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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

We pray Your blessing on us this day, O Lord. Trusting in Your daily provision, may we find ourselves like trees planted by water, that we may receive the strength and refreshment You provide. In this may we face the heat of the day and the drought of spirit that attend the demands on our time.

Reveal to us the sustenance available to us as our roots, our very beings, reach deep to find anchor in Your truth. Grant us the security of Your protection as we yearn for the refuge of Your steadfast love.

Then may we, as a Congress, as a country, and as communities seek to rid ourselves of fear and anxiety by placing our trust and confidence in You. Extend to us Your wisdom that we need not depend on our own understanding.

Test our minds this day and search our hearts. If we are found wanting, be gracious unto us.

In You does our hope find its foundation and, in Your name, will our prayers be answered.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CRAWFORD 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING THE KAPUSINSKI FAMILY

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kapusinski family for their hard work and dedication that has enabled 70 incredible years of business for Huletts-on-Lake-George.

On the east shore of Lake George, this family-owned and operated small business has provided welcoming vacations for those wishing to explore the incredible beauty that Lake George and the Adirondacks has to offer.

In 1953, George and Margaret Eichler purchased property in Huletts Landing, New York, after falling in love with the quiet oasis on Lake George. They wanted to share this quaint vacation spot with those who want to appreciate time with their families. There is nothing more important than family time together.

I am proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of three generations of the Kapusinski family. Their contributions to Huletts Landing and the Lake George area have been instrumental in the lives of many.

Their demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit is a trademark of upstate New York and the North Country.

I look forward to witnessing 70 more years of their strong business in the Lake George region.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate the Kapusinski family for 70 years of successfully operating Huletts-on-Lake-George.

CELEBRATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Korean American Day marking the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.

Those brave pioneers paved the way for generations of Korean Americans to make countless contributions to our great country.

Like so many before me, I came to this country with my family from

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Korea. Now, I am living my American dream.

Today, we celebrate the strength of Korean-American communities like those in southern California. We recognize the power and impact of our achievements, and we honor the shared heritage of Korean Americans across our Nation.

As one of the first Korean-American woman to serve in Congress, I am proud to recognize this important day and to honor the millions of Korean Americans who have contributed so much to the success of the United States of America.

COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM IN BRAZIL

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, it should not be a partisan issue to support democracies globally and, in particular, affirm the results of the free, fair, and credible Presidential election in Brazil last fall.

The radio silence of my Republican colleagues regarding the January 8 attack on Brazilian democracy is inconsistent with their professed concern over freedom.

On a bipartisan basis, we should denounce a would-be autocrat who refuses to accept the results of elections and is taking refuge within the United States.

Our contempt should also extend to American extremists who are undermining democratic institutions at home and abroad.

Our commitment to democratic freedom cannot be selective. Fascism and communism are two sides of the same authoritarian coin.

Standing up for democratic values is not just about standing up to the Chinese Communist Party. It is about condemning autocratic movements globally.

We must defend democratic institutions here and everywhere, including any conspiracy undermining Brazilian democracy.

CONGRATULATING SHINGLEHOUSE AMERICAN LEGION POST 503

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Shinglehouse American Legion Post 530 in Potter County on its 100th anniversary.

This Friday, January 13, will be 100 years since its charter was enacted.

In celebration of this monumental anniversary, Shinglehouse is hosting a weeklong open house for the public. Events include special meals, activities for all ages, and lots of prizes.

In the early years of the Shinglehouse American Legion, members gathered at the drycleaning shop of ''Shorty'' Klinger. As time went on and membership grew, the post reached its top membership in 1999 when it had 284 members and 271 social members.

Today, it remains a traditional-style legion, with community engagement and a focus on projects that support the legions four pillars: Veterans affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and children and youth.

The post continues to support community projects like Adopt-a-Highway, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and the Wounded Warriors.

Mr. Speaker, the Shinglehouse American Legion Post 530 continues to serve as a community pillar. From supporting local charities, to providing a meeting house for veterans of all ages, they remain an important part of the community.

Congratulations to all Shinglehouse American Legion members on their centennial anniversary.

NOT WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, after all the excitement over the Speaker's race last week, it was good to get down to work this week, or not.

Let's recap. The new Republican majority protected rich donors from paying their fair share in taxes, naturally, and in the process delayed working families from getting their tax refunds. Way to go.

Next up, a select committee on the so-called weaponization of the Federal Government. Nothing like a Joe McCarthy-style committee to stoke more fear and distrust of the Federal Government only 2 years after the attack on our Capitol. And then criminalizing women's healthcare, because, of course, that is why the American people gave the Republicans the majority.

The red wave the Republicans dreamed about never materialized because the American people rejected their far-right agenda up and down the ballot. Clearly, they didn't get the message.

Yet, they did nothing to tackle inflation, the biggest issue for the American people in the last election.

Mr. Speaker, this isn't what the American people signed up for. It is going to be a long 2 years if this is all they are going to do.

HONORING DR. JONATHAN FLORES

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand here and celebrate the induction of Chief of Police Dr. Jonathan Flores from Alton, Texas, to the National Law Enforcement Officer Hall of Fame.

Chief Flores has been both progressive and innovative by growing his partnerships within the community and surrounding agencies. His hard work and perseverance clearly demonstrate his dedication to the community. This momentous occasion truly reflects his great impact both as a law enforcement officer and chief.

On behalf of Texas' 15th Congressional District, I have the honor to thank Chief Jonathan Flores for his life of service to our community and to our country.

RECOGNIZING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the school board members from the seven school districts in my district in recognition of School Board Member Appreciation Month.

I am incredibly grateful for the extremely devoted school board members across my district from Aldine, Houston, Galena Park, Channelview, Sheldon, Pasadena, and Humble ISDs.

These folks are doing incredible work on behalf of the people and are the most important public servants I can think of. They are shaping the next generation of leaders by ensuring our schools are places where students can learn, explore, and dream.

I know that keeping our schools running smoothly and safely comes with plenty of late nights and a lot of behind-the-scenes work. I am truly grateful for the work of all these school board members and their service to the next generation of leaders. I thank them for always putting children over politics, classrooms over bathrooms, books over bullets, and teaching over talking points.

STEEL INDUSTRY IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my district's leading industries that continues to grow and provide good-paying jobs to hardworking Americans.

According to the World Steel Association, more than 6 million people work in the steel industry across the Nation. In Mississippi County, Arkansas, thousands of men and women are employed at steel mills and are some of the highest paid workers in my district.

The steel industry is the backbone of our Nation's infrastructure whether it is used to build roads, freight rail,

schools, or even green energy projects. Steel is at the heart of it all, and its growth will only continue.

