands of Nazis," a statement made by the gentlewoman from Georgia, echoing Putin's filthy claim that his war on the sovereign democracy of Ukraine is, in fact, an attempt to denazify the country?

Of course, we hear distinct echoes in everything that we get from the erudite gentlewoman from Georgia.

Does the minority agree that Putin invaded because Ukraine repeatedly poked the bear?

I mean, I can't understand why they won't talk about defending Ukraine. That is what this legislation is about. That is what this rule is about. They want to talk about anything other than that.

We can debate all of those other important issues in other contexts at the right time. This is how the House of Representatives works. But why are they covering up for the pro-Putin fac-

tion within their Conference? I would like them to dissociate themselves from the people who are blaming Ukraine for Russia's bloody imperial invasion and war of human rights violations and atrocities against the people. Please do that.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act of 2021.

This important bill, introduced by my good friend YVETTE HERRELL, would maintain health screening protections at the border and ensure that the Biden administration does not allow foreigners to enter our country illegally without being properly vetted.

I am from Georgia. For those of us that don't live in border States, it is a lot different when we see on the news the stories of the massive invasion at our southern border. It is a lot different when we read about it.

But when I went to the border just a few days ago with Congressman TONY GONZALES—he put together a great trip, and I am so grateful—it became very clear to me. What is happening at our southern border is a crisis of epic proportions, and it is difficult to comprehend it until you actually see it in person.

This is a complete human and drug trafficking operation that is doing nothing for Americans but hurting our country and enriching the cartels. They have grown their network and expanded it massively throughout their country, into our country, far-reaching, even into our cities, as was explained to us by the Border Patrol, where they recruit from our own American cities to come down to Mexico to help them traffic humans and drugs across our southern border.

This should never be happening, and it certainly was not happening not long ago under the Trump administration, where we had the most secure border we have had in decades.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our Congress to take this very seriously. As we are discussing other countries and other borders, this is the one country where we all swear an oath to uphold our laws and defend our Constitution, and we serve the American people from each of our own districts.

We should be taking extreme seriousness to this invasion at our southern border, not only for the COVID-19 pandemic but also for the many other dangerous diseases such as tuberculosis and others that they bring into our country.

Passing title 42 is imperative, and it is the most important thing this Congress can do at this time, as there is an average of 7,000 people coming across the border every single day and hundreds of thousands of got-aways that we don't know who they are, where

they are from, and what their purpose and intent is to do in the United States of America.

We already know that 42 known terrorists have been apprehended at our southern border, but we don't know how many terrorists exist in those hundreds of thousands of got-aways.

When I listen to a grown man cry over the amount of illegal aliens that are, 24 hours a day, coming across his ranch in Eagle Pass, it is a shame, and it is a tragedy.

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

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America just witnessed the most astonishing spectacle. We are here to debate aid to the people of Ukraine defending themselves against a massive invasion by Vladimir Putin and his army. Then, the minority puts up the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia, who does not mention Ukraine once.

She does not mention the thousands of Ukrainian civilians who have been slaughtered by Putin's army. She does not mention more than 100 Ukrainian children who have been shot and killed by the Russian army. Instead, she talks about a massive invasion at the border, a massive invasion, which their own speakers have said, today, hundreds of thousands of people have been apprehended in.

That is very different from a military invasion, the one in Ukraine. Of course, the gentlewoman is not going to talk about that. She had a lot to say the other day when she heckled me continuously. When I came to the floor, it was like "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in here with her chanting about the Russia hoax and Russia this and Russia that.

Now, she had the opportunity to tell the world what her views about Russia are. I put them out there, exactly what she has said. She said that the aid that the taxpayers of America are sending to the people of Ukraine to defend themselves against Vladimir Putin and the Russian army falls into the hands of Nazis.

□ 1315

I want to see her proof.

Where is her evidence?

She talks about NATO Nazis. Does the minority believe that our allies in NATO, who are trying to defend the people of Ukraine, are Nazis? Has it come to this?

The gentlewoman talked about massive invasion. We had a massive invasion of our own Chamber. ***

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I would request to have words taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland will be seated.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the offending remark.

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

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the words are withdrawn. There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the House rules do forbid engaging in personalities. I accept the advice of the Parliamentarian that I used unparliamentary language to make my point, and I certainly respect the necessity for parliamentary decorum.

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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close when my friend from Pennsylvania is prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I would tell my colleague across the aisle that I still have several speakers, just so we are on the same page.

Mr. Speaker, there were comments made prior regarding why we, on our side of the aisle, are not talking about the underlying bill.

The answer to that is very simple. Let's put this into perspective.

We are here debating the rule.

We are not debating final passage. In fact, we don't need to debate final passage because the vast majority of my colleagues agree on this particular bill. We are not here debating final passage of the bill.

We are debating, in essence, the rest of the legislative calendar for the day. We simply are arguing that in this calendar and in the agenda for the rest of the day, we should be considering other important matters, such as the crisis at the southern border.

So I just felt like I needed to put that in perspective.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST), my good friend.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the previous question.

Right now, the men and women of law enforcement are battling to secure our borders. Every day they are pushing back against drug smugglers, human traffickers, and the cartels. Make no mistake, this is the worst border crisis in our Nation's history and this administration took just over a year to bring our national security to this state.

I know because I have seen it myself. I was at the border a few days ago for my second trip in two weeks and I heard from the men and women on the border. Every single person we talked with told the same story. They told us that this administration, President Biden's administration, has abandoned them. They asked us to please provide help.

Instead of providing help, President Biden and many of my colleagues on the left have attacked the last tool the men and women of law enforcement have to perform their duties.

Without the Court's intervention, this administration would have stripped the last tool these law enforcement officers have to secure our border. I am glad that some of my colleagues across the aisle have seen the value in preserving title 42.

They have seen the importance of securing our borders against criminals and terrorists that we know are exploiting the crisis to enter America. They see the devastating impact that 18,000 encounters a day would have on communities across our Nation if title 42 is removed. Most importantly, they see the hard work of the men and women of law enforcement on the border, and like Republicans, they want to help.

I hope the rest of the Democratic Caucus will join them and support these men and women who are risking their lives to secure our Nation.

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

Mr. Speaker, my good friend from Pennsylvania suggests that this is something that we didn't actually need to bring to the floor, that it could have been done on a suspension vote. And yet, I am certain that my dear friend is aware that a number of suspension votes on things as simple as post office renamings have been voted down by the minority.

There was a distinguished judge who a post office was going to be named after and that was sabotaged on a suspension vote. There have been multiple votes like that.

In fact, we have a resolution that we put forward to affirm support for NATO and its democratic principles. And that was rejected by 63 Members of the minority caucus; 63 Members voted against a resolution expressing unequivocal support for a strong NATO and for the democratic principles underlying it.

Mr. Speaker, I would love if it were as simple as he was suggesting, that we could all agree to this, but they are not agreeing with the things that we are putting forward about the need to unite for democracy around the world. That is why we are precisely in this situation we are in.

Even when we are trying to talk about the importance of this new lend-lease expediting program to allow the U.S. Government to lend military equipment, to lease military equipment to Ukraine and to get it done quickly, it seems like our friends keep on wanting to change the subject to talk about anything other than that.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what to say other than I wish we were unified in supporting this rule for the legislation that we are bringing forward to make it a lot easier to get support to the people of Ukraine, the support they need to fight off the bloody military invasion being conducted by Putin's army.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN), my good friend, to rebut the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is frustrating to hear the political games being played, when a piece

of legislation isn't really about what it is intended to be about or what the title says that it is.

My colleague, whom I have respect for, and have watched him argue cogently on some issues, is actually incorrect on this. Suggesting that because I voted "no" on this bill I somehow don't support NATO, it is really, quite frankly, absurd.

I remember being in Iraq in 2003 when British SAS soldiers were wounded, and my Tier One task force went in, and we pulled those guys off the battlefield wounded. I took care of them in the back of the helicopter. I am fully supportive of NATO.

Quite frankly, it angers me that the suggestion because I voted on a piece of legislation that had a clause in it that didn't make sense to me that I am somehow not supportive of NATO. No one has been more supportive of NATO.

Yes, many of us voted "no" on that bill, but it was because it created this extra body to discuss democracy when we are at war trying to save a democracy.

How about we focus NATO on what is going on in Ukraine and not forming some new discussion group about democracy?

So, yeah, several of us voted no. But I assure you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleague from Maryland, that has nothing to do with a lack of support for NATO. Because when I was on that battlefield helping that British SAS warrior and they are supporting us, I didn't see a lot of other people who might be pointing a finger at us for not supporting NATO on that battlefield that day. There was nobody in this room in that helicopter flying into Baghdad with me.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman for his service, of course, and also for his clarification about his particular vote.

The House Resolution we are talking about is 831, calling on the United States Government to uphold the founding democratic principles of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and establishing a center for democratic resilience within the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Of course, everyone in the majority voted for it. I think the vast majority of the people on the gentleman's side of the aisle voted for it, but there were 63 Members who did find this or that clause objectionable and, therefore, voted against it. But that is precisely my point.

My good friend from Pennsylvania takes me to task for saying, Why didn't we just do this on a suspension vote basis, just bring it up here and let it glide through. Because nothing is simple when we are talking about these issues.

There are some people who are out there on the radio calling NATO Nazis and saying that the money that Americans are putting into Ukraine is going

to support Nazis. I haven't heard anybody renounce or repudiate that point of view.

Then there are others who find far more substantive and defensible problems with what we are doing.

In any event, they have been voting against it, so we were not able to do a suspension resolution. So we bring it up to have a discussion about Ukraine to see if we can get unity and then they take us off in 50 other directions.

It is a sad thing to see that when President Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine have demonstrated democratic courage, bravery, and valor to the entire world, and democratic societies are trying to get together to mobilize behind democracy to oppose what Vladimir Putin and his gang of thugs in Moscow and their allies in different places, like Orban in Hungary and—well, I don't want to get into the whole rogues' gallery of tyrants and bullies that they have gathered to support them.

We have got to be building the democratic forces. We should be together on this. We should be able to think about this in a far broader way than just talking points for the next election.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, let me just be clear. We are not going down several roads. We are going down one road with this argument and that is the southern border.

I am willing to bet that this vote will pass, the underlying bill will pass with over a two-thirds vote. We could have tried to run this on Tuesday. Even if it did fail, we could have been here running it today.

We have delayed this when we have serious business to discuss, particularly the southern border. And that is what we are debating; the fact that the legislative business for today should include the crisis at the southern border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER), my good friend, and a good pharmacist, to talk more about the crisis at the southern border.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471 to reinstate title 42 and protect our Nation from the influx of drugs and illegal immigrants flocking across our southern border.

Mr. Speaker, it is no coincidence that a 480 percent spike in border encounters, combined with a 68 percent drop in deportations, has led to the most deadly year on record for opioid overdoses.

This administration must answer for its atrocious public health record. The fentanyl that is invading our schools and killing our children is coming across the southern border. No mask is going to protect them from the dangers hiding in what appears to be an everyday painkiller. And this administration isn't going to protect them either.

Unlike President Biden and border czar, Harris, I have been to the southern border. In fact, I have been there four times. I have seen the gaping holes where a wall should be, the vast areas of land where smugglers can walk into our country virtually unchecked.

Lifting title 42 will open the flood gates even further. Like pouring hot water into a cold glass, the rule of law at our southern border is shattering.

Right now, in America, your child is forced to be vaccinated and wear a mask in order to attend school, but illegal immigrants are bused around the country without so much as a COVID test.

Explain to me how a President can justify extending pandemic-era student loan pauses, advocate for mask mandates on airplanes, and insist on vaccine mandates for healthcare workers, but when it comes to protecting our immigration system, suddenly the pandemic is no longer a concern.

If you are worried about contracting COVID, I suggest spending time at the southern border, because apparently, you can't contract it there.

Title 42 is a necessary rule that is preventing our border crisis from becoming a full-blown catastrophe. Removing it now would shackle our Border Patrol agents and threaten our immigration system, as we know it.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, let me just start by reiterating that I and the vast majority of my colleagues support S. 3522, and we look forward to voting on that bill later today. We need to bolster Ukraine's defense capability and protect vulnerable civilian populations in Ukraine.

However, we are debating the rule right now. The rule before us extends Speaker PELOSI's authoritarian COVID lockdown that has stripped rank-and-file Members of their ability to advocate for the people they represent.

Let's just look at the stats. Ninety percent of the country is in a low-risk community level. That is according to the CDC; over 90 percent of the country. So why is the Speaker so afraid to let the House get back to work?

If the Speaker followed the real science, not the political science the left has followed through this entire pandemic, the Speaker would allow the people's House to resume regular business.

Further, this rule is a missed opportunity to address the serious issues that are facing American families. American families are getting hammered by inflation. Gas prices are out of control. The border crisis is raging, and we are being told by President Biden that we are expected to face food shortages in future months.

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On top of all that bad news, just this morning, we learned the GDP de-

creased at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the first quarter of 2022. Our GDP is decreasing. This is the weakest showing since the pandemic recovery began and this falls well below the projections of economists.

So, instead of passing legislation to address the serious economic crisis we are facing and the serious security issue we are facing at the southern border, Democratic leadership is sending the House home a day early. We were supposed to be here tomorrow. Yet, we are getting sent home early, despite all these issues facing the American people.

We can do a lot more for this country and the American people. For that reason, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

I thank my friend for our lively discussion today. And I am glad to hear, again, that he supports the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022, S. 3522. I wish we could have focused on the meaning of this legislation, rather than for them to fight about the rule and to raise subjects that are not part of this legislation.