In 2017 alone, the American Steel and Iron Institute found that the industry was responsible for $520 billion in economic output, and that number continues to rise.

Recently, U.S. Steel announced the biggest capital investment in the history of Arkansas right in my district, bringing with it 900 new jobs.

As the chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I will fight for policies that support the growth of the steel industry and promote exports of American steel. I am committed to working with the industry to get our steel on the market at home and across the globe.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS ARE UNITED

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand in this well and represent the people of Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Last week, for the first time in 100 years, the House failed to organize on opening day. As a new Member of Congress, I found it to be a sad day for this body as an institution, a sad day for democracy, and a sad day for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, House Democrats are united and prepared to try to find common ground with the other side of the aisle to solve problems on behalf of the American people, but I am not sure if I will find a willing partner across the aisle because of extreme viewpoints.

The start of the 118th Congress has, in its short time of existence, seen some sad days. These sad days must stop now. Let's get to work.

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PROTECTING AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE FROM CHINA ACT

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 5, I call up the bill (H.R. 22) to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from sending petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, 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 (Mr. RUTHERFORD). Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 22

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 ''Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act''.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE TO CHINA.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Energy shall not draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve—

(1) to any entity that is under the ownership, control, or influence of the Chinese Communist Party; or

(2) except on the condition that such petroleum products will not be exported to the People's Republic of China.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 22.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 22, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

America is suffering through the worst energy crisis in decades. President Biden and the Democrats' radical rush to green agenda is making life unaffordable for people all across this country. It is driving record inflation, straining household budgets, and weakening our electric grid.

Under President Biden and the Democrats' control of Congress, gas prices rose to the highest levels in history. Some were forced to pay more than $6 per gallon. Gas prices are still 40 percent higher today. Diesel prices are up almost $2 a gallon more than when President Biden took office.

The Federal Government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers, especially when it makes us more dangerously dependent upon China for critical minerals, solar panels, and batteries to produce our own energy and electricity, and strengthens Russia and OPEC's grip on world oil and gas markets.

Now, to cover up his failed policies driving our energy and inflation crisis, President Biden drained our Nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve at an alarming rate. America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, once the world's largest stockpile, has been depleted to the lowest levels since 1983.

President Biden released an unprecedented 250 million barrels of oil in less than 2 years, more than all former Presidents combined. As we know, much of that oil went to China because our refineries and pipelines are full. It now has nowhere to go here.

In April, the Biden administration sold a million barrels directly to a state-owned Chinese company. Millions more barrels went to overseas traders, who eventually sent it to China.

We also know that China is ramping up its purchases of crude oil from Russia and the U.S. to boost its own reserves. China now controls the world's largest government-controlled stockpile of oil, with almost a billion barrels, at the expense of American taxpayers and our energy security.

America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve is meant for true energy supply disruptions, like those caused by hurricanes and natural disasters, not to help China. Draining our strategic reserves for political purposes and selling portions of it to China is a significant threat to our national security.

The administration is not just hurting our own ability to respond to emergencies and national security events; they are actively bolstering the oil reserves of our most dangerous geopolitical adversary, the Chinese Communist Party. This is unacceptable, and it must stop.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and prohibit the sale and export of Strategic Petroleum Reserve crude oil to China.

H.R. 22 prevents the Secretary of Energy from selling any products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to any entity owned by or under the control or influence of the CCP, or selling to any other entity that intends to export to China.

Enacting H.R. 22, preventing the Biden administration from wasting our strategic reserves, is the first step toward flipping the switch and unleashing American energy production.

America has led the world in reducing carbon emissions and promoting innovation by utilizing our abundant, clean, affordable, and reliable energy. We can restore this leadership without sacrificing our energy security or making everyday life unaffordable for people.

That starts by enacting smart, workable, all-of-the-above strategies that build on this legacy by lowering costs and emissions across the country. It includes making our infrastructure and electricity grid more resilient and unleashing innovation for cleaner natural gas, emissions-free hydropower and nuclear power, and carbon capture technologies.

Republicans support a level playing field with a balance of energy sources but without handing the keys of our energy future over to the Chinese Communist Party.

It is time to cut the red tape, expand energy production here at home, modernize our infrastructure, invest in new technologies, and create opportunities for jobs and economic development right here in the United States of America.

I look forward to passage of this bill today, and I am eager to get to work

with my colleagues on additional solutions to make energy cleaner, more affordable, and more reliable for all Americans.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me begin by congratulating the gentlewoman from Washington State on her election as the chairwoman of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

I rise in opposition to H.R. 22, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

First, let's take a moment to remember how we got here. In 2015, when Republicans last controlled Congress, they lifted the 40-year ban on crude oil exports at the urging of their Big Oil friends. This irresponsible policy change allowed companies to export American-owned barrels of oil to our adversaries, including China.

Again, that was a Republican policy pushed by House Republicans 8 years ago. As a result, our crude oil exports to China surged, averaging a half million barrels every day during the last year of the Trump administration. China hoarded these barrels to build up its own petroleum reserves.

Back in 2015, I strongly opposed this Republican bill out of concern that it would harm our energy security and, ultimately, lead to increased prices at the pump for hardworking American families. It turns out I was right.

Now, Republicans seem to be complaining about the very circumstances that they created, all to reward their Big Oil friends.

Lifting the export ban damaged our economic security. Refineries across the country, including in my home State of New Jersey, have closed since the export ban was lifted, in no small part due to oil companies' desires to seek greater profits abroad rather than send their oil to refineries here at home.

A GAO analysis in 2020 showed that domestic refineries suffered because of the export ban being lifted, a suffering that was then inflicted on the thousands of hardworking Americans whose jobs were destroyed.

If Republicans were serious about addressing this issue, they would have brought forward a bill that banned all exports of crude oil to China. SPR barrels sold to Chinese firms represented only 2 percent of all the oil we sent to China last year—only 2 percent from the SPR.

If we truly want to address China using American oil to build its reserves, let's actually take a serious look at that rather than skirt around the issue because Republicans are scared of Big Oil's wrath.

Why are Republicans only banning SPR sales to China? Representatives HOULAHAN and BACON introduced a bill last Congress that prohibited SPR sales to Russia, North Korea, Iran, and any country under U.S. sanctions. That bill had 37 bipartisan cosponsors. Are my Republican colleagues okay with exporting oil to Putin's Russia in the midst of a war on Ukraine?

It also speaks volumes, Mr. Speaker, that this is their first energy priority after regaining the House majority. Over the last 2 years, Democrats passed the most significant climate law in our Nation's history. We also passed the bipartisan infrastructure law that will modernize our energy infrastructure. Republicans' first energy bill this Congress isn't about investing in the resiliency of our electric grid or making American energy cleaner and cheaper. Instead, they are just recycling an old one-page bill that takes a minor step in undoing the damage that they themselves created.

Republicans are here today denying their own history and muddying the truth by trying to place the blame on President Biden, but President Biden successfully used the SPR to lower prices at the pump and provide relief to American families.

When gas prices increased last year, the Biden administration took decisive action to bring gas prices back down by releasing oil from the SPR. The administration released an unprecedented 1 million barrels of oil a day, providing critical domestic supply to make up for shortages in the aftermath of the war in Ukraine.

This was a commonsense strategy that worked, and thanks largely to President Biden's actions, gasoline prices have fallen an average of $1.90 per gallon nationwide since their peak in June.

One thing that episode underscores is that fossil fuel prices are volatile. As long as we rely on gasoline and other fossil fuels to meet America's energy needs, our country's energy security and affordability remain at the whims of dictators like Putin on the other side of the world.

While I agree, just like I did back in 2015, that we should not export U.S. crude oil to China, I want to stress that this bill could have been improved through bipartisan cooperation, regular order, and committee consideration. If Republicans hope to actually enact legislation, this is not a pathway to success.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), a leader on energy.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for yielding.

I want to speak in support of Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority is wasting no time in making good on our commitment to the American people to reverse this reckless agenda that the Biden administration has followed.

Republicans understand that energy policy is foundational to a thriving and dynamic national economy, and for too long, we have watched as Democrats' energy policy was kind of an experiment for their radical agenda. Unfortunately, they hurt the American people in the process.

Interestingly, in July 2020, Senator CORNYN and I had a bill to allow filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve while prices were at historic lows. It was blocked by the Democrats. They wouldn't even consider it.

Today, we have an opportunity to protect America's resource and refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve so it can be used as it was originally intended, to protect our people at times of crisis.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), who chaired our Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in the last Congress.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member PALLONE for yielding the time.

America should not be exporting our crude oil exports to an adversary, and that was our national policy for 40 years until a Republican-controlled Congress authorized sending American crude oil abroad in 2015.

China exploited that ill-advised policy change, and exports of American crude oil to China increased nearly a hundredfold during the Trump administration to about 391 million barrels.

Last year, in response to soaring gasoline prices caused by Putin's unprovoked attack on Ukraine, President Biden successfully used the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower prices at the pump and provide relief to American families. This was a commonsense strategy that worked.

Gasoline prices have fallen an average of $1.90 per gallon nationwide since their peak last June. However, we cannot keep relying on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to keep oil prices in check.

That is why Democrats have focused on lowering costs and avoiding price spikes through the Inflation Reduction Act because cleaner, cheaper energy is our future. It will lower costs, create good-paying jobs, and help us build safer, more resilient, and healthier communities.

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Plus, this bill is way too narrowly tailored. What we should be debating today is the farsighted bill offered by my colleagues, Congresswoman CHRISSY HOULAHAN and Congressman DON BACON, a bipartisan bill that would completely ban all crude oil exports to China. That is a much stronger bill. In addition to China, it would ban crude oil exports to all of our adversaries, including Iran and North Korea.

In the end, America's future is in clean energy. That is how we are going to lower the cost of energy for American families, provide good-paying jobs, and make sure that we provide a livable planet to our kids and future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman and I congratulate Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS for taking the gavel of the Energy and Commerce Committee and I look forward to working with her in the 118th Congress.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we should be banning exports to Russia, North Korea, and Iran.

I would just note that President Biden has wanted to import from Russia and Iran.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act, legislation offered by my good friend, the gentlewoman from Washington State and the chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Over the first 2 years of the Biden administration we have seen an unprecedented level of hostility toward America's energy producers. The administration has made every effort to undermine, avoid, and restrict oil and gas production in North America, while at the same time moving to drain our strategic reserves in an attempt to offset the price increases caused by the President's own policies.

Playing politics with the Strategic Petroleum Reserve has resulted in the lowest level it has been in decades.

If this wasn't alarming enough, just wait until you hear who has benefited from our reserves being drained: the Chinese Communist Party. As part of this administration's Strategic Petroleum Reserve sales, a little under 1 million barrels were bought by UNIPEC, the Chinese Petrochemical Corporation.

The shortsightedness shows the Biden administration is willing to put our national security at risk by selling vital reserves to our adversaries to manipulate market prices in hopes of getting political advantage. This is not right, and every single Member of this body should be opposed to such actions.

While we investigate these actions, we must ensure they never happen again. That is why I am proud to be an original cosponsor to the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

This bill would prevent the Secretary of Energy from selling any products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to any entity owned or under the control or influence of the Chinese Communist Party, or to any other entity that intends to export products to China.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS), a member of our committee and a leader on environmental issues.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, while my Republican colleagues have promised to secure America's energy future, I share this goal and I am eager to work together. Again, I congratulate our new chair.

However, I would say that the path to energy security is not through cheap political rhetoric or Biden bashing, but through bipartisan policy solutions.

We all agree that oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should not be sold to our adversaries. To prevent this, Representatives CHRISSY HOULAHAN of Pennsylvania and DON BACON of Nebraska introduced the bipartisan Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act last July and reintroduced it yesterday with 34 Democratic and 7 Republican cosponsors.

The bill prevents the sale or export of oil from the SPR to China, but also North Korea, Russia, Iran, and any country currently under U.S. sanctions. I bet it would be approved by voice vote in this House today.

By contrast, the bill we are debating today only prohibits SPR sales to entities affiliated with China. Given that a more comprehensive, bipartisan bill already exists, why would our colleagues be putting forward a more partisan bill with a partial solution that won't pass the Senate?

Let me be clear. Americans are looking for serious policy results, not half-baked ideas designed for a press release. If my colleagues across the aisle are serious about energy independence, let's talk about that. They will have to acknowledge that our path to true energy security is not by doubling down on oil.

We have seen the costs of oil price shocks time and time again. In the 1970s, the Arab oil embargo caused oil prices to soar.

In 1990, the first Gulf war spiked record prices.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina damaged refining facilities causing prices to rise again.

Between December 2007 and July 2008, prices rose from $118 a barrel to over $160 per barrel before crashing during the Great Recession.

In the last few years we have seen rapid volatility from negative prices during the pandemic to over $100 a barrel during the recovery.

It is becoming very clear that we have to admit that doubling down on oil is a failed strategy, and true energy security will be achieved by reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and investing in clean fuels of the future. Let's do that for our taxpayers as well as for the environment.