More than 10 million Ukrainians have been forced out of their homes; have been forced to flee in the worst mass exodus of refugees since World War II. Thousands of Ukrainian civilians have been killed. More than 100 Ukrainian children have been murdered by Putin's Army.

And I have heard the word authoritarian uttered on the other side of the aisle today, and it applies to whom? Not Vladimir Putin. They used it to apply to NANCY PELOSI, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, because they disagree with some interpretations of the rules of the House.

Well, this is a serious moment for people who are serious about democracy in the new century. If allowed to continue, Vladimir Putin will spread his rampage beyond Ukraine into neighboring countries in Eastern Europe, and then other authoritarian and autocratic leaders around the world will decide they will be able to do to their neighbors what Vladimir Putin was allowed to do to his neighbor.

This legislation is named after what President Roosevelt made happen during World War II, the Lend-Lease program that, without declaring war, America would come to the aid of its allies by lending and leasing military equipment to our allies in order to secure the democratic world. And that is where we are again.

So we need to streamline all of the red tape. We need to expedite the delivery of equipment to our allies in Ukraine. And I hope we will hear the end of the constant statements of defeatism and pessimism and surrender that we get from so many people who are out there and continue to take the position of the former President Trump

that Vladimir Putin is some kind of genius for invading his neighbor. He is not a genius. He is a mass murderer. He is not a genius. He is a human rights violator, and he is a perpetrator of war crimes.

The world needs to know where America stands. And we should stand, if we could, unified, for the people of Ukraine, for democracy in Europe, and for democracy all around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a “yes” vote on the rule and the previous question.

The material previously referred to by Mr. RESCHENTHALER is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 1065

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 4. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 471) to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of, the COVID-19 border health provisions through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 471.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 204, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 139]

YEAS—218

Adams	Boyle, Brendan	Castro (TX)
Aguilar	F.	Cherfilus-
Allred	Brown (MD)	McCormick
Auchincloss	Brown (OH)	Chu
Axne	Brownley	Cicilline
Barragán	Bush	Clark (MA)
Bass	Bustos	Clarke (NY)
Beatty	Butterfield	Cleaver
Bera	Carbajal	Clyburn
Beyer	Cárdenas	Cohen
Bishop (GA)	Carson	Connolly
Blumenauer	Carter (LA)	Cooper
Blunt Rochester	Cartwright	Correa
Bonamici	Case	Costa
Bourdeaux	Casten	Courtney
Bowman	Castor (FL)	Craig

Crist	Kind	Price (NC)
Crow	Kirkpatrick	Quigley
Cuellar	Krishnamoorthi	Raskin
Davids (KS)	Kuster	Rice (NY)
Davis, Danny K.	Lamb	Ross
Dean	Langevin	Roybal-Allard
DeFazio	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
DeLauro	Lawrence	Rush
DelBene	Lawson (FL)	Ryan
Delgado	Lee (CA)	Sánchez
Demings	Lee (NV)	Sarbanes
DeSaulnier	Leger Fernandez	Scanlon
Deutch	Levin (CA)	Schakowsky
Dingell	Levin (MI)	Schiff
Doggett	Lieu	Schneider
Doyle, Michael F.	Loftgren	Schrader
Escobar	Lowenthal	Schrier
Eshoo	Luria	Scott (VA)
Españolat	Lynch	Scott, David
Evans	Malinowski	Sewell
Fletcher	Maloney, Carolyn B.	Sherrill
Foster	Maloney, Sean	Sires
Frankel, Lois	Manning	Slotkin
Gallo	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Garamendi	McBath	Soto
Garcia (IL)	McCollum	Spanberger
Garcia (TX)	McEachin	Speier
Golden	McGovern	Stansbury
Gomez	McNerney	Stanton
Gonzalez, Vicente	Meeks	Stevens
Gottheimer	Mfume	Strickland
Green, Al (TX)	Moore (WI)	Suozzi
Grijalva	Morelle	Swalwell
Harder (CA)	Moulton	Takano
Hayes	Mrvan	Thompson (CA)
Higgins (NY)	Murphy (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Himes	Nadler	Titus
Horsford	Napolitano	Tlaib
Houlihan	Neal	Tonko
Hoyer	Neguse	Torres (CA)
Huffman	Newman	Torres (NY)
Jackson Lee	Norcross	Trahan
Jacobs (CA)	O'Halleran	Trone
Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez	Underwood
Jeffries	Omar	Vargas
Johnson (GA)	Pallone	Veasey
Johnson (TX)	Panetta	Velázquez
Jones	Pappas	Wasserman
Kahele	Pascarell	Schultz
Kaptur	Payne	Waters
Keating	Perlmutter	Watson Coleman
Kelly (IL)	Peters	Welch
Khanna	Phillips	Wexton
Kildee	Pingree	Wild
Kilmer	Pocan	Williams (GA)
Kim (NJ)	Porter	Wilson (FL)
	Pressley	Yarmuth

NAYS—204

Aderholt	Cole	Graves (LA)
Amodei	Comer	Graves (MO)
Armstrong	Crawford	Green (TN)
Arrington	Crenshaw	Greene (GA)
Babin	Curtis	Griffith
Bacon	Davidson	Grothman
Baird	Davis, Rodney	Guest
Balderson	DesJarlais	Guthrie
Banks	Diaz-Balart	Harris
Barr	Donalds	Harshbarger
Bentz	Duncan	Hartzler
Bergman	Dunn	Hern
Bice (OK)	Ellzey	Herrell
Biggs	Emmer	Herrera Beutler
Bilirakis	Estes	Hice (GA)
Bishop (NC)	Fallon	Higgins (LA)
Boebert	Feenstra	Hill
Bost	Ferguson	Hinson
Brady	Fischbach	Hollingsworth
Brooks	Fitzgerald	Hudson
Buchanan	Fitzpatrick	Huizenga
Buck	Fleischmann	Issa
Bucshon	Fox	Jackson
Budd	Franklin, C.	Jacobs (NY)
Burchett	Scott	Johnson (LA)
Burgess	Gaetz	Johnson (OH)
Calvert	Gallagher	Johnson (SD)
Cammack	Garbarino	Jordan
Carey	Garcia (CA)	Joyce (OH)
Carl	Gibbs	Joyce (PA)
Carter (GA)	Gimenez	Katko
Carter (TX)	Gohmert	Keller
Cawthorn	Gonzales, Tony	Kelly (MS)
Chabot	Gonzalez (OH)	Kelly (PA)
Cheney	Good (VA)	Kim (CA)
Cline	Gooden (TX)	Kustoff
Cloud	Gosar	LaHood
Clyde	Granger	LaMalfa

Lamborn	Nehls	Stauber
Latta	Norman	Steel
LaTurner	Obenroite	Stefanik
Lesko	Owens	Steil
Letlow	Palazzo	Steube
Long	Palmer	Stewart
Loudermilk	Pence	Taylor
Lucas	Perry	Tenney
Luetkemeyer	Pfuger	Thompson (PA)
Mace	Posey	Tiffany
Malliotakis	Reed	Timmons
Mann	Reschenthaler	Turner
Massie	Rice (SC)	Upton
Mast	Rodgers (WA)	Valadao
McCarthy	Rogers (AL)	Van Drew
McCaul	Rogers (KY)	Van Dyne
McClain	Rose	Wagner
McClintock	Rosendale	Walberg
McHenry	Rouzer	Walorski
McKinley	Roy	Waltz
Meijer	Rutherford	Weber (TX)
Meuser	Scalise	Webster (FL)
Miller (IL)	Schweikert	Wenstrup
Miller (WV)	Scott, Austin	Westerman
Miller-Meeks	Sessions	Williams (TX)
Moolenaar	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Mooney	Smith (MO)	Wittman
Moore (AL)	Smith (NE)	Womack
Moore (UT)	Smith (NJ)	Zeldin
Mullin	Smucker	
Murphy (NC)	Spartz	

NOT VOTING—7

Allen	Meng	Sherman
Fulcher	Newhouse	
Kinzinger	Salazar	

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS and Mr. TURNER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 139.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams (Manning)	Doyle, Michael F. (Evans)	Ocasio-Cortez (Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Brooks (Moore (AL))	(Correa)	(Stanton)
Brown (MD)	Gomez (Correa)	Perlmutter
(Evans)	Grijalva	(Neguse)
(Jeffries)	(Stanton)	Pfuger (Mann)
Brownley	Hartzler	Price (NC)
(Correa)	(Lamborn)	(Butterfield)
Carey	Higgins (NY)	Ross (Beyer)
(Balderson)	(Pallone)	Scott, David
Casten (Foster)	Johnson (TX)	(Jeffries)
Castro (TX)	(Jeffries)	Sires (Pallone)
(Correa)	Lamb (Pallone)	Strickland
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Lawson (FL)	(Jeffries)
Craig (Pallone)	(Wasserman)	Suozzi (Beyer)
Crist	Schultz	Taylor (Van Dyne)
(Wasserman)	Levin (MI)	Trahan (Beyer)
Schultz	(Beyer)	Veasey (Escobar)
DeSaulnier	Meijer (Katko)	Wagner
(Beyer)	Morelle (Jeffries)	(McHenry)
		Waters (Takano)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BEATTY). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 205, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 140]

YEAS—220

Adams	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Aguilar	Golden	Ocasio-Cortez
Allred	Gomez	Omar
Auchincloss	Gonzalez,	Pallone
Axne	Vicente	Panetta
Barragán	Gottheimer	Pappas
Bass	Green, Al (TX)	Pascarell
Beatty	Grijalva	Payne
Bera	Harder (CA)	Perlmutter
Beyer	Hayes	Peters
Bishop (GA)	Higgins (NY)	Phillips
Blumenauer	Himes	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Horsford	Pocan
Bonamici	Houlihan	Porter
Bourdeaux	Hoyer	Pressley
Bowman	Huffman	Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Jackson Lee	Quigley
	Jacobs (CA)	Raskin
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Ross
Brown (OH)	Jeffries	Roybal-Allard
Brownley	Johnson (GA)	Ruiz
Bush	Johnson (TX)	Ruppersberger
Bustos	Jones	Rush
Butterfield	Kahele	Ryan
Carbajal	Kaptur	Sánchez
Cárdenas	Keating	Sarbanes
Carson	Kelly (IL)	Scanlon
Carter (LA)	Khanna	Schakowsky
Cartwright	Kildee	Schiff
Case	Kilmer	Schneider
Casten	Kim (NJ)	Schrader
Castor (FL)	Kind	Schrier
Castro (TX)	Kirkpatrick	Scott (VA)
Cherfilus-	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
McCormick	Kuster	Sewell
Chu	Lamb	Sherman
Cicilline	Langevin	Sherrill
Clark (MA)	Larsen (WA)	Sires
Clarke (NY)	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Cleaver	Lawrence	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Lawson (FL)	Soto
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Spanberger
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Speier
Cooper	Leger Fernandez	Stansbury
Correa	Levin (CA)	Stanton
Costa	Levin (MI)	Stevens
Courtney	Lieu	Strickland
Craig	Lofgren	Suozzi
Crist	Lowenthal	Swalwell
Crow	Luria	Takano
Cuellar	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
Davids (KS)	Malinowski	Thompson (MS)
Davis, Danny K.	Maloney,	Titus
	Carolyn B.	Tlaib
Dean	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
DeFazio	Manning	Torres (CA)
DeGette	Matsui	Torres (NY)
DeLauro	McBath	Trahan
DelBene	McCollum	Trone
Delgado	McEachin	Underwood
Demings	McGovern	Vargas
DeSaulnier	McNerney	Veasey
Deutch	Meeks	Velázquez
Dingell	Meng	Wasserman
Doggett	Mfume	Schultz
Doyle, Michael F.	Moore (WI)	Waters
Escobar	Morelle	Watson Coleman
Eshoo	Moulton	Welch
Espallat	Mrvan	Wexton
Evans	Murphy (FL)	Wild
Fletcher	Nadler	Williams (GA)
Foster	Napolitano	Wilson (FL)
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Yarmuth
Gallego	Neguse	
Garamendi	Newman	
Garcia (IL)	Norcross	

NAYS—205

Aderholt	Brady	Clyde
Amodei	Brooks	Cole
Armstrong	Buchanan	Comer
Arrington	Buck	Crawford
Babin	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Bacon	Budd	Curtis
Baird	Burchett	Davidson
Balderson	Burgess	Davis, Rodney
Banks	Cammack	DesJarlais
Barr	Carey	Diaz-Balart
Bentz	Carl	Donalds
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Duncan
Bice (OK)	Carter (TX)	Dunn
Biggs	Cawthorn	Ellzey
Bilirakis	Chabot	Emmer
Bishop (NC)	Cheney	Estes
Boebert	Cline	Fallon
Boat	Cloud	Feenstra