I look forward to working together on real solutions.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to clarify, Russia and Iran—well, Iran is part of OPEC, so they are not the ones buying out of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. As a matter of fact, President Biden went to OPEC to ask them to increase their production instead of doing American oil.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say, 2015—to finish the sentence—it was a Republican controlled Congress in 2015, it was also the Obama administration worked together in a bipartisan way to unleash American energy or give them a worldwide market for American energy, and when you threw in President Trump's administration and a regulatory environment that made sense, we had record production of energy. We did ship it throughout the world. We also had record low prices here in America.

The problem we are facing today is because of President Biden and the Democrats in Congress' war on American oil. That is the problem we are here to address.

The price of gasoline hit over $5 a gallon in the height of this war on oil, $4.80 a gallon in Kentucky when it was just over $2.20 when President Biden took office. American families are hurting because of this, small business owners are hurting because of this, and they continue to struggle.

Instead of taking action to meaningfully unleash America's energy potential, President Biden opted to release supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. What we need to do is get back to unleashing American energy, not sending out of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Even worse, President Biden's abuse of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve has reduced our stockpile by more than 250 million barrels, jeopardizing our ability to respond to supply disruptions posed by natural disasters and other true emergencies. This includes selling millions of barrels of oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to adversarial countries, including China.

By prohibiting our strategic reserves from being sold to China, this legislation is a significant step toward restoring our energy security and providing needed relief for hardworking Americans.

We have the ability to produce, we need to move forward, and we need to ban SPR from going to China and we need to move forward on American energy.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, what political nonsense this bill is. It allows an American oil company to buy oil from the SPR on Monday and sell it to China on Tuesday, which means it is fine for them to see SPR oil going to China as long as an American oil company makes a little money out of it.

And, of course, as the ranking member points out, it allows all the other oil in the country, 98 percent of our exports to China, to go to China unchecked.

If we were serious about lowering prices for the American consumer, we would look at what the Republicans did in 2015 when they ended our ban on exports and insisted that that be added to the spending bill that shut down the government.

I had a bill introduced last month to ban American exports of oil when oil is

selling for over $70 a barrel. We need to ban the exports of natural gas when prices are too high for American consumers.

Finally, this bill tries to attack the Biden administration's use of the SPR to lower gas prices here, where it has been somewhat effective and has made money for the United States Treasury.

Let's legislate seriously to lower oil and natural gas prices for the American consumer, instead of simply insisting that if American SPR oil goes to China, an oil company has to be a middleman and make a little money off of it.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, just to correct the record. The language is very clear, if you look at subsection two: Such petroleum products will not be exported to the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the gentlewoman on her chairmanship and I look forward to working with her.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. It is high time to stop the Biden administration from continuing to provide China with oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Under the current administration we have only seen a war against domestic energy production. As a Band-Aid to cover up the consequences of Biden's policies, resulting in unprecedented high energy prices, it chooses to draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, a critical national security asset. Drawing down these reserves to cover up failed policies is wrong but doing it and then selling that oil to China, our chief adversary, is un-American, in my opinion.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN), who has been working on this issue for some time.

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, today, we have an opportunity in this Congress to close a loophole that has been open since 2015, a loophole that enables our adversaries to purchase oil from our U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserves.

There is a bill indeed to close that harmful loophole: a bill that will strengthen our national security; a bill that will signal to our fiercest adversaries that we will not bend a knee to those who threaten the safety of our allies and our servicemembers both here and abroad.

I am not talking about the bill that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have put forward today, but rather I am talking about a bipartisan bill—my bipartisan bill—the Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act.

We hear this phrase frequently in this Chamber, ''It is that simple.'' So let's make this argument really simple, very, very simple.

Our new majority has put forward a partisan bill that bans the sale of American oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve only to China.

I have put forward a bipartisan bill with Representative DON BACON, and now with 44 others, that would ban the sale not only to China, but also to North Korea, Russia, Iran, and to all other adversaries.

It is modeled directly after similar and relevant legislation that I also introduced successfully in the NDAA regarding our critical minerals and rare earth element stockpiles.

This bill, my bill, is stronger, it is bipartisan, and it has a chance in the Senate. This bill, the bill we are talking about today, is weaker, it is partisan, and it will, unfortunately, likely never see it past the Senate's legislative graveyard.

Mr. Speaker, it is very hard to hear my colleagues talk about returning to proper and regular order in the House, when, in fact, if this very bill followed proper order and went through committee, we would likely be voting on a different piece of legislation today.

My Republican colleagues know my background. I am one of the most bipartisan Members of this body, and proudly served in the military for 13 years. I am here today because we have a chance to put our national security above our party politics.

I call upon my colleagues—all of them—to join me in good faith to support the bipartisan Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act. Let's send this legislation through the proper order, strengthen it, and work together to get it signed into law.

I urge my colleagues to look at the facts and to show servicemembers and veterans that we put their safety and their sacrifice ahead of political gamesmanship.

Before I conclude, I do want to thank my dear colleague, Representative PALLONE, for his leadership and for having included this bill—my bill—in the Buy Low and Sell High Act of last Congress.

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Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 22 led by our Energy and Commerce Committee chairwoman, CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS.

Earlier this week it was reported that after President Biden drained over 200 million barrels out of America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, his Department of Energy is now rejecting multiple bids to refill it, saying that oil is too expensive.

Mr. Speaker, this is hard to believe.

This administration—who has put a stranglehold on domestic production by canceling pipelines, reducing drilling, halting leases, and proposing burdensome regulations—is now telling the American taxpayer: Sorry, we depleted your national reserves, sold some of it to China, and now we won't refill it because it is too expensive.

Aren't they the ones making oil more expensive?

It is as if President Biden thinks the SPR is his strategic political reserve to be used as a Band-Aid for his failed energy policies.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is a needed course correction in our national energy strategy, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CASTEN), who is a leader on energy issues.

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address a drafting error in this bill.

The stated goal of H.R. 22 is to prevent aid to China and lower U.S. energy costs. As written, it is going to have the opposite effect.

Run the math. In 2022, the SPR released about 210 million barrels of oil. Most of that was consumed domestically, a small fraction was exported, and a smaller fraction may have gone to China. During the same period of time, domestic oil producers exported more than 10 times that volume, so roughly 100 times the volume that was exported from that portion of our SPR that happens to be above ground.

So the failure to include U.S. producers in the export prohibition means that this bill will do nothing to limit Chinese access to American oil. But since the SPR releases—as the majority notes—do reduce oil prices, curtailing our ability to use that tool will drive prices up and transfer wealth from U.S. consumers to U.S. producers in places like Bakersfield, California, as they sell higher priced oil to China.

Now, I cannot imagine that the Speaker intended to enrich his neighbors so that they could profit from Chinese oil sales, so I would encourage him to vote ''no.''

I would also encourage anyone who seeks to prioritize United States access to United States energy to oppose until we can make the necessary corrections to this bill.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON).

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

Under the Biden administration, we have seen a continuous assault on American energy that has killed jobs, increased our dependency on foreign energy sources, and caused energy costs to soar.

In an attempt to lower energy prices, the administration has sold millions of barrels of petroleum from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, depleting our own supply and helping China to build the world's largest crude oil reserve.

This must stop. I call on all my colleagues to join me in voting for this legislation to stop the Secretary of Energy from selling any more petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose H.R. 22, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

Let's get one thing straight: The reason we are here today considering this bill is because Republicans in Congress voted in 2015 to repeal a 40-year ban on the export of crude oil, including to our foreign adversaries.

Despite this being a problem of their own making, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have seemed more interested in playing political games with our country's energy security than offering concrete, effective solutions for the American people.

When Vladimir Putin's brutal invasion of Ukraine and Big Oil's unchecked corporate greed caused gas prices to spike last year, the Biden administration took decisive action to lower prices for working families by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Not only did this move help protect the wallets of my constituents and Americans all across the country, reports also indicate that our government returned a nearly $4 billion profit on these sales.

So if my Republican colleagues would like to get serious about standing up to our adversaries, I would be happy to consider such proposals. But I cannot support this piecemeal legislation drafted for the purpose of scoring cheap political points rather than actually solving the problem of high energy costs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote ''no.''

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 22 because there is nothing strategic about an empty Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

What is worse than not having a strategic reserve is selling it off to adversaries so they can build their own?

That is exactly what has been happened over the past 2 years. While our SPR has been depleted in an attempt to cover up the failed energy policies of this administration, China is taking advantage by building up their own reserves.

The worst part is that their build-up has come from the U.S. reserves. Let me repeat this. President Biden has sold our valuable Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China while Americans face the highest energy prices in a generation and a Federal Government that has failed to adequately address it by unleashing our own energy potential. And every barrel sold to China makes that decision even more damaging.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 22 to prevent the administration from selling any SPR products to the CCP or related entities.

Stop the attacks on American energy, unleash it, and make us energy independent.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN).

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to point out to my colleagues some context and facts that are totally missing from this debate.

Exports of oil from the SPR regardless of destination were not a problem before 2015. Many of us were here, and we remember exactly why that 40-year policy of the United States, a ban on crude oil exports, changed. It changed because that year a Republican-controlled Congress insisted on lifting the export ban.

The Republicans in charge at that time refused to consider an amendment that was offered by our friend and former colleague, Representative Gene Green. That amendment would have required exporters to have a permit finding that their export of crude oil was consistent with the national interest. Republicans did not create any restrictions on the destination of oil exported from our strategic reserves or any other source.

If Republicans had not lifted that export ban, we would not have this problem. If Republicans hadn't blocked Representative GREEN's amendment from even being considered on the floor of the House, we would not have this problem.

Instead, we are left with a Republican messaging bill which purports to address a small part of the problem while ignoring the much bigger problem that they created back in 2015.

If my friends across the aisle were truly concerned with U.S. oil exports going to China, then they would put a more serious measure forward. At the very least, they would block not just some small amount of petroleum from the SPR, but the sale of all crude oil exports to China which includes much larger volumes outside of the SPR.

In the international market, we don't know where crude oil ends up once it hits the global marketplace. That is the way it works. Sales to entities with connections to China may not go to China. Sales to entities with no connection to China may go straight to China. That is just how it works.

The fact is the only way we can be sure that U.S. crude doesn't end up in the hands of foreign entities of concern is to reinstate that crude oil export ban.

I agree with my friends across the aisle. We shouldn't be exporting our strategic oil reserves to China. I just wish they hadn't gotten us into this mess in the first place, and I wish they would put forth a more serious bill now.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the gentlewoman from Washington on her chairmanship.

Before the Biden administration's war on American energy, America was increasingly dominant in energy production producing a surplus—a surplus.

Exceeding demand usually means that you can have lower prices because you are providing supply that exceeds demand, and then when we have more supply, we can export. We can export to our allies at prices that actually compete with the OPEC cartel on the open market. That is what American energy dominance can do.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to keep pushing green energy initiatives such as wind and solar. I think those are groovy technologies.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker?

You cannot export renewable energy. You can export oil and gas in order to lower prices and increase stability for our friends in Europe who are more reliant on Vladimir Putin for their energy.

Do you know what, Mr. Speaker?

For political purposes, President Biden sold off a strategic asset of this Nation. He started dumping oil out of the SPR, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and put it out there so that China could buy it, and China did buy it.

This is an American asset.

Do you know what, Mr. Speaker?

This bill that prohibits that oil from being sold to China and other adversaries makes sense, but the Democrat talking points make none.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Mrs. FLETCHER), who is a member of our committee.

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, energy security is a key component of our national security. Our energy exports have a security impact around the world as they do here at home. That is why I am disappointed this morning to hear many of my friends across the aisle criticizing and blaming President Biden for taking action to lower gas prices for American consumers and to weaken Russia's ability to fund its unconscionable and unjustified war that is unprovoked against Ukraine by selling oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The SPR is a critical foreign policy tool and energy security tool, and it has been for more than 40 years. The SPR was created for this precise purpose for this moment that we are living in, and these recent sales—like every sale of crude in the U.S.—are made on the open market to any entity wishing to purchase it.

The effective utilization of the SPR has successfully lowered costs at the pump for Americans over the last year. In December, The Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. Government made roughly $4 billion in profits last year from the sale of crude oil out of the SPR. This is an important point to remember because it is the direct work of this body.

In 2015, the Energy and Commerce Committee under Republican leadership lifted the 40-year ban on crude oil exports. I wasn't here at the time, but if I had been, I would have supported my Republican colleagues in that effort to acknowledge the global free market for the commodity and the importance of ensuring America's energy security and leadership.

But it isn't right to complain now for those who support free trade in oil and for those who voted for it then to complain that the system worked as it was intended to. The oil from the SPR was put on the global market which increased supply and brought prices down here at home.

Some of the oil sold by design onto the global market made its way to China. This was not an unforeseen consequence. The then-majority on the Energy and Commerce Committee explicitly rejected a proposal by a Democratic member of the committee at the time, Mr. GREEN from Houston, to license the export of crude oil the way we license LNG exports which requires the Department of Energy to approve the sales. Requiring DOE approval on crude sales could have prevented the sales that are now of concern.