Ferguson	Katko	Reschenthaler
Fischbach	Keller	Rice (SC)
Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)	Rodgers (WA)
Fitzpatrick	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (AL)
Fleischmann	Kim (CA)	Rogers (KY)
Foxx	Kustoff	Rose
Franklin, C.	LaHood	Rosendale
Franklin, Scott	LaMalfa	Rouzer
Fulcher	Lamborn	Roy
Gaetz	Latta	Rutherford
Gallagher	LaTurner	Salazar
Garbarino	Lesko	Scalise
Garcia (CA)	Letlow	Schweikert
Gibbs	Long	Scott, Austin
Gimenez	Loudermilk	Sessions
Gohmert	Lucas	Simpson
Gonzales, Tony	Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO)
Gonzalez (OH)	Mace	Smith (NE)
Good (VA)	Malliotakis	Smith (NJ)
Gooden (TX)	Mann	Smucker
Gosar	Massie	Spartz
Granger	Mast	Stauber
Graves (LA)	McCarthy	Steel
Graves (MO)	McCauley	Stefanik
Green (TN)	McClain	Steil
Greene (GA)	McClintock	Steube
Griffith	McHenry	Stewart
Grothman	McKinley	Taylor
Guest	Meijer	Tenney
Guthrie	Meuser	Thompson (PA)
Harshbarger	Miller (IL)	Tiffany
Hartzler	Miller (WV)	Timmons
Hern	Miller-Meeks	Turner
Herrell	Moolenaar	Upton
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Higgins (LA)	Moore (UT)	Van Dyne
Hill	Mullin	Wagner
Hinson	Murphy (NC)	Walberg
Hollingsworth	Nehls	Walorski
Hudson	Newhouse	Waltz
Huizenga	Norman	Weber (TX)
Issa	Oberholte	Webster (FL)
Jackson	Owens	Wenstrup
Jacobs (NY)	Palazzo	Westerman
Johnson (LA)	Palmer	Williams (TX)
Johnson (OH)	Pence	Wilson (SC)
Johnson (SD)	Perry	Wittman
Jordan	Pfluger	Womack
Joyce (OH)	Posey	Zeldin
Joyce (PA)	Reed	

NOT VOTING—4

Allen	Harris
Calvert	Kinzinger

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams	Doyle, Michael	Ocasio-Cortez
(Manning)	F. (Evans)	(Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Brooks (Moore)	(Correa)	(Stanton)
(AL))	Gomez (Correa)	Perlmutter
Brown (MD)	Grijalva	(Neguse)
(Evans)	(Stanton)	Pfluger (Mann)
Brown (OH)	Hartzler	Price (NC)
(Jeffries)	(Lamborn)	(Butterfield)
Brownley	Higgins (NY)	Ross (Beyer)
(Correa)	(Pallone)	Scott, David
Carey	Johnson (TX)	(Jeffries)
(Balderson)	(Jeffries)	Sires (Pallone)
Casten (Foster)	Lamb (Pallone)	Strickland
Castro (TX)	Lawson (FL)	(Jeffries)
(Correa)	(Wasserman)	Suozzi (Beyer)
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Schultz	Taylor (Van
Craig (Pallone)	Levin (MI)	Dwyne)
Crist	(Beyer)	Trahan (Beyer)
(Wasserman)	Lowenthal	Veasey (Escobar)
Schultz)	(Beyer)	Wagner
DeSaulnier	Meijer (Katko)	(McHenry)
(Beyer)	Morelle (Jeffries)	Waters (Takano)

ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1035

Resolved,

SECTION 1. ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS.

(a) AGGREGATE AMOUNT FOR CONGRESS.—Notwithstanding section 1(b) of House Resolution 316, the amount paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives with respect to the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in such section shall be as follows: Committee on Agriculture, \$12,903,444; Committee on Armed Services, \$19,499,783; Committee on the Budget, \$11,444,418; Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, \$4,060,000; Committee on Education and Labor, \$16,514,033; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$24,276,492; Committee on Ethics, \$7,366,162; Committee on Financial Services, \$18,828,344; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$18,172,203; Committee on Homeland Security, \$16,877,072; Committee on House Administration, \$12,071,622; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$13,740,458; Committee on the Judiciary, \$17,862,842; Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, \$2,146,625; Committee on Natural Resources, \$15,320,258; Committee on Oversight and Reform, \$29,183,624; Committee on Rules, \$7,578,176; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$12,215,318; Committee on Small Business, \$6,831,416; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$20,154,063; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$10,063,152; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$20,880,218.

(b) SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 3(b) of House Resolution 316, the amount provided for the expenses of each committee named in such section which shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2022, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2023, shall be not more than the following: Committee on Agriculture, \$6,758,947; Committee on Armed Services, \$10,381,791; Committee on the Budget, \$5,994,695; Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, \$2,145,000; Committee on Education and Labor, \$8,650,208; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$12,559,115; Committee on Ethics, \$3,858,466; Committee on Financial Services, \$9,862,466; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$9,518,773; Committee on Homeland Security, \$8,840,371; Committee on House Administration, \$6,481,432; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$7,197,383; Committee on the Judiciary, \$9,356,727; Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, \$1,145,375; Committee on Natural Resources, \$8,024,897; Committee on Oversight and Reform, \$15,286,660; Committee on Rules, \$4,167,807; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$6,398,500; Committee on Small Business, \$3,578,361; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$10,556,890; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$5,271,175; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$10,780,114.

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1065, I call up

the bill (S. 3522) to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3522

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 “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. LOAN AND LEASE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF UKRAINE AND EASTERN FLANK COUNTRIES.

(a) AUTHORITY TO LEND OR LEASE DEFENSE ARTICLES TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the President may authorize the United States Government to lend or lease defense articles to the Government of Ukraine or to governments of Eastern European countries impacted by the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine to help bolster those countries’ defense capabilities and protect their civilian populations from potential invasion or ongoing aggression by the armed forces of the Government of the Russian Federation.

(2) EXCLUSIONS.—For the purposes of the authority described in paragraph (1) as that authority relates to Ukraine, the following provisions of law shall not apply:

(A) Section 503(b)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2311(b)(3)).

(B) Section 61 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796).

(3) CONDITION.—Any loan or lease of defense articles to the Government of Ukraine under paragraph (1) shall be subject to all applicable laws concerning the return of and reimbursement and repayment for defense articles loan or leased to foreign governments.

(4) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The President may delegate the enhanced authority under this subsection only to an official appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) PROCEDURES FOR DELIVERY OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall establish expedited procedures for the delivery of any defense article loaned or leased to the Government of Ukraine under an agreement entered into under subsection (a) to ensure timely delivery of the article to that Government.

(c) DEFINITION OF DEFENSE ARTICLE.—In this Act, the term “defense article” has the meaning given that term in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS).

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 3522.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

When Russia launched its renewed war against Ukraine, it thought Ukraine would fall in a matter of days. Putin and Russia thought the West would be divided, unable to offer Ukraine the support that it needed. They thought the world would believe their Russian lies. They thought that we would never stay together.

Well, Madam Speaker, on all accounts, Putin has been proven wrong. Two months ago, the people of Ukraine united in defense of their home. I visited Ukraine at that time, before the invasion, and they said: We will fight; we will defend our democracy and our country.

Then what happened? President Biden kept all 30 nations of NATO together, joining with and bringing along other allies and other democracies from around the world, all united like never before. We have jointly imposed devastating sanctions on Russia and provided Ukraine with billions of dollars of security, humanitarian, and economic assistance. And we have demonstrated to Putin and to the Russian Government that their actions have left them isolated.

At the time, our goal was clear: Help Ukraine do what we heard the people ask us to do, defend themselves. But it is now abundantly clear that we must adjust our assumptions and our strategies and that we must help Ukraine, as Secretary Austin said, win.

I strongly support the efforts of the administration, in coordination and in close cooperation with Congress, to provide as much assistance as we can to help Ukraine protect itself. We must look forward to what Ukraine needs to fend off the renewed Russian offensive in the east and, ultimately, win this war, to retake territory, to liberate the towns and cities from Russian occupation and ongoing Russian war crimes, and to maintain and regain their sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This bill is a further step in that direction of thinking toward the long term. It can and must be part of a strategy to not only continue providing Ukraine with the weapons systems its soldiers are well trained to use, including Russian tanks and planes, the U.S.- and NATO-origin anti-air and anti-tank missile systems and drones, but also to step up our training efforts. Through additional training, we will be able to provide more and more advanced equipment.

The administration already has the authority to lend and lease equipment to allies and partners to support the United States’ national security interests, and it has already been using all the funds that Congress has given it previously. This bill will allow the administration to cut through the red tape in existing lend-lease authorities to facilitate another channel by which all this vital support can be provided.

Specifically, this bill streamlines the processes to facilitate the administration’s provisioning of lent or leased defense articles to Ukraine or Eastern European countries impacted by Russia’s invasion for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. It does so by exempting the administration from provisions of law that limit the duration of loaned equipment to 5 years only, as well as exempting such loaned and leased equipment from repayment of costs incurred by doing so.

In short, it does not create a new program, as lend-lease authority is already enshrined in law, but it gives the administration added flexibility in using an existing program to get vital support to Ukraine.

I strongly support this bill, and I urge all of my colleagues to show the same unity that our allies have shown as we fight off this vicious invasion by Putin and Russia in Ukraine.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

Madam Speaker, it is absolutely amazing the unintended consequence of Vladimir Putin, war criminal Putin, that he has brought Democrats and Republicans together. He has united the people of the United States. With the leadership of Chairman GREG MEEKS and Ranking Member MIKE McCaul, Americans are united in their support of the people of Ukraine.

For 63 days, the courageous people of Ukraine have resisted full-scale invasion by war criminal Putin with his murderous occupying forces, in large part due to the courageous leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Ukrainians have witnessed their prosperous homeland being attacked and the lives of their loved ones senselessly murdered. The world has been a witness to the countless atrocities inflicted upon the Ukrainian people, and we continue to see the depravity of the Putin forces in real time, targeting civilians and humanitarian infrastructure with mass murder, just as they conducted gruesomely in Aleppo, Syria.

Ukraine’s request is simple: Provide the weapons needed to defend the Ukrainian homeland and Ukrainian families. This bill does just that by removing bureaucratic red tape to support a loan or lease of defense articles to Ukraine immediately.

I am grateful to have introduced the House bipartisan version of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 and to work with our colleagues to bring this legislation to the floor today.

Time is of the essence. Every day that goes by means more innocent lives lost. Congress has been united in its support of Ukraine, and we have given the administration the capacity to use funds under a Presidential Drawdown Authority specifically for Ukraine.

Today, with the passage of this bill, we remain unified in our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

There is a successful historical precedent for lend-lease. During World War II, lend-lease was enacted to provide weapons to Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and 28 other Allies to defeat Nazi Germany. Lend-lease proved integral in the outcome of the siege of Leningrad.

On May 5, 2005, I led a codel to Saint Petersburg. We, sadly, were there at the world's largest open cemetery to provide a wreath to recognize the appreciation of the people of the United States to the people of Russia. This is the final resting place of 420,000 civilians and 50,000 soldiers who died when Hitler's murderous forces invaded.

America saved what is now Saint Petersburg, which is the birthplace of Putin. It is ironic in history that America now is considering this critical legislation to help Ukrainians avoid further loss of life at the hands of Putin's murderous forces.

Ukraine's battle for its sovereignty is in the forefront of the fight between autocracy, which is the rule of gun, versus democracy, which is the rule of law. Their success is the success of democracy.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support passage of the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader of this body.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the chairman of the committee, for yielding. I thank him for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor quickly and effectively. I thank Mr. WILSON, who represents the minority, and also Mr. McCAUL, who is the ranking member of the committee, for bringing this. I thank Mrs. SPARTZ for bringing this issue to the personal attention of all of us, with her personal knowledge of Ukraine and her love of her native country.

Madam Speaker, in 1940, after the Battle of France had ended and the Battle of Britain was beginning, Winston Churchill stood before the House of Commons and declared that the United Kingdom would fight on, if necessary, for years; if necessary, alone.

Britain would fight by itself for some time, but it was not alone. Even though America was not at war, we made a strategic and moral determina-

tion that we must help Britain defend itself against fascism. To do that, we set up the lend-lease program, which cut through red tape and enabled critical American military aid to reach our Allies quickly so they could win the Battle of Britain, hold back the forces of fascism, and begin a counter-offensive in North Africa.

Lend-lease established America as what President Franklin Roosevelt called the great arsenal of democracy.

Today, the battle for democracy is taking place in another European nation, Ukraine. The Ukrainian people are the ones engaged in combat directly. They are at the point of the spear. They are the ones experiencing death and destruction and displacement. They are directly in the line of the Russian troops to repel Vladimir Putin's criminal and unprovoked invasion, an act that recalls the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941: unprovoked, unjustified, unacceptable.

But they are not alone in this fight. Already, the Biden-Harris administration and our allies have sent billions of dollars' worth of lethal military aid to help Ukraine defend itself against Putin's unlawful and immoral aggression.

I heard the words of my friend from South Carolina that Putin has brought us together, has unified us, unified us as a NATO alliance, unified us as a European Union and the United States of America, unified us as a Congress, that this shall not stand. Already, the Biden-Harris administration and our allies have sent billions of dollars' worth of lethal military aid to help Ukraine defend itself against Putin's unlawful and immoral aggression.

Putin, of course, meant the battle for Kyiv to be short-lived, to last days, and to see Ukraine's democratic government overthrown and a quisling regime installed.

The battle of Kyiv, however, was won by the forces of freedom, thanks to the extraordinary heroism and courage of Kyiv's defenders and the antitank weapons and other equipment supplied by America and its NATO allies. They are not alone.

Now, with war raging in Ukraine's east, we are rapidly sending additional arms to the Ukrainians that will help them hold the line against Russian forces and engage in the kind of counteroffensive that will defeat Russia's invasion.

How extraordinarily ironic it is that Putin urges us not to escalate the war as Putin escalates it hourly, unjustifiably, criminally, despicably. Every negative adjective you can find applies to the unwarranted, unprovoked, and unacceptable aggression Russia has made on its neighbors.

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As I told The Danish Foreign Policy Society when I was visiting with our allies earlier this month, the invasion of Ukraine must end in a strategic de-

feat for Putin and global criminality. Anything less would send a dangerous signal to other dictators around the world that wars of aggression could yield net gains. That must not happen.