That said, I appreciate that this is a step toward addressing those concerns. But I am also concerned that this alone is insufficient, and we need a more robust mechanism to address any sales of concern.

Certainly, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle would be concerned about sales to North Korea or Iran or other adversaries. That is why in the last Congress I supported my colleague from Pennsylvania, CHRISSY HOULAHAN's, bipartisan bill that would have closed the loophole to allow the sale or export of oil from the SPR to foreign adversaries.

There is still work to do here, and I hope that moving forward we can work together to craft smart energy policy that enhances our energy security and best serves the American people.

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Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 22.

This morning, I listened very carefully to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about this bill, many of whom I have great respect for their expertise in energy. I have, however, heard terms like ''political,'' ''political games,'' ''partisan.'' While this may be their perspective, I wish for just a moment that we could transport all of us to my district to see the perspective there, which is one of great hypocrisy.

On the one hand, instead of utilizing the vast American resources we cleanly produce, including in Utah, the President chose to use this country's strategic reserve to try to lower prices.

On the other hand, in fact, the President did this while attacking energy jobs in Utah by suspending energy development on Federal lands and raising the royalty to produce oil, two contributing factors to rising gas prices.

Not only did this release from the reserve barely make a dent in the cost of gas and weaken our national security, but it also directly strengthened our number one geopolitical adversary, China. Under no circumstances should our reserve be used to fund our adversaries.

Regardless of our views in this Chamber on the use of the reserve by the Biden administration, we should all agree our emergency supplies shouldn't be sent to our adversaries.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for his leadership and recognition that when we speak about this legislation and the question of blocking the utilization of the petroleum reserve during times of crisis, we must raise a question.

Obviously, having experienced a big freeze in Houston and the State of Texas, where 151 people died, we had to face the question of a very poor energy system; a lack of access to fossil fuel, I must admit; a frozen nuclear system; and being unprepared in terms of alternative energy. It was a freeze that we had never experienced in Texas.

The idea of the utilization of the petroleum reserve for me is a national security issue, and this legislation literally says if the President has the need and necessity to protect the American people, it will not be allowed.

Mr. Speaker, I have to rise in opposition, even coming from what has been called previously the energy capital of the world. What we want to have in Houston, and I believe in the Nation, is a multidisciplined recognition that there is a climate crisis, but at the same time recognizing the importance of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for, in fact, the necessities of the President to be able to provide for this Nation.

The American people are listening. They want an executive who can make decisions that will block the Russians from absolutely crippling us. They want a President who can utilize this reserve.

Today, I stand against this legislation because it baffles me as to how we can undermine the President of the United States in serving the American people and providing for energy relief when necessary.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 22—Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve From China Act.

It is critically important that we opposed the Republican effort to put together half-baked solutions to nuanced energy policies.

This bill is yet another Republican attempt to appear tough on China and for them not taking responsibility for their misguided actions in 2015 when they reversed the 40-year ban on exporting crude oil—including exporting to our foreign adversaries.

This bill does nothing to prevent the sale of oil to China, whether from the strategic petroleum reserves or otherwise, because American companies can simply buy the oil and sell it to China for a profit.

This legislation will result in unwarranted and unnecessary restraint on the ability of the president to act in a time of crisis or a national emergency.

We should not be passing legislation that will restrict the president's ability to help American working families, as he did when he used the strategic petroleum reserves in response to Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine.

If we really want to address this issue in a common sense and expansive manner, then we should instead adopt the Democratic alternative to this ill-conceived Republican bill now under consideration.

In the 117th Congress, under the leadership of Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman PALLONE, JR. (D–NJ), the Democrats introduced the Buy Low and Sell High Act, which would implement a comprehensive approach to protect American interests.

The Democrats' Buy Low and Sell High Act not only bans the export of oil from the strategic petroleum reserves to China, but it also bans sales to North Korea, Russia, Iran, and any other country under U.S. sanctions.

If Republican's were serious about protecting and refilling the strategic petroleum reserves, they would work with Democrats to pass the Buy Low and Sell High Act that advances a comprehensive approach to American energy policy.

We must take a wide-ranging, bipartisan, and strong approach to ensure that the president can support all Americans, and especially working-class families during times of national energy crisis.

We must take a strong bipartisan approach to ensure that we do not allow our politics to cloud our judgment and hamstring the president's ability to bring down gas prices in times of need.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 22.

This administration's war on American energy has sent energy costs through the roof. While this administration has continued to shift blame for the rising prices, President Biden is draining our Strategic Petroleum Reserve meant for emergencies by selling off some of these reserves in a Band-Aid solution for his policy failures.

Since May of last year, the Biden administration has sold off 1 million barrels of oil per day until after the midterm elections. Thanks to President Biden's actions, our oil reserve is now at the lowest point in 40 years. Yet, this administration has no plan to unleash American energy production to replenish our emergency oil supply and reduce prices.

To make matters even worse, while the Biden administration is selling off our emergency oil reserve at an unprecedented rate, some of these barrels

of oil have gone to Communist China. That is right. Our emergency oil supply is now in the hands of the Chinese Communist Party.

We are exporting a total of 300,000 barrels of oil per day to China. In part—because of the Biden administration—China, not the U.S., has the largest government-controlled stockpile of oil in the world.

With this legislation, House Republicans are delivering on our promise to restore our Nation's energy security and better protect our national security. This legislation stops the Biden administration from selling any more of our emergency supply to the Chinese Communist Party.

House Republicans will continue to stand up to China and stop the Biden administration from ceding our energy security to our enemies.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time remains on both sides.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey has 5½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Washington has 11½ minutes remaining.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the House majority leader and also a longtime member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS), chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and my dear friend, for yielding and for bringing this legislation, H.R. 22, to the floor. It is such an important piece of legislation to start standing up for America's national security.

If you think about the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, just think of the first word in that name, ''strategic.'' It is there for America's national security.

First of all, raiding SPR, as it is referred to, President Biden has done over and over again, depleting 40 percent of our national security strategic reserve, not to move world oil prices.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, multiple times, starting in November 2021, President Biden has raided SPR because he has attacked American energy. As he attacked American energy, starting on his first day in office, the price of oil and gasoline at the pump subsequently has risen dramatically, crushing middle-class families. So, he started feeling the heat.

His answer should have been to reverse the failed policies that are dramatically increasing gas prices by crushing American energy. That is not what President Biden did because the extremists on the left don't want that. They won't allow him to do it.

Then, he turned to SPR, and he said, well, maybe we can just try to trick the American people by raiding SPR. So, he did. When he raided it, what happened? You got a sugar high for about a week, and, boom, the price started going back up again because the world markets recognized President Biden has taken American energy off the market.