America and our allies must ensure that the only thing Putin gains from the invasion of Ukraine is a hard lesson learned through bitter defeat and loss. Let there be no mistake; that is the only outcome we can accept.

The lend-lease bill we will pass today is a bipartisan expression of the House's support for Ukraine and the continued provision of the lethal arms it requires to defend its freedom, its sovereignty, and its people.

I thank, as I said earlier, Chairman GREGORY MEEKS, Ranking Member MICHAEL McCAUL, Representative JOE WILSON, and staff members of the Foreign Affairs Committee for their work on this bill.

The Senate passed this legislation unanimously earlier this month. I urge my colleagues: This is not a partisan issue. This is about freedom. This is about democracy. This is about morality. This should not be an issue that is at all dividing the 435 of us who have the honor to serve in this body.

Once this legislation is enacted, the Biden-Harris administration will have another tool to ensure that military aid reaches Ukraine quickly and efficiently so that it can be deployed to the front lines and defend democracy. We owe freedom nothing less than that.

The White House has already requested additional funding for military and humanitarian aid, and the House will stand ready to take action once there is agreement on the path forward.

I tell Chairman MEEKS of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and I tell Chairman SMITH of the Armed Services Committee, as soon as that is ready to move, I will move it as soon as it is possible.

The White House has urgently requested the resources that Ukraine needs. Can we do any less than that? In the meantime, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, as I said, unanimously. Let us show Vladimir Putin, let us show the dictators and autocrats of the world, let us show them what happens when democracy is attacked.

Hitler thought when he took Sudetenland and the free world did little that he could then go to Poland, and he could go to Russia, and he could go to Africa, and he could go to France, and he could go someplace else.

The free world led by America must make it very clear that it will not stand for this, that America will be part of an extraordinary alliance of free nations, moral nations, who believe in law, not might makes right.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to unanimously and decisively approve this legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. SPARTZ).

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act.

Bureaucracy, as we all know, is an enemy in any crisis, so streamlining processes and improving speed and agility are extremely important.

I just recently went to Ukraine twice, and I want to share with you the brutality of this war, the atrocities that happened to the civilian population. It is very difficult to express in words. It is very disturbing.

The strength and resiliency of the Ukraine people and their optimism are very inspiring to me as an American and inspiring to a lot of people around the world.

I talked to one of the American reporter journalists, and he said: I have been reporting here for a while, and I can tell you, Ukrainians don't even realize how much they are like Americans.

I talked to one Ukrainian service-member, who actually grew up in the Kharkiv area close to the Russian border, and he told me: You know what? I always thought that we would become brothers and sisters, but to tell you the truth, we are not brothers anymore. This is a different people. I look at them, and we are West, and they are East. They are barbaric and lost in the last century or before.

I think it is very important for us to make sure that we support the Ukrainian people in this war and fight for freedom to bring stability and international order back to try to defend this fight for freedom and defend Europe and all of us from further escalation of this conflict.

I think it is also important for us to add some oversight and make sure that we do have military to share to make sure that these processes do work. I truly believe this collaboration of our great United States of America and our great American people with the strength and resiliency of the Ukrainian people will bring victory and peace back.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I thank the bipartisan collaboration on these issues and support of this Congress and this body. It is very important for us to be strong and stand together because this is a national security issue that we need to have resolved. I truly believe our country, the greatest country in the world, is an inspiration for a lot of people, and we are going to defeat the enemies of freedom and democracy around the world.

Madam Speaker, I urge support of this bill.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, first, let me thank Representative SPARTZ. She traveled with me when we visited Poland, and I know she was recently over there. She has relatives, and I think we saw her with—I think it was her grandparent, who is in her nineties, on Easter Sunday, celebrating and standing with the Ukrainian people. I thank the gentlewoman for her support

even though she isn't a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, particularly for standing up for justice. I thank her personally for that.

I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), my friend and leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. I thank Mr. MEEKS for what he has done to bring this legislation to fruition, as well as Mr. WILSON.

I rise and I stand where I stand because we should all stand together. I stand here because we are engaged in a war for the world, and Ukraine is the front line of democracy in this war.

We cannot allow a ruthless, reckless, careless dictator to dictate the terms of engagement. The terms of engagement for us will have to be set by us.

Our President has said no boots on the ground. I agree, but that doesn't mean that we can't have planes in the air that Ukrainians will pilot. That doesn't mean that we can't have tanks on the ground with the Ukrainians manning them. It doesn't mean that you can't have torpedoes in the water that Ukrainians are going to fire. It simply means this: We have no choice. If we allow this to happen, what happens when some other dictator decides that he is going to threaten?

I believe that this legislation is a continuation of what President Biden has said he would do. No boots on the ground. We provide the armaments; they provide the army.

We are engaged in a war for the world. We must win. Ukraine must be victorious in this battle.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL).

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, Mr. WILSON from South Carolina, for his leadership on this effort. Of course, I have to thank my good friend, our chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, GREG MEEKS, for his immense work for many weeks on trying to get this done and done in the right way.

I rise in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. We have to thank two essential people for this concept. Winston Churchill thought up the idea of lend-lease. He talked his essential partner in the very special transatlantic relationship, FDR, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, into this concept. Roosevelt sold it to the Congress, and it is a real moment in history that we are back on this House floor supporting lend-lease.

Congress came together to arm Britain in the face of the blitz by the Nazis, but today, we find ourselves in a very similar situation with Putin systematically bombing and shelling the peaceful villages and cities of Ukraine, the Ukrainian people bravely defending their own sovereign land in the face of evil.

When I was in Romania 2 weeks ago, the Prime Minister there described

their fighting spirit as: The Ukrainian people fight with lions' hearts.

This bill will expedite the resources needed for Ukraine to defend themselves against Russia's illegal, unwarranted, and brutal war in Ukraine.

In every single meeting with our Ukrainian friends, parliamentarians, ministers, citizens, and our own colleagues, the answer is: While they appreciate the American response and the response of 30 other nations, they need weapons, and they need them now.

In history, victory and defeat can come down to days and weeks, if not hours. There have been too many delays already in getting Ukraine the military equipment they need.

That is why I am pleased to see that we are enacting this Churchillian idea, born in World War II, a strategy now that will set the foundation for victory in this war and the President's authority to get the weapons to the brave Ukrainians fighting for their own independence and freedom.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill. I thank the Members who worked on it so diligently.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, to Mr. MEEKS and Mr. WILSON: Thank you for your hard work on this legislation.

Now, the Lord works in strange ways. As you get older, you can list the ways. The country is closer together in a most weird way for a common objective. We speak of unity more now than we spoke of division 8 months ago.

Russia is bombing hospitals—war crimes. Russian soldiers are violating women and murdering children. Russia is seeking the total destruction of Ukraine.

Against all odds, Ukraine and the Ukrainian people have pushed Russia back. Russia and Putin are losing.

This war will not end soon. Putin is deranged and humiliated. The violence will only intensify. It is the responsibility of our government and every single American to support the Ukrainian people.

Before Pearl Harbor, America enacted the Lend-Lease Act to keep democracy alive. Our legislation channels the same spirit and the same purpose. In 1940, FDR awakened America's arsenal of democracy. With it, we preserved freedom.

With our action today, we reawaken that arsenal of democracy once more. We again are witnessing a conflict of civilization versus darkness, freedom versus tyranny.

New Jersey's Ninth District has one of the largest Ukrainian-American populations in America. They cry out for help. We cry with them. The brave Ukrainian people have undaunted courage. They must know America stands with them no matter what.

God bless Ukraine, and God bless the United States of America. The Lord does work in strange ways.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from the great State of Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE), a dynamic Member of Congress.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the manager, Mr. WILSON, who I have traveled with as well, and I know his heart.

Madam Speaker, I rise and support the legislation, S. 3522, that will provide the President with the authority to lend and lease defense articles to be able to help in the fight.

Madam Speaker, but as I do that, realizing what we are standing for, I raise my button that says, "We Stand With Ukraine," the very nation that is standing in the gap and fighting for the preservation of democracy around the world against the tyranny of autocracy and a one-man band and a one-man war.

We have all heard of the atrocities that this violent dictator has chosen to wage against the innocent people of Ukraine, a country that wants nothing more than to love, to live, and to live under a democratic regime. But let me tell you the story of what they face every day.

Mariupol, the people who are there under siege do not know whether or not the soldiers, the injured soldiers, civilians, and children will ever come out alive. Or the mother who held her 3-month-old baby with her family members in her own apartment, seeking refuge and bombed by the Russians.

Or the little girl, 16 years old, who was told to take off her clothes to be raped by a Russian soldier, and to be raped again and again.

For the children who sat amongst the bodies of their parents, for the children who themselves were killed in Mariupol and around the nation, for those who lost loved ones who are fleeing through universal humanitarian routes that are known in every war.

I recall, as a Member of the United States Congress, going to the Bosnian War, Albanian Civil War, Iraq, Afghanistan. I don't think I have ever seen a direct and deliberate attack on civilians as Vladimir Putin's war has done.

So this is a crucial moment in our history. We have our responsibilities to America. We have the responsibilities of securing the southern border. I just spent hours in the Committee on the Judiciary where my friends on the other side of the aisle decided to take up one issue, the attack about title 42.

On this floor, just a few hours ago, there was a constant rampant voice of title 42 regarding the southern border when we were discussing this bill under the rule.

I want the American people to know that talk is cheap, and what we should be doing now is realizing that this is serious business. We must pass this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, the gentleman is extremely kind for the passion that I have.

Madam Speaker, we must pass this legislation to deal with not only the lend-lease on defense articles, but to be able to provide the necessary humanitarian relief as well.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by saying that the children have to be prioritized. When I was in Ukraine on the border and visiting a reception center, I saw the faces of the children. Unaccompanied children should be registered. Children with parents should be registered. We should be focused, as UNICEF says, to eliminate the nightmare that the children are facing, the death that they face, the injury that they face, and to prioritize it and to make sure that children can face the trauma that this war is.

As we do that, let us continue to bolster up the American people's support and let us address their needs, because they have needs, but let us make sure that the victory is ours.

Finally, I am grateful for one of our hostages coming home; he lives in Texas. There are two more that we know that are well-known, and we must bring home both of them, including the Olympian that plays in Russia and who is a WNBA star. We must bring them home.

Madam Speaker, I support this legislation and ask all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Tennessee (Mr. COHEN).

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to support this important legislation that Congressman WILSON and I have cosponsored. We have had bipartisan support on this legislation as well.

It is important that we support Ukraine in every way possible. America does not have to give up its blood from our soldiers in this war, we only have to give our treasure. What a bargain that is for America. We supply and help Ukrainians fight the Russians. Putin sees this as a war against America and the West. We are fortunate. Eventually, it would come to NATO lands, and it will be our blood, not just our treasure that we would have to give.

The Ukrainians are doing a great job, but they need our help and support. I hope they get airplanes, too. Every bomb that falls on the people in the hospitals and kills innocent lives could be prevented, and we should try to do all we can to prevent it.

Madam Speaker, I met today with the President of Georgia. I met with

the President of Kosovo. They both are concerned that Putin's got his eyes on their countries as well. And he does. He is looking at the Balkans. He is looking at the Baltic, where I visited Lithuania. I have been to Estonia and Latvia; he desires those countries, too. He wants to put together a repeat of what they had as the great Russian empire. And he won't be stopped unless we do it. If we can do it with Ukrainian men and women fighting, we are lucky and we are fortunate, and we should do all we can to help them.

Putin is a bully, and you don't stop a bully with kindness and negotiations. You have to stand up to that person. Stand up to the bully. That is the only thing they understand and respect.

We need to continue our sanctions and sanction him into oblivion. We need to support Ukraine or else this war will go on and America will be at risk of being personally involved. Ukraine is the battleground now. America will be next through NATO and other efforts of Putin.

Glory to Ukraine. Glory to the United States of America.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the very distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished chair.

We shall pay any price, we shall bear any burden, we shall support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

President Kennedy's inaugural address.

And here we stand in the most powerful country, in the most powerful legislative body, voting on an issue of freedom, of liberty, the basic foundation of this country. I am proud that this is a bipartisan effort to support the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian leadership because they have paid the ultimate sacrifice. They are bearing the ultimate burden.

So it is appropriate for us, as this monster, Vladimir Putin, invades a free country, blackmails the neighbors around energy issues, scares all of Eastern Europe and all of Europe, in conjunction with the support of China who looked the other way and said, Well, just wait until after the Olympics. There is a lot at stake here.

This is about much more than just Ukraine. This is about freedom around the world.

I agree with what the chairman and so many other speakers said. We cannot let Vladimir Putin gain one inch of soil in Ukraine. Not one inch. You can't reward bad behavior. You can't reward violence. And that is what we will be doing.

So I rise in support of this bill. I support the \$33 billion that the President has proposed this morning.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 1 minute.

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, we need to continue this process; not one inch of soil.

Like Mr. PASCRELL said, there are States like New Jersey or Ohio, where we have people from Ukraine and from Poland and from Lithuania, and those ties run deep. Their family members, friends that they have lost, that have gotten killed, slaughtered by a monster.

So we need to keep going.

Planes: The \$33 billion that the President wants, this process expedites all that.

We should look at what we need to do to China if they continue to support Russia in this effort.

I think, in a bipartisan way, we need to come together around a whole-of-government approach.

We need to get natural gas from eastern Ohio to Eastern Europe, from western Pennsylvania to Eastern Europe, from West Virginia and New York to Eastern Europe, and knock the legs out from under Vladimir Putin.

Whole-of-government approach. Be aggressive. Not one inch of territory. And make sure we ensure the survival and the success of liberty.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, I think it is important to note that S. 3522 is a smart and critical step to give another piece of artillery to the administration so that it has flexibility as it needs to provide Ukraine the support that it needs so that it has the ability to win.

It is also important to show, and that is why it is important for us to be on the floor today, as Mr. WILSON has indicated, the unity that we have here in the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I will tell you that working with Mr. McCAUL and Mr. WILSON and Mrs. SPARTZ on the other side of the aisle, as well as with all of my colleagues on the committee on the Democratic side of the aisle, and working with the Speaker and the majority leader, it is that unity that is going to win this war.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time, and I am very grateful that next we will have the Speaker of the House.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the great Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank the distinguished Mr. WILSON for yielding as well.

Madam Speaker, I am so pleased that this legislation has such strong bipartisan support on the floor of the House. It removes all doubt in anyone's mind

that we are all committed as a Nation, as a Congress—House and Senate—in terms of this legislation. I thank both gentlemen for their leadership.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate that the gentleman is working with the ranking member, Mr. McCAUL, on this important issue as well, and I thank him for affording me this opportunity today.

Madam Speaker, 81 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt came here to the Congress of the United States, to the House of Representatives, where I am proud to say my father, Thomas D'Alesandro, served as a Member of Congress. And President Franklin Roosevelt delivered a bold and historic request.

In his 1941 State of the Union Address, President Roosevelt explained that democracy itself was under dire threat not only in Europe, but around the world. And he called on Congress to lend a hand to our Allies overseas, bolstering their defenses so they could defeat the evils of fascism.

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It was this initiative that would be enacted just two months later that undeniably turned the tide of the Second World War. And the Lend-Lease program would help propel the allies to a victory that preserved the promise of democracy for generations to come.

Today, we see an echo of that chapter in history as a murderous tyrant seeks to conquer its neighbor and dismantle its democracy. And this moment demands we summon a commitment to respond.

The Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 revives this pivotal program, waiving time-consuming requirements and the President authority to send critical defensive resources to Ukraine.

It is important to note that it is about time. Time is very important when lives are at stake.

In doing so, we enable the administration to move faster to bolster Ukraine's security forces, empowering them to repel the Russian invaders; protect innocent civilians; and preserve their cherished democracy.

As war rages on Ukraine, every minute matters. It is about time. This strong action could mean the difference between lives saved and lives lost. In any given battle, it could mean the margin between victory and defeat.

It is with astonishing unity that the Senate sent us this important legislation after passing it with a unanimous vote.

And as we hope to secure a strong bipartisan vote here in the House, let us salute the leaders of this legislation, Chairman GREGORY MEEKS, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He acknowledged his ranking member, Mr. McCAUL from Texas; Congressman JOE WILSON of South Carolina, who is managing the bill on the Republican side today; and Congressman STEVE COHEN, who helms the Helsinki Commission and played a role in this legislation.

Madam Speaker, restoring the Lend-Lease authority is just the latest action proudly taken by this Congress to strengthen Ukraine and to decimate Russia. We have delivered billions in humanitarian security and economic assistance for Ukraine, including the \$13.6 billion in the latest supplemental, and more to come, as our President has put forth a request earlier today that we will turn into legislation, turn into support democracy in Ukraine and, therefore, democracy in the world. I salute the President for his leadership.

These resources are already—of the \$13.6 billion, are already reaching communities on the ground and helping Ukraine repel Russian forces. But we need to do more.

As we prepare to take up the President's new supplemental request, we are moving in lockstep with the administration and our allies to isolate Russia and devastate its economy.

From severing normal trade relations to banning the import of Russian energy, our strong actions in the House and in the Senate have made Russia weaker in every way. And the House took its first steps to prosecute Russian war crimes so the perpetrators can be held accountable for the unthinkable, grotesque, diabolical atrocities.

Later today, with the blessing of the Embassy of Ukraine, we will unveil in the Speaker's Dining Room—and we invite our Members to come and their guests—a photo exhibit that captures many of these atrocities.

These haunting photographs show the horror and heartbreak of Russia's callous aggression of Ukraine, and serve as an important reminder of our moral duty to continue to take swift, decisive action to help.

Going back to Lend-Lease, upon the enactment of the historic Lend-Lease law in March of 1941, Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the conscience of our country when he declared: "The light of democracy must be kept burning. It is not enough for us merely to trim the wick or polish the glass. The time has come when we must provide the fuel in an ever-increasing amount to keep the flame alive."

Madam Speaker, our task today remains the same.

I do want to acknowledge also another item, and I thank Mr. Chairman and others for their support of this. We are doing Lend-Lease today. We talked about what we did in the omnibus bill, the supplemental, \$13.6 billion.

We talked about severing our purchase of oil. We have talked about severing our normal trade relations. But we also did something yesterday when we did what I call "seize and freeze." Seize the assets of the oligarchs and the Russians, that money, and freeze it. And when it thaws, to use that money to help rebuild Ukraine after the victory over the Russians.

So, again, we are thinking of what we need to do in humanitarian assistance;

what we need to do in economic assistance; what we must do in security assistance, weapons, et cetera. But we have to do some other aspects as well.

Our task today, again, remains the same as it did with the original Lend-Lease. Make no mistake. Russia invaded with the stated goal of ending liberty and self-governance in Ukraine. Yet, with unimaginable courage and determination, the Ukrainian people are putting their lives on the line for democracy; not only for their own nation, but for democracy writ large for the world.

It is about freedom versus dictatorship; autocracy versus democracy. The Ukrainian people are making the fight for all of us. We must help them.

So, it is our duty to honor their heroism at the front lines of the battle for freedom by helping to fuel this righteous fight.

It is with endless admiration for the Ukrainian people and their leadership, President—just everybody. I won't start naming names. All of them. We have had visits from so many of them—and their unyielding commitment to keeping alight democracy's precious flame that I urge a strong, bipartisan "aye" vote for this vital legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague. And thank you, Madam Speaker, for your statements. I agree wholeheartedly with you.

America is having a fight undertaken for us by the Ukrainian forces. Ukraine is fighting for liberty around the world. It is fighting for freedom-loving countries that want to push back against aggression from any nation, whether it be Russia or China or any other that would attempt to take away liberties from free citizens.

I just returned from Ukraine Tuesday night. I spent the Easter weekend in Ukraine. I had the unbelievable privilege of speaking in two churches. Irpin, where the city had been impacted by missiles and bombs, homes blown up, lives taken; and a church that had not met since the beginning of war met on Easter, Resurrection Sunday.

And I looked at the faces of the people thinking, How do I speak to them? An American Member of Congress, who lives freely, without nations trying to take our freedom away. And I could only respond to them from the one who gave freedom. His words, Jesus himself.

And I looked at the faces of the people, and there was resolve there, and there was a joy that they were doing what was necessary to promote freedom for their land.

I spoke in another church in Kyiv that afternoon. The same viewpoint on the faces of those citizens. And yet, a great appreciation for America, for their Western allies, for what we have done, thus far, to stand with them. They are fighting for us as well as for themselves.

Later that afternoon, I went out to the Bucha region, and I saw the site of a massive undertaking by Russia to cross the river to bring their tanks in to take over Kyiv. And the amazing forces of the citizens themselves fought back. One hundred Ukrainian lives were lost; 500 Russian lives.

I saw a boot laying there of a Russian soldier with the foot still in it. And I came to understand that Ukrainians aren't killing Russians, Putin is.

America needs to stand. I was in Odesa, and I saw the missile strike on an apartment that took the lives of a grandmother, her daughter, and a little baby, the 3-month-old daughter of that young lady.

I talked to the mayor of Odesa. They are standing firm. The blockade that is on there must be taken away so they can feed the world.

In my pocket I carry an emblem, military emblem that was given to me at Hostomel airfield that the brave forces took on Russia, trying to take that airfield to become a hopping off point for all of their action. They held back Russia's troops; their elite troops; their elite marines.

The Russian troops took out the largest aircraft in the world that was only used for humanitarian reasons.

This bill is necessary. I express appreciation to my colleagues for moving it forward. I express appreciation to our Speaker for moving it forward. It needs to be done.

Stand with Ukraine. They have stood with us.

God bless Ukraine. God bless America.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time at this time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, in closing, this bill calls on the administration to supply the defense articles needed to defeat war criminal Putin's forces, and for the land of Ukraine to be returned to its rightful and lawful inhabitants, the courageous people of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian fight is a fight of freedom-loving people around the world. This is part of authoritarianism, which is rule of gun opposing democracy, rule of law.

America stands with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, with President Salome Zourabichvili of the Republic of Georgia, President Maia Sandu of Moldova, and with the rightful President, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, of Belarus.

Additionally, as we are discussing Lend-Lease, I had the extraordinary opportunity with Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo in 2005, to visit, sadly, the world's largest open cemetery in Saint Petersburg, the victims, half a million people of the siege of Leningrad. And we were there to show the love and affection of the United States to the people of Russia.

We were there to also find out that it was American Lend-Lease equipment that provided for the defeat of Hitler and for the saving, actually, of the Putin family. And so, Lend-Lease has a long proud history of providing for freedom successfully.

In December, I visited the courageous Ukrainian patriots in Kyiv. I am confident Ukraine will win for freedom and independence. We are all inspired by the Ukrainian-American Congresswoman VICTORIA SPARTZ of Indiana, and over a million dynamic Ukrainian Americans who are successful across America.

I urge all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Madam Speaker, as we stand here right now, in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Secretary Antony Blinken is testifying and talking about his recent visit to Kyiv, asking—well, replying to questions that Members on both sides are asking.

And the sense of unity that has been talked about here today, about us being united against Putin's aggression, about us standing together and trying to make sure that we do all that we can to help the Ukrainian people, and that unity, that unity, is what is going to make sure that we preserve democracies around the world.

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It is the unity that we have seen with the United States in the lead, keeping 30 NATO countries together, which no one thought would happen before this incursion.

It is the unity of bringing our Asian allies together. It is the unity bringing our Western Hemisphere allies together. It is the unity bringing our African allies together.

It is that unity right here in the United States Congress. Working together is what is going to prevail.

There was a question asked before I left the hearing. One Member said he was at a townhall meeting, and someone asked the question: Well, what does this mean to me? That was the question.

Secretary Blinken said, with which I agree: What does it mean? Well, when you look at what is at stake, number one, the world is asking: What happens? Are there any consequences for a country that decides just to go invade someone else's sovereign property? If we allow that to happen, if it could happen there, it could happen anywhere.

The questions of what we do, what we stand for, who we are, and what our values are, are on the line right now, not only in Ukraine but for all of us who believe in democracy.

When you look at the consequences and the lack of care of the rest of the world by this invasion by Mr. Putin—we are going to have to do hearings

now to talk about starvation. People around the world will starve because of the lack of wheat.

We are looking at what he tried to utilize with reference to energy resources. It has a reverberation back here in the United States as we are looking at what is taking place with rising oil costs, with rising food costs.

This is about us around the world, some, yes, making sacrifices so that we can show the world that unity. And together, we will prevent evil from occurring.

We have seen it once in the 1940s. I never thought I would have to see and fight it again in 2022. This is a trying time for the camera of history, which is rolling.

I, again, thank Mr. MCCAUL because I have been working very closely with my ranking member to make sure that we have one voice on this. We have talked often and made sure that we are working in a bipartisan manner. I thank Mr. WILSON for managing this bill on the floor and working collectively together in that regard. I thank the leadership on both sides of the aisle because with that, Ukraine will win.

When Ukraine wins, the American people win; the world wins; democracy wins.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BEATTY). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 10, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS—417

Adams	Bergman	Buck
Aderholt	Beyer	Bucshon
Aguilar	Bice (OK)	Budd
Allred	Bilirakis	Burchett
Amodei	Bishop (GA)	Burgess
Armstrong	Blumenauer	Bush
Arrington	Blunt Rochester	Bustos
Auchincloss	Boebert	Butterfield
Axne	Bonamici	Calvert
Babin	Bost	Cammack
Bacon	Bourdeaux	Carbajal
Baird	Bowman	Cárdenas
Balderson	Boyle, Brendan	Carey
Banks	F.	Carl
Barr	Brady	Carson
Barragán	Brooks	Carter (GA)
Bass	Brown (MD)	Carter (LA)
Beatty	Brown (OH)	Carter (TX)
Bentz	Brownley	Cartwright
Bera	Buchanan	Case