By the way, Mr. Speaker, we are the only country in the world that can produce massive quantities of oil that is a free-market country. The rest of the countries that have an abundant supply are cartels: OPEC, Russia, Iran, Venezuela. They want a high price. The only check-and-balance to high prices of oil is a free-market, producing America.

By the way, if you want to hide behind the Green New Deal and global warming and whatever other names they attach to it, climate change—they change the name every couple of years because the American people figure out that all it is is an attack on American energy.

The price keeps going up because we are shutting off the cleanest producing country in the world.

Do you want to lower carbon emissions in the world? Produce more oil in America. It is not just about creating more jobs. It is not just about our national security, Mr. Speaker. It is about actually reducing global emissions.

This bill addresses President Biden selling our strategic reserves to China. China is building about a new coal plant every week, dramatically increasing carbon emissions, while President Biden shuts down American manufacturing and production, shuts down oil, which, by the way, we were reducing emissions during those times when we were producing energy.

Over and over again, raided SPR, raided SPR, raided SPR. The price kept going up. What went down is America's national security. That is what we are getting to the heart of here, 40 percent of our reserves.

We have two different ways to get energy. We can actually produce it. As the moniker right above the Speaker's rostrum says, let us develop our natural resources. We have natural resources. We have the best technology in the world. We can produce it cleaner than anybody else in the world. As long as we are producing energy, it actually can lower the cost.

We don't just produce enough for ourselves because, by the way, if we weren't allowed to export energy, then you would see a decrease in production. You would see a decrease in exploration. It is like a farmer. If a farmer can only produce and sell in America, they are going to plant a lot less because they can't have access to world markets.

You want to have access to world markets, but you want to also have a reserve in case—not in case you have a failed policy, as is what we are seeing with President Biden. You want to reserve in case there is a natural disaster. If a hurricane hits the Gulf of Mexico, as we have seen, it actually spikes the price, so you have a brief disruption, and you want a reserve to fill that need. If you have some kind of national security emergency, like they did in the 1970s—by the way, that is when SPR was created.

That is when we created this reserve for our country, when cartels controlled world oil markets, because we didn't have the technology to access like we do today. We didn't have fracking technology. We didn't have the ability to go 5,000 feet in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico to find billion-barrel reserves like we do today.

The cartels controlled everything. There were lines at the pump. You had to have an even-numbered license plate to get gasoline on a certain day. That was the 1970s. So, Congress created SPR for our national security.

I understand a little history lesson might help people recognize how we got here. It is not by accident that we got here. We should want, as Congress, to be able to work together to fix this problem, to address the fact that prices have gone up not just for gasoline at the pump but also when people are heating their homes in a cold winter. The price shouldn't be that high.

By the way, we were also, by exporting energy, helping our friends around the world so we don't have to be dependent on oil or natural gas from other places.

As was the case in the buildup to Afghanistan, Putin was making about $700 million a day, Mr. Speaker, selling his oil to America and Europe because President Biden shut off the American supply. No reason that should have happened, but that is what got us here.

What can get us out? First, let me remind you what else got us here because they are trying to blame everybody else under the Sun. It is Putin's fault. It is the oil companies' fault. It is the weather's fault.

It is President Biden's fault. Day one, he started mountains of rules and regulations. These aren't laws passed by Congress, by the way. These are rules and regulations that have come out of the Biden administration just in the last 2 years attacking American energy, not foreign countries. President Biden was okay with pipelines from Russia to Europe, but he said ''no'' on day one to a pipeline from Canada to America.

All of these actions had a cost. The cost is dramatic prices at the pump for hardworking families, crushing the lowest income families amongst us.

What agencies, by the way, are represented here? The Department of Energy went after American energy, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Securities and Exchange Commission, through woke policies, went after American energy. The Department of Agriculture, yes, went after American energy in these rules and regs. The Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of State—that gets to the Keystone pipeline. The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice,

and, yes, the Department of the Interior all represented right here in rules and regulations that crushed American energy, making us more dependent on foreign countries and leading to President Biden raiding our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 40 percent, making our country less safe.

This foolishness has to end. We can solve this problem.

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Now, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS in her committee, they actually have real ideas about how to solve this problem. The good news is, Mr. Speaker, under this majority we are going to be bringing bills through committee to the floor to fix this problem.

Now, on the other side today you hear them talking about this magic bill. They have got a bill. Boy, if we just killed this bill—because they want to keep selling our strategic reserves to China; 950,000 barrels already that President Biden has sold to China—they have some magic answer.

My question would be: Where was that magic answer 2 years ago, 2 months ago, 2 weeks ago when they were in the majority?

They had the House, Senate, and White House, and, I guess, in the last 2 weeks they finally figured out the answer because they surely didn't pass that to the President 2 weeks ago, 2 months ago, or 2 years ago.

What they did do is they brought mountains and mountains of regulations to crush American energy. Then Biden gets on a plane called Air Force One. We have checked it, there are no solar panels on the wings of Air Force One. It actually uses jet fuel.

He flies to Saudi Arabia and begs Saudi princes to produce more energy because he shut down America's energy production. No leases, no pipelines, no permits. He has done all those things, and it led to higher prices. He didn't have to get on Air Force One and fly thousands of miles back and forth.

Who knows what the carbon footprint of that is?

I would love to see the press dig into that because they love talking about carbon footprints for other things.

He didn't have to get on Air Force One at all. He could have picked up the phone and called Port Fourchon in Louisiana and said: Will you produce more energy in America? It is cleaner, more efficient, and there are better jobs than anywhere else in the world. He didn't do that.

It is time we get smart policies. It is time we have some common sense in our energy policy, so we stop crushing those middle-class families.

To sell our oil to China?

Not just our oil, our reserves. This is our piggy bank in case there is a disaster. He has depleted 40 percent of it, and he keeps reducing it to mask his failed policies.

Let's get the policy right and start fighting for those hardworking families who are suffering because of this.

Let's pass this legislation. Let's keep going to work for those families.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

I listened to the majority leader, and I want to stress that history is not on his side.

The fact of the matter is that the Republicans created this problem by lifting the ban on the export of crude oil to China and the rest of the world when they were in the majority. This bill does nothing to solve the problem.

Only 2 percent of the oil that is exported to China comes from the SPR. Even if this bill passes, which it won't in the Senate, it will still allow the other 98 percent of crude oil to go to China.

The consequence of the Republican policy was to destroy jobs at American refineries, including my home State of New Jersey, because they allowed the crude oil to be exported, and as a result, a lot of the refineries closed, and we lost jobs here.