Casten	Grijalva	McCaul
Castor (FL)	Grothman	McClain
Castro (TX)	Guest	McClintock
Cawthorn	Guthrie	McCollum
Chabot	Harder (CA)	McEachin
Cheney	Harris	McGovern
Cherfilus-	Harshbarger	McHenry
McCormick	Hartzler	McKinley
Chu	Hayes	McNerney
Cicilline	Hern	Meeks
Clark (MA)	Herrrell	Meijer
Clarke (NY)	Herrera Beutler	Meng
Cleaver	Hice (GA)	Meuser
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Mfume
Cloud	Higgins (NY)	Miller (IL)
Clyburn	Hill	Miller (WV)
Clyde	Himes	Miller-Meeks
Cohen	Hinson	Moolenaar
Cole	Hollingsworth	Mooney
Comer	Horsford	Moore (AL)
Connolly	Houlahan	Moore (UT)
Cooper	Hoyer	Moore (WI)
Correa	Hudson	Morelle
Costa	Huffman	Moulton
Courtney	Huizenga	Mrvan
Craig	Issa	Mullin
Crawford	Jackson	Murphy (FL)
Crenshaw	Jackson Lee	Murphy (NC)
Crist	Jacobs (CA)	Nadler
Crow	Jacobs (NY)	Napolitano
Cuellar	Jayapal	Neal
Curtis	Jeffries	Neguse
Davids (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Newhouse
Davis, Danny K.	Johnson (LA)	Newman
Davis, Rodney	Johnson (OH)	Norcross
Dean	Johnson (SD)	O'Halleran
DeFazio	Johnson (TX)	Obernolte
DeGette	Jones	Ocasio-Cortez
DeLauro	Jordan	Omar
DelBene	Joyce (OH)	Owens
Delgado	Joyce (PA)	Palazzo
Demings	Kahele	Pallone
DeSaulnier	Kaptur	Palmer
DesJarlais	Katko	Panetta
Deutch	Keating	Pappas
Diaz-Balart	Keller	Pascrell
Dingell	Kelly (IL)	Payne
Doggett	Kelly (MS)	Pelosi
Donalds	Kelly (PA)	Pence
Doyle, Michael	Khanna	Perlmutter
F.	Kildee	Peters
Duncan	Kilmer	Pfluger
Dunn	Kim (CA)	Phillips
Ellzey	Kim (NJ)	Pingree
Emmer	Kind	Pocan
Escobar	Kinzinger	Porter
Eshoo	Kirkpatrick	Posey
Espallat	Krishnamoorthi	Pressley
Estes	Kuster	Price (NC)
Evans	Kustoff	Quigley
Fallon	LaHood	Raskin
Feenstra	LaMalfa	Reed
Ferguson	Lamb	Reschenthaler
Fischbach	Lamborn	Rice (NY)
Fitzgerald	Langevin	Rice (SC)
Fitzpatrick	Larsen (WA)	Rodgers (WA)
Fleischmann	Larson (CT)	Rogers (AL)
Fletcher	Latta	Rogers (KY)
Foster	LaTurner	Rose
Fox	Lawrence	Rosendale
Frankel, Lois	Lawson (FL)	Ross
Franklin, C.	Lee (CA)	Rouzer
Scott	Lee (NV)	Roy
Fulcher	Leger Fernandez	Roybal-Allard
Gallagher	Lesko	Ruiz
Galleo	Letlow	Ruppersberger
Garamendi	Levin (CA)	Rush
Garbarino	Levin (MI)	Rutherford
Garcia (CA)	Lieu	Ryan
García (IL)	Lofgren	Salazar
Garcia (TX)	Long	Sánchez
Gibbs	Loudermilk	Sarbanes
Gimenez	Lowenthal	Scalise
Gohmert	Lucas	Scanlon
Golden	Luetkemeyer	Schakowsky
Gomez	Luria	Schiff
Gonzales, Tony	Lynch	Schneider
Gonzalez (OH)	Mace	Schrader
Gonzalez,	Malinowski	Schrier
Vicente	Malliotakis	Schweikert
Good (VA)	Maloney,	Scott (VA)
Gooden (TX)	Carolyn B.	Scott, Austin
Gottheimer	Maloney, Sean	Scott, David
Granger	Mann	Sessions
Graves (LA)	Manning	Sewell
Graves (MO)	Mast	Sherman
Green (TN)	Matsui	Sherrill
Green, Al (TX)	McBath	Simpson
Griffith	McCarthy	Sires

Slotkin	Tenney	Walorski
Smith (MO)	Thompson (CA)	Waltz
Smith (NE)	Thompson (MS)	Wasserman
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (PA)	Schultz
Smith (WA)	Timmons	Waters
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Soto	Tlaib	Weber (TX)
Spanberger	Tonko	Webster (FL)
Spartz	Torres (CA)	Welch
Speier	Torres (NY)	Wenstrup
Stansbury	Trahan	Westerman
Stanton	Trone	Wexton
Stauber	Turner	Wild
Steel	Underwood	Williams (GA)
Stefanik	Upton	Williams (TX)
Steil	Valadao	Wilson (FL)
Steube	Van Drew	Wilson (SC)
Stevens	Van Deyne	Wittman
Strickland	Vargas	Womack
Suozzi	Veasey	Yarmuth
Swalwell	Velázquez	Zeldin
Takano	Wagner	
Taylor	Walberg	

NAYS—10

Biggs	Gosar	Perry
Bishop (NC)	Greene (GA)	Tiffany
Davidson	Massie	
Gaetz	Norman	

NOT VOTING—3

Allen	Nehls	Stewart
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Mr. DAVIDSON changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 139, “nay” on rollcall No. 140, and “yea” on rollcall No. 141.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams	Frankel, Lois	Ocasio-Cortez
(Manning)	(Wasserman)	(Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Schultz	Perlmutter
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Brown (MD)	Gomez (Correa)	Price (NC)
(Evans)	Grijalva	(Butterfield)
(Stanton)	(Stanton)	Rodgers (WA)
Brown (OH)	Hartzler	(Joyce (PA))
(Jeffries)	(Lamborn)	Ross (Beyer)
Brownley	Higgins (NY)	Scott, David
(Correa)	(Pallone)	(Jeffries)
Carey	Johnson (TX)	Sires (Pallone)
(Balderson)	(Jeffries)	Strickland
Casten (Foster)	Lamb (Pallone)	(Jeffries)
Castro (TX)	Lawson (FL)	Suozzi (Beyer)
(Correa)	(Wasserman)	Taylor (Van
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Schultz)	Deyne)
Craig (Pallone)	Levin (MI)	Tlaib (Takano)
Crist	(Beyer)	Trahan (Beyer)
(Wasserman)	Lowenthal	Veasey (Escobar)
Schultz)	(Beyer)	Wagner
Cuellar (Correa)	Meijer (Katko)	(McHenry)
DeSaulnier	Morelle (Jeffries)	Waters (Takano)
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MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT BISHOP EVANS OF THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, today I come before the House of Representatives to honor and recognize the sacrifice of Sergeant Bishop Evans of the Texas National Guard, age 22, of Arlington, Texas.

Sergeant Evans gave his life to save two others. He exemplifies the spirit of service and sacrifice that those who volunteer to serve in our Nation's military personify.

He died an American hero. He was a light in times of darkness. May God bless his family.

Madam Speaker, at this time I request a moment of silence to honor the life of Sergeant Bishop Evans.

CELEBRATING PASTOR WILLIAMS' 11TH ANNIVERSARY AT ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(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 praise a great man of faith, Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III.

For the last 11 years he has been the pastor at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

In that time, he has done tremendous work to help his community. He was a strong supporter of vaccinations to protect members and residents from COVID-19. He worked to provide social services to people who were suffering due to COVID-19-related job losses and other hardships.

His goal as the pastor of Zion Hill has been to love people and grow an active community church, and he has done that.

I had the honor of attending his installation 11 years ago along with my father, the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE, Jr., as I was a city councilman at the time. And recently to celebrate the 11 incredible years he has given as the head of Zion Hill. I can say, he is truly succeeding in his goal.

So congratulations again to Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III, on 11 exceptional years as the pastor of my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, from across the street, who for 60 years have gone to that church, and also for the rest of the congregation at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

He is truly a man of faith who is a blessing to our community.

TAX DAY

(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, Monday of last week was liberals' favorite holiday: Tax Day—which usually serves as an annual reminder of just how big the government has gotten.

However, instead of paying taxes on only one day of the year, Americans are being forced to pay an invisible tax every day this year: inflation—which is

a constant reminder of the cost of Big Government and big deficit spending.

Make no mistake, President Biden's and congressional Democrats' willingness to borrow trillions of dollars to pay for ever-growing wasteful government programs has caused record-high inflation. Prices at the pump and at the grocery store were already skyrocketing well before Vladimir Putin's evil invasion of Ukraine.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration wants to double down on these disastrous, inflation-inducing spending bills. His budget proposal calls for shelling out \$73 trillion over the next 10 years and would only add to the pain we all feel when we reach for our pocketbooks. Tennesseans can't afford another year of one-party Democratic control of Government.

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HONORING VIVIAN FAHR

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent, Ms. Vivian Fahr, who recently completed her GED at the age of 88.

After completing the 10th grade, Vivian left school and got married. From that point on, she never stopped working hard to raise four kids, pay the bills, and put food on the table. One day, she remarked to her daughter-in-law that she regretted never having had the chance to finish her education.

Vivian's family connected her to ProJeCt of Easton, an outstanding interfaith coalition in my district that provides free educational programs to members of the community. With the organization's help, Vivian started her coursework at age 87 and diligently worked to obtain her degree, always attending class, participating, and asking for assistance when needed.

Vivian is an inspiration to her children, her grandchildren, the greater Lehigh Valley community, and students of all ages. She is a testament to the importance of high-quality education.

Congratulations, Vivian.

DEMOCRATS' SOFT-ON-CRIME POLICIES

(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, crime is soaring under President Biden and the Democrats' soft-on-crime policies nationally and in my home State of California.

More police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2021 than in any year since 1995. Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set new homicide records. Shootings of police officers have increased 63 percent compared to this time in 2020.

Instead of addressing these deadly statistics, some Democrats in blue cities want to defund and demonize our police.

Instead of focusing on dangerous individuals with illegal weapons who commit these deadly crimes, President Biden has chosen to attack law-abiding Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights. He wants the ATF to ban privately made firearms, so-called ghost guns, which are predominantly a hobbyist option and require more time, tooling, and dedication to craftsmanship than most criminals are willing to invest.

Instead of throwing the books at criminals, they are coming after private citizens, even going so far as to call parents at school board meetings terrorists.

Now, they want to introduce legislation that would target law enforcement and servicemembers as potential domestic terrorists. This is deeply offensive to our men and women in uniform and also goes against evidence that terrorist incidents are far more likely to be committed against military and law enforcement than by military and law enforcement.

This is wrongheaded, and we must stop this.

THANKING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank our brave firefighters and first responders who are on the front lines, saving lives as wildfires burn across the beautiful State of New Mexico.

This week began with 20 wildfires burning across 16 counties of our State, causing thousands of New Mexicans to evacuate their homes. We mourn the lives that have been lost and stand in solidarity with the many families who have been forced to leave, in many cases, lands on which they have lived on for generations.

As we lift up our firefighters and first responders, I thank our Governor, Governor Lujan Grisham, for her leadership in the face of these devastating fires. Her quick response has saved lives, and I want to echo her call for additional support to coordinate emergency response across the State.

These wildfires show us why our votes in this body are so important, as we are sending more than \$5.5 billion to prevent and fight wildfires through the bipartisan infrastructure law and other bills we have passed.

As wildfires continue to burn across our State, we stand ready to support our Governor, local officials, firefighters, and everyone helping out. Together, as New Mexicans, we stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity and in support of our communities.

FAILED BORDER POLICIES THREATENING AMERICA

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, upon returning to my office, I heard testimony from Secretary Mayorkas from Homeland Security saying that he inherited a mess at the border and that he is doing the best he can.

The American public ought to know what the numbers are. Two Marches ago, between got-aways who weren't vetted by the Border Patrol and people who were vetted by the Border Patrol, about 11,000 people a month were coming here. A year ago in March, it was around 60,000. We are right now at 153,000.

When you inherit a March with 11,000 and 2 years later you are at 153,000, you have not been doing the best you can.

This is threatening the end of America. It signals that America is very weak. I have felt all along the policies at the southern border are one of the reasons we have to deal with Ukraine right now, because no normal leader would allow this many people to cross the border.

In any event, I urge my colleagues, anybody who has the ear of Secretary Mayorkas or the President, to point out that when you go from 11,000 to 153,000 people a month in 2 years crossing the border, you have failed and something has to be done.

RISING COSTS OF HOUSING

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the increased cost of building materials, creating an affordability crisis for housing in America.

This is, in part, because the COVID-19 pandemic has played a significant role in harming our country's supply of lumber and building materials. In addition, tariffs with Canada, along with long-term reductions of domestic timber harvesting, have exacerbated the price increases.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, prices of materials to build houses, like oriented strand boards, are up more than 400 percent since last spring. The average price of lumber has quadrupled.

This supply cost has increased the price of a new house, a new single-family home, by nearly \$40,000 per unit.

I urge Congress and the Biden administration to take action to address the lumber supply chain, such as increasing domestic harvesting of timber and negotiating new lumber agreements with Canada. This is a way we can effectively reduce the cost of housing. We need to build more housing.

CONGRATULATING TEACHER OF THE YEAR KURT RUSSELL

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

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the 2022 National Teacher of the Year, Kurt Russell.

Mr. Russell teaches at Oberlin High School in Oberlin, Ohio. He is a 25-year veteran of the classroom.

Kurt Russell was first inspired to become a teacher in middle school when he encountered his first Black male teacher.

In addition to his classroom and extracurricular duties, Kurt is the head coach for the school's varsity basketball team. He sees basketball as an extension of the classroom and a place where young people can learn about working together and how to handle both adversity and success.

He provides an inclusive and safe environment for studying diverse groups and encouraging all students' voices to be heard.

Now, as the 2022 National Teacher of the Year, he plans to advocate for classrooms to better reflect the students within them.

Mr. Russell joins his cohort of National Teachers of the Year from every State and territory this week in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their achievement, the profession, and their dedication to students.

As a fellow National Teacher of the Year, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the entire cohort and all the teachers who are being recognized this week.

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY).

RECOGNIZING MIDLOTHIAN INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I come before the House of Representatives to recognize the Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience, or MILE, as the nonprofit of the year in 2021 for the city of Midlothian, Texas.

This is a state-of-the-art educational facility that is providing high school students with additional learning pathways throughout the community. Nonprofits are a fundamental part of America, and I thank Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience for their dedication to teaching the future generation.

It is important that we bring awareness to career and technical education so that people can learn about many

different professions at a younger age. Career and technical education is a perfect way for students to apply what they are taught in school to a real-world environment.

MILE offers five career and technical education pathways: culinary arts, entrepreneurship, civil engineering, aerospace engineering, and cybersecurity. These programs provide students the opportunity to utilize industry-standard equipment and practices they have shown an interest in.

This unique learning space is able to replicate scenarios found in a professional, real-world working atmosphere. With the support from industry professionals, MILE is able to thrive and partner with Midlothian Independent School District.

It is an honor to represent this group of mentors who help contribute to the outstanding education found all around Texas' Sixth District. I thank them for all they do.

RECOGNIZING ORISE KOPNAK ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orise Kopnak, who just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Twice a week, this Waxahachie, Texas, resident volunteers at Baylor Scott & White hospital to volunteer in the day surgery department waiting room. Since 2014, she has logged more than 2,400 hours of her personal time to encourage, serve, and assist people who are waiting for a loved one to come out of surgery.

Orise's faithfulness to stand with the families, friends, and caregivers of patients during anxious and often difficult circumstances is a testament to her character. Even during a pandemic, Orise continued to volunteer.

People like Orise Kopnak represent everything that is good about our country. America was built on the volunteer principle. It has been instrumental in our Nation's advancement and made us, as Americans, a strong and self-reliant people.

Ronald Reagan once said the volunteer spirit is the engine that drives the whole history of the United States. It is an extra dimension of faith, friendship, and brotherhood that makes us good neighbors and good people and made America a great country.

I thank Orise for showing us how it is done. There is a reason her generation has been dubbed the Greatest Generation. May God bless her as she continues to carry out one of life's greatest causes: serving others.

RECOGNIZING DEMOND DAVIS

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I take this time to recognize one of my constituents, Ellis County Sheriff's Deputy Demond Davis.

Deputy Davis was new to the sheriff's force when he responded to a 10-200, which is a drug-related incident. Once he arrived, he witnessed a drug overdose. The individual was struggling, barely breathing, and his conditions were intensifying. Deputy Davis rushed to help and quickly administered Narcan nasal spray.

According to the account, the individual immediately started coming to. They were transported to Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Waxahachie, where they received additional medical attention.

Deputy Davis' actions ensured another person did not fall victim to the opioid epidemic. Ellis County Sheriff Brad Norman awarded the Life-Saving Award commendation and pin to Deputy Davis for his heroic actions.

Drug overdoses, especially from fentanyl, have become more prevalent in the U.S. Deputy Davis and his fellow law enforcement officers are our front line in responding to this terrible crisis. We cannot thank our law enforcement and first responders enough. America needs more heroes like Deputy Demond Davis.

CONGRATULATING TIMOTHY REDHAIR

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate a resident of Waxahachie, Texas, Timothy Redhair, who was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve this month.

Colonel Redhair has a long and distinguished career in the military while also being a steward of our community.

As a lieutenant colonel, he commanded the 2nd Battalion, 132nd Infantry Regiment of the Texas Army National Guard and later had the opportunity to lead the Headquarters Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division.

During the height of the pandemic, Colonel Redhair deployed with his division to Kuwait. After returning from the Middle East, Timothy joined the Army Reserve, where he serves as the emergency preparedness liaison officer for Texas.

When Colonel Redhair isn't protecting our community, he spends his time as an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 520, Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, where he trains young men and women to become our future leaders.

This commitment to our country and our community is outstanding, and I am glad to see such a worthy member of our community receive this honor.

I thank Colonel Redhair again for his service and congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion.

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IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Mr. ELLZEY. It has been over 2 months since Russia invaded Ukraine. We are witnessing a war crime forced upon the people of Ukraine.

But from this tragedy we have seen great strength from the Ukrainian people, as well as a great deal of kindness and support from our fellow Americans.

In fact, throughout Texas District Six, you will see support with Ukrainian flags being flown and people donating their time to help the people of Ukraine. For example, Waxahachie's very own Gregg Burdette went with a nine-person team from Texas Baptist

Men to assist with Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Gregg's team spent 10 days volunteering in shelters and receiving and sorting donated materials. With volunteers from all over the world, they were able to help many families and children get food, supplies, and a good night's rest.

Gregg is not the only District Six native giving aid to Ukraine. Surepoint Medical Centers, a local free-standing emergency room chain based out of Mansfield, Texas, donated their own medical supplies to aid the people of Ukraine.

With the help of many District Six residents who work for Surepoint, they were able to send critical medical supplies that included tourniquets, bandages, and various other lifesaving items.

I am proud of the work and kindness not just from the people of District Six, but everyone else who has donated any time, supplies, or sent prayers to the Ukrainian people in their time of need.

My friend from Arizona, I appreciate you yielding me time.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I am going to do something this evening that isn't sort of traditional for me because I mostly do economics. I tried to do that circle of how everything ties together, and I accept I get a little geeky. For those who are trying to keep an eye on the history of our words, wave at me if I start speaking too fast because I have had a lot of coffee today.

Today, I am going to try to talk about what I saw on the border last week, but I am going to try to do it in a slightly different way. You have had lots of us come up here—and I am going to do part of it; I am going to show the boards and the numbers and all that.

In economics, there is this concept of a second-degree effect, a third-degree effect. I wish I could come up with a definition for a misery effect. The fact of the matter is, let's pretend it is really done out of compassion. Let's pretend our brothers and sisters on the left, this administration, their approach to the border is because they are heartfelt, and they believe this is kind and compassionate. My argument here is going to be really simple: Please think through your definition of "compassion."

Now that we know there are functionally 700 migrants who have lost their lives trying to cross the river, or when I was with the Border Patrol last Wednesday in Yuma, Arizona, and the Border Patrol agent, she was telling me of the heartbreak of finding a couple of children dead in the desert just a few hundred yards from the border, how can that be our definition of "compassion"?

And then we are going to have to walk through the reality of the misery you have brought to my State, my community.

Last Thursday, we did a roundtable with the true experts in our community in regard to fentanyl and drug use. I was sitting next to a mother who lost her teenage son by taking a single pill.

You have us come here and talk about the fentanyl crisis. Do you understand the scale?

Phoenix has functionally become the distribution hub of North America. One of the reasons—and I am going to try to show it in the numbers here. When the border is just crowded with populations coming across it—and I stood there for a good 3 minutes, and there were 30-something people coming across the border. Over here were some other migrants crossing over the dam. Over here is the Border Patrol agent saying, I am in the concierge business. I basically take people, I walk them over to the trucks, and we take them to processing, and when we do that, whole sections over here on the border are left unmanned.

Then you wonder why a sergeant who is a Phoenix police officer, my neighbor and friend, tells me a year ago it cost about \$112 for some poor soul to get high for the day. Today it is \$12.

If you believe in basic economics, when the price crashes by 112 to 12, do you understand the depravity, the cruelty that Democrats' definition of "compassion" has brought to our own communities?

I will try to do this—and I have done a version of this before—you have got to think of the effects of the policy that the left is engaged in. When you open up the borders, you get more drugs. If you get more drugs, you are getting more homeless. If you are getting more homeless, you have increased crime. And then you have deaths.

How many people in the last day or so have come behind these microphones and said, Well, according to the latest statistics, we have 112 Americans who died of fentanyl that we know of. Well, our problem in the Phoenix area is not only fentanyl, it is meth, and it is other things.

How do I get the left to be willing to understand, if you love and care about people, your version of compassion is cruel?

So let's actually walk through some of the obvious, and then try to add a little bit of color and see if we can make this sort of come together as an understanding.

First, let's just do the basic math. We are being told, Hey, we are heading in this fiscal year already to almost a million people.

I had the experience last Wednesday of standing there. I have some distant relatives who do some farming down in the Yuma area, so I am an Arizonan, and I am at the border dozens of times.

I went and visited the Border Patrol station, and I know some of the folks there, and I saw the faces of individuals who feel like they have just been crushed. They are law enforcement, and they are not able to protect the

border because they are functionally in the people management business. They are taking people here and moving them over here so they can be processed, so they can be let go, so they can get a return order 6 years from now. This is what is going on.

Then they turn to you and say, I am here to stop drugs and weapons and potentially horrible people, terrorists, coming across our border, and I am now functionally in the human transportation business. That is what we have turned our Border Patrol into.

Then you meet with some of the Customs and Border Protection officials, and they say, Yes, you know, fentanyl may be coming right through the borders, but they only have to go several hundred yards that way and there is no more Border Patrol because all of them are taking care of people; you can just walk across.

Somewhere here I am going to try to do the other part of the discussion, where we talk about potentially if that is a million in the first half of the year, is it a couple million? Will the left have an honest discussion with us of why their version of compassion has a level of human exploitation that is really uncomfortable to talk about?

The agent I was standing there with turns to me and says, You understand most of these people who are walking across right now are going to spend the next few years of their life paying off the cartels, those are the costs that they had to commit to to cross the border.

If they can't pay it off with a job that they are not allowed to have, do they have to pay it off with their body?

Do they have to pay it off with smuggling, moving narcotics?

Is anyone here willing to take a step back from sort of the radicalized ideology and say this is not compassion, this is cruelty?

We are functionally in the business of human exploitation right now, that is our border policy. Yet, when we see numbers of border encounters have increased 278 percent, it is just another guy coming behind the microphone here and sounding like an accountant on steroids.

These are people. And is it enough that several hundred of them will die at the border?

Is it enough that many of them are going to have to engage in activities that are just absolutely exploitive to pay off the coyotes?

Is it enough that the cartels are now said to be making billions of dollars on human smuggling? And they are using that money now to actually build their own little factories, so they can make the precursor chemicals for fentanyl and synthetic opioids because it is cheaper than getting them imported from China?

We financed their Industrial Revolution.

Think about this: The left says, Well, inflation, these things are supply chains. Well, dammit, they did a great

job. We solved the cartel supply chain. We financed them enough so now they can make their own drugs from precursor chemicals all the way up to stamping the pill. You have got to think about those second-degree, third-degree effects of misery that really crappy policy brings.

Why have there been so many on the right and now a handful of Democrats—who are obviously concerned about their elections and realizing what they have embraced, but they are not willing to sign the discharge petition on title 42—why are so many of us talking about this: The Border Patrol—if you have an honest conversation with them—will turn to you and say, We are maxed out. And if you double the populations that are approaching the border because you functionally have removed title 42 so they don't get sent back, they get processed, it is no longer being overwhelmed, it is just a catastrophe. There functionally will be no protection on our border, and once again, U.S. policy is functionally financing the cartels. Congratulations.

The misery, the murders, the exploitation, which is U.S. policy. That is functionally what we have done here, but you did it in the name of, Well, this was compassionate. It is an amazing definition of "compassion."

Now, let's actually get to some other bits of misery. This number is a fraud. The reason this fentanyl number is—saying we have had 133 percent increase of capturing, collecting, stopping fentanyl at the border—when you meet with law enforcement down on the border they say most people we can't catch; we are too busy taking care of these million—now 2 million potentially—people crossing the border.

What a great system.

Let's see. The cartels get to march people to the border. They may get a few thousand bucks a head, so they get financed there. And because Border Patrol and Customs and Border Protection are overwhelmed, it creates these massive openings where you can just move lots of narcotics across the border.

And here is what should be ripping your hearts apart: I got to sit next to a mom who told the story of her teenage son taking a single pill, a single pill that was stamped as something completely different, and 2 hours later that mom didn't have a son anymore.

In Arizona, 95 percent of our kids that died in the previous year—out of the 60 who died, 57 of them were from these fentanyl pills. Is there any love and compassion and caring for these moms that have lost their children? What is going on here?

Is the ideology of this administration of the Democrats here in the House, are they so radically calcified that the definition of "compassion" is the death of 57 Arizonan children? Is that really where they are at? Because that is the outcome.

I don't know how else to humanize this story, but this is what we have

done. Yet, now we see some of our brothers and sisters on the left, once again, saying, Well, we are actually concerned now, too. But you notice they won't come sign the actual piece of legislation so we can vote on it to actually stop that increase.

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Forgive me, I can't stop myself with the charts.

Part of it, when you start seeing the explosion of increase—and it is Arizona, it is my community that is the one that is crushed—when you start seeing Arizona having a 79.5 percent increase in, functionally, fentanyl pills crossing our border, and that is what is captured.

Remember, I mentioned before I did the ride-along with the Phoenix police sergeant? And in parts of the discussion he was saying, Yeah, it is about \$12 now for that heartbreaking, homeless person there sleeping in that alley to get high for the day.

That is what we have done.

We have ZIP Codes now, I am being told, that the homelessness has doubled in the last year.

And what is the consistent policy thing that happened in the last year? The Democrats opened up the border.

So let's play economist for a moment.

What are the couple of things you do to make the working poor and the poor, to make their life more miserable?

Okay. Inflation. We have done a great job at that.

Remember, one year ago, March, we functionally dropped another \$1.9 trillion on the economy. You look at the charts and, boom, there goes inflation. My community had functionally a 10.9 percent inflation increase. I represent the community that had the highest growth of inflation year to year.

Do you know how many people no longer can afford their apartment—functionally, can't afford?

You are crushing the working poor.

But you can do more. You can open up the border. And this was actually left-wing economists that wrote these papers about 10 years ago. If you want to crush the working poor, import millions of people with similar skill sets.

So one of the classic definitions of the profile of someone as working poor is they may not have finished high school, but they are selling their labor. They are out there hanging drywall, working their hearts out, they are trying to find a way to get out. And now they are going to compete against who knows how many people who are going to work in the underground economy.

You have added millions of people with similar skill sets.