Don't tell me that this is a bill that is going to help our country, help jobs. It is just the opposite. It is just masking the reality, which is they want to continue to sell oil to China, to Russia, to Iran, and to all our adversaries.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding, and I congratulate her on her historic leadership position.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation and our national security have always been tied to our ability to utilize the resources that we have right here in America to remain free.

The energy resources that are underneath the feet of my constituents were vital to the production and fueling of the tanks, the planes, and the ships that gave Americans the advantages that we needed to win World War II.

And now, the Chinese Communist Party threatens free nations with oppression.

The Biden administration has allowed our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to be sold to Chinese companies for political purposes. Instead of approving new leasing permits, Biden delayed new drilling projects and canceled on day one the Keystone XL pipeline.

Instead of incentivizing companies to use the resources that we have in Pennsylvania, Biden targeted American energy producers with new regulations that made natural gas and oil more expensive for American families.

Selling away our Strategic Petroleum Reserve for political gain has left our Nation less safe and our economy less secure.

Mr. Speaker, 950,000 barrels of American strategic petroleum to the Chinese Communist Party?

This boggles the American mind.

It is time to refill our strategic reserves. It is time to stop risking our national security to score cheap political points.

I urge all of my colleagues to vote ''yes'' on this important legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time because they have more time on their side.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON), a leader on energy issues and a new member of the committee.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I am honored and blessed to be able to serve with you.

Instead of supporting American energy producers and reversing their disastrous energy policies, the Biden administration decided to drain our energy reserves to the lowest levels since 1983.

So who benefited from this decision to drain these reserves?

The Chinese Communist Party now has the largest government-controlled petroleum reserve in the world. In fact, this administration transferred 900,000 barrels from our stockpile to a subsidy of the Chinese Communist Party-owned China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation.

H.R. 22, sponsored by Madam Chair MCMORRIS RODGERS, bars the Secretary of Energy from selling any of America's petroleum reserves to an entity affiliated with the CCP or any entity that intends to export it to China.

Energy security is national security. House Republicans are fighting to ensure one of our greatest geopolitical challengers, China, does not benefit from this administration's misguided energy policies.

I urge passage of H.R. 22, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time until we are prepared to close.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 22.

The bottom line is, do we sell our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China or not?

The answer is we should never sell one ounce of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the communist country of China.

Remember, Joe Biden as a candidate on day one declared war on American energy by shutting down the Keystone XL pipeline. He still commits to the war on American energy.

We in America are paying way more for energy than we should because of the policies of this administration.

H.R. 22, Mr. Speaker, is an easy one. The United States of America should not sell one ounce of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the communist country of China.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 22.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER), a new member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have paid attention to the SPR since 2008 when I got elected to the Texas House. As you know, 60 percent of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is housed in my district.

I am pleased to announce that the Independent Petroleum Association of America endorses this legislation put forth by House Republicans aimed at reining in the administration's misuse of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, or SPR, as we call it.

The SPR was not intended to be used as a political tool to bring down gasoline prices in an election year. Next thing you know, the President will be giving away free college tuition. Oh, he did that, too. This is only a Band-Aid on the overarching situation.

The long-term solution is to enhance, rather than hinder, America's leadership in natural gas and oil production. Our true domestic natural gas and oil reserves, from production to pipelines and through the supply chain, are ready to work, and Republicans' legislation puts them and our American allies at the forefront.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

It certainly is no surprise that the oil industry would support this bill because this bill does absolutely nothing to prevent them from selling to China and to Russia and all our adversaries.

Only 2 percent of the oil that is sold to China comes from the SPR, so they will continue to be able to sell to whoever they please.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairwoman for yielding. We are proud of you, and I look forward to working with you.

You guys have got to be kidding me. Seriously?

You were in control. You had the House. You had the Senate. You had the Presidency. If you thought there were any good bills or good ideas to stop this or bills that were better than anything we are putting forward, why didn't you do them? You had the control.

You didn't need us for a whole lot of other things. You voted and rammed through things that we didn't want, rammed things through that were radical, and yet, this commonsense type of legislation, nothing happened. You can't be serious. That is a bad argument.

Since there has been one-party rule in Washington—Democratic rule—Republicans were forced to watch President Biden drain more than 250 million barrels, nearly 40 percent—40 percent—of our petroleum reserve. This puts our national security at risk. It puts the American people at risk.

For our military, what will they do if they need the petroleum reserve?

For Americans, what will they do when natural disasters strike, and their town needs the petroleum reserve?

For our rescue and emergency personnel, what will they do if they need the petroleum reserve?

Why would anyone ever vote against this bill?

Maybe if you want to lower gas prices temporarily for political gain, you would oppose this bill.

Make a choice. Do what is right. Vote for this bill.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time until we close.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ).

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of American energy independence and the oil and natural gas workers of south Texas.

This act is a crucial step to holding China accountable and repositioning the United States as a global energy leader.

It is essential that we recover our energy independence and stand up for Texas' workers who have unfairly suffered as a result of this administration's misguided policies that have emboldened regimes like China and Venezuela's narco-dictatorship.

The decision to prioritize a foreign energy over our own puts American workers, our industries, and our country at a disadvantage. Protecting American energy will strengthen both our economic and national security.

I stand fully committed to fighting for all the natural gas and oil workers in south Texas and across our Nation.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Mills).

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I had prepared a speech today to talk about my support for H.R. 22 and the protection of our Strategic Petroleum Reserves.

But after hearing my colleagues on the left, it is very simple. They don't care about unleashing American energy, us getting to energy dominance, to ensuring that we have the global currency.

They care about defending the Chinese and the CCP. That is why they have continued to try and prevent us from being able to sell our strategic petroleum reserves from China.

That is why they tried to stop us from putting together a subcommittee that would have been a select subcommittee to go after the CCP and their malign activities.

Mr. Speaker, it is very clear. They do not want to go to an America-first agenda. They do not want to protect America. They do not want to unleash American energy for the American people to get our costs under control.

They want to continue to protect the communist China party and the Chinese themselves.

I rise in protection, not just in support of H.R. 22, but of the American people and the American workers.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Washington has 3 minutes remaining. The gentleman from New Jersey has 4 minutes.

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON).

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a co-sponsor of Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act.

China should not be the beneficiary of the Biden administration's foolhardy abuse of the SPR. It was at 695 million barrels, and it goes down to 371. That is halved, while the Chinese Communist Party has in reserve nearly a billion.

This is foolhardy. This is an excellent piece of legislation, and I urge swift passage. Let's put America first.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

The gentleman talks about how China has built up its reserves, its petroleum reserves. It is because you, when you were in the majority, stopped the ban on export, and they used that opportunity to build up their reserves.

This has nothing to do with the SPR. Mr. Speaker, 98 percent