So how are they going to get the money to pay off their smugglers? Don't you think they are going to be coming in the back door saying, I will work for cash; I will do this and that?

Now you have other things that make the poor poorer: Crime, drugs,

someone stealing their stuff because they need money. And you look at all those numbers. The Democrats are in their, what? Now, 15 months of control. Every single number. Income inequality, the poor getting poorer, misery, death, retirees getting poorer, the middle class getting poorer.

Great job, guys. Great job.

Tell me something you have done that hasn't increased misery in this country.

I know this is uncomfortable, but I am doing it on purpose. Sometimes the smartest thing is to just stop what you are doing. Take a breath. Maybe the ideology is a false ideology. Back up.

I am sorry the former President was into border security. But do you remember a decade and a half ago when it was the hallmark of Democrats that were concerned about illegal immigration?

Do you remember it was Republicans and Chambers of Commerce that wanted to flood the country with cheap labor?

Isn't it amazing what happened here?

It was only about 15 years ago that the left were the protectors of working men and women.

We will not flood the country with cheap labor.

We need our folks to be able to have a working wage.

Oh, we are going to open the border now because it is compassionate, and we are going to screw up everyone's life.

What happened?

When did the Democrats abandon the middle class, the working poor? Is it they weren't voting for them enough?

It is about the math. Now, we are moving beyond pounds, we are heading towards tonnage in the amounts of fentanyl coming through my State.

Let's put this in context.

You see this little picture right here, those few crystals there? That functionally is enough to kill you. So that is a penny. Those? That kills you.

When does this become terrorism? Because it is already functionally killing our children.

Does anyone care?

Now, we have got to go just a little bit further down the rabbit hole.

The border agents report over a thousand percent increase, and these are the ones in Texas. The argument I was given by our friends at Customs and Border Patrol is they are not catching much of it.

But it goes further. You have got to understand what has been happening in my community. This is just one of a dozen headlines when there is a bust and it is enough to functionally kill every single person in my State.

There was a bust the night before we did our fentanyl roundtable. There was enough to kill everyone in my county, and I have the third or fourth most populous county in the Nation.

Do you understand the scale? When you have the experts here saying, Well, David, you don't understand. Prices

have so crashed, a couple of years ago it would be several dollars a pill. Now it might be, at wholesale, 45 cents a pill. When it gets that cheap, you want to try to understand why it is in your elementary schools, your high schools, throughout your community, and the homeless campuses.

That is the cascade effect.

So I'm begging the majority to just take a breath for a moment, back away from the radicalized ideology and just take a breath and say, Do you actually love and care about people?

Will you accept the misery, the death, just the dystopian devastation that is happening in our communities right now because of an open-border policy? That is what it is.

And title 42 is not a solution. It is just trying to stop the catastrophe.

Sign the discharge petition. Prove that your rhetoric actually fits reality.

Or maybe the constituencies are now so gerrymandered and intellectually calcified that you can't tell the truth.

Another chart that absolutely proves we have turned, functionally, our legal apparatus to protect the Nation into, functionally, a transportation service, ICE. Immigration enforcement is, functionally, beyond the border in our communities. Those who got through, who were not stopped, it is up to law enforcement.

How do you catch someone and functionally remove them from the country?

You see where we were in 2019. And then you see where we were in 2020. And do you see the crash over here? These deportations?

Now, what is fascinating is this line way up here was actually even further up during the Obama administration.

Did the left basically just crash this because the last President was so hated by the left for protecting working men and women that if he said it is Black, you had to say White? You had to walk away from it?

We would be elated to get back to the actual law enforcement protection of the border numbers that were there during the Obama administration.

There is this weird irony, and I just show this so folks understand the bizarreness of Democrat management leadership of this government right now.

So illegal immigration goes up—well, it is not immigration, it is illegal captures at the border, presentations, those things—278 percent.

But legal, if the person had just got their Ph.D. in electrical engineering at ASU and they can't process the paperwork, legal immigration has crashed. So at the same time we get the complaints from businesses that they can't hire anyone, that we need talent to grow the economy.

As you saw the brilliance today, GDP actually fell pretty substantially in the last quarter. Yay, Democrats are doing a great job.

One of the factors of economic growth is when you bring in smart peo-

ple. Well, that has crashed but we are imparting massive numbers of poverty into the country. That is the left's version of compassion.

I accept that some of this presentation is a little bit on the aggressive, maybe slightly jerky side, but I don't have another way to basically say, Is this really the Democrats' vision of America?

Is this really how you think we are going to make poor people less poor, the working poor more prosperous, the middle class much more prosperous?

The thought experiment is very simple. Anyone out there, contact my office with something, give me a single thing in the last 15 months of absolute Democrat control of this Congress, this government, that the left has done that has turned out to actually be good for America, good for working people, good for poor people. You have made rich people a lot richer. Isn't that amazing?

Income inequality was shrinking dramatically in 2018, 2019, and the first quarter of 2020.

Pandemic; Democrats take over—boom. All the things they told us that they cared about basically have gone to crap. And the math is the math. But as you all know, we work in a math-free zone.

And maybe at some point we will tie our hearts, our compassion, to the actual facts. And when we do that, the really bad things that this Congress and this White House are doing to the American people will stop.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 270.—An act to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 29, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3838. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for fiscal year (FY) 2022 emergency supplemental funding for critical security and economic assistance to Ukraine, pursuant to Public

Law 117-31, Sec. 606; (135 Stat. 320) (H. Doc. No. 117—115); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-3839. A letter from the Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's 2022 annual report to Congress on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m(a); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 815(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1089(1)); (124 Stat. 2092); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3840. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting Corporation's 2022 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3841. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the NCUA Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and 2022 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866) and 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3842. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's FY 2021 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3843. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting five (5) notifications of a designation of acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3844. A letter from the Executive Director, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting the FY 2021 Equal Access to Justice Act Awards Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3845. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion on *Vitol, Inc. v. United States of America*, USDC No. 4:18-CV-2275, from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3846. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the Trust's Annual Management Report for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105); (115 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3847. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2019/2021 Report to Congress; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Science, Space, and Technology.

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. LEVIN of California (for himself and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 7612. A bill to advance desalination research and technological innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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 Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 7613. A bill to repeal section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 and ensure reasonable, non-discriminatory access to online communications platforms; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. EMMER):

H.R. 7614. A bill to provide for orderly and secure digital commodity exchange markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 7615. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships to develop housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENTZ (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. BUCHSON, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. POSEY, Ms. MACE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MAST, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. FULCHER):

H.R. 7616. A bill to reduce the amount made available to the National Archives and Records Administration unless certain backlogs of the Administration are resolved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 7617. A bill to provide for a national public health education campaign, grant program, and task force for recommended preventive health care services during the COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BROWN of Ohio (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. RYAN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio):

H.R. 7618. A bill to designate the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial in Bedford Heights, Ohio, as a national memorial; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. TLAIIB):

H.R. 7619. A bill to provide for the publication of OLC opinions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida):

H.R. 7620. A bill to implement title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 with respect to elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 7621. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Defense a civilian harm investigation coordinator, to improve and make permanent the requirement that the Secretary of Defense submit an annual report on civilian harm in connection with United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 7622. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 7623. A bill to increase the effectiveness and accountability of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the Treasury and to protect the freedom and privacy of Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GUTHRIE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LONG, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KINZINGER, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 7624. A bill to make available additional frequencies in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band for non-Federal use, shared Federal and non-Federal use, or a combination thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. CROW, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Ms. JACOBS of California):

H.R. 7625. A bill to enhance protections of civilians during United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 7626. A bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of body-worn camera continuous training programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 7627. A bill to address systemic racism through the arts and humanities in the United States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 7628. A bill to increase oversight of and improve programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 7629. A bill to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, establish a commercial satellite system cybersecurity clearinghouse in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. MCCAUL (for himself, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 7630. A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 7631. A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement fertility controls to manage populations of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and to encourage training opportunities for military

veterans to assist in range management activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 7632. A bill to provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, 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. O'HALLERAN:

H.R. 7633. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 7634. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under Federal health care programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. GIMENEZ, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 7635. A bill to direct the President to submit to Congress a report on possible benefits accruing to the regime of Nicolás Maduro as a result of an agreement with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 7636. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MAST, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. POSEY, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. ISSA, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BUDD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. HILL, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, and Mr. NORMAN):

H.R. 7637. A bill to prohibit the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of funds to provide emergency assistance at the southern border of the United States resulting from the repeal of certain public health orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LONG, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ROY, Mr. ROSE, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. MACE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BUCK, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. ESTES, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. GOHMERT):

H.J. Res. 82. A joint resolution disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KINZINGER:

H.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces to defend the territorial integrity of United States allies; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 84. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to civil penalties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H. Con. Res. 87. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 1069. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 7 each year as "Brain Donation Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GIBBS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. HUDSON):

H. Res. 1070. A resolution expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of Texas Army National Guard Specialist Bishop E. Evans; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H. Res. 1071. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Ms. MENG, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CASE, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. BACON):

H. Res. 1072. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2022, as "National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. KUSTER):

H. Res. 1073. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National

Child Abuse Prevention Month; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. LOUDERMILK):

H. Res. 1074. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Weather Channel; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. MCBACHIN (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. TLAI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KILMER, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. NEWMAN):

H. Res. 1075. A resolution expressing support for honoring Earth Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. CROW, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. GOLDEN, Ms. CHU, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. MACE, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H. Res. 1076. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States; to the Committee on Small Business.

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.

By Mr. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 7612.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 7613.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, United States Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 7614.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The ability to regulate interstate commerce and with foreign Nations pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 including the power to regulate digital commodity exchange markets.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:
H.R. 7615.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to the power granted under Article IV, Section 3; Clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BENTZ:
H.R. 7616.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

H.R. 7617.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. BROWN of Ohio:
H.R. 7618.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:
H.R. 7619.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I; Section 8; Clause 1 of the Constitution states The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Im-

posts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . .

By Mr. CASTEN:
H.R. 7620.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. CROW:
H.R. 7621.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

By Mr. CROW:
H.R. 7622.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

"The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

By Mr. DAVIDSON:
H.R. 7623.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to enact the "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Improvements Act" under the Constitution of the United States, including the following provisions: (1) Article I, section 5 ("Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings"); (2) Article I, section 8 ("Power To . . . provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States"); (3) Article I, section 8 ("Power To . . . make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof") as a law necessary and proper for carrying into

execution the President's powers under Article II to nominate, appoint, and faithfully execute the laws, and the provision for executive departments, including the Treasury required by Article I, section 9; (4) Article IV, section 3 ("Power to . . . make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the . . . Property belonging to the United States"); and (5) the First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution, protecting the civil liberties and privacy guaranteed to the people.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 7624.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. KHANNA:
H.R. 7625.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE:
H.R. 7626.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. LEE of California:
H.R. 7627.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:
H.R. 7628.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MALINOWSKI:
H.R. 7629.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MCCAUL:
H.R. 7630.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. MCCLAIN:
H.R. 7631.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. NEGUSE:
H.R. 7632.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. O'HALLERAN:
H.R. 7633.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:
H.R. 7634.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. SALAZAR:
H.R. 7635.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. TITUS:
H.R. 7636.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WOMACK:
H.R. 7637.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 9

By Mr. BIGGS:
H.J. Res. 82.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Section 8

By Mr. KINZINGER:
H.J. Res. 83.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PERRY:
H.J. Res. 84.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 426: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. PALMER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CLINE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 598: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 815: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 892: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 959: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1011: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 1255: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1284: Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 1297: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 1321: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 1352: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 1458: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 1611: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1716: Mr. LIEU and Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1842: Mr. RUIZ and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 1956: Mr. SCHRADER.

H.R. 1972: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1977: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1983: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 1986: Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 2376: Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 2558: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 2573: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.

H.R. 2654: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 2965: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2974: Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LIEU, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. PORTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 3165: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 3173: Mr. HERN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3183: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CASE, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3342: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 3353: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 3461: Mr. SIMPSON and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3488: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 3630: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 3780: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3921: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 4217: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER and Mr. MCKINLEY.

- H.R. 4451: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 4457: Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. LIEU, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 4764: Mr. MCKINLEY.
H.R. 4794: Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. MRVAN.
H.R. 4853: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois and Mr. RUTHERFORD.
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H.R. 5638: Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 5754: Mrs. SPARTZ and Mr. DAVIDSON.
H.R. 5769: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 5775: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 5818: Mr. JACKSON.
H.R. 5828: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.
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H.R. 6132: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 6161: Mr. ARRINGTON and Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 6283: Mr. WILD.
H.R. 6308: Mr. SCHRADER.
H.R. 6375: Ms. BASS.
H.R. 6385: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 6538: Ms. DEAN and Mr. ARMSTRONG.
H.R. 6589: Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 6591: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 6785: Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. DEAN.
H.R. 6823: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. MANN.
H.R. 6889: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. COOPER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 6928: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 6991: Mr. COURTNEY and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 7018: Ms. STEVENS.
H.R. 7076: Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. MANN, and Ms. STANSBURY.
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H.R. 7179: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.
H.R. 7229: Mr. VAN DREW.
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H.R. 7317: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 7359: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania and Mr. LONG.
H.R. 7418: Mr. GOHMERT.
H.R. 7437: Mr. JACKSON.
H.R. 7479: Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.
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H.R. 7519: Ms. STEVENS and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 7548: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 7559: Mr. KINZINGER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 7585: Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 7586: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 7609: Mrs. BOEBERT.
H. Res. 922: Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. OMAR, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MENG, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. RASKIN.
H. Res. 997: Mr. BACON.
H. Res. 1054: Mrs. STEEL.
H. Res. 1067: Mr. LONG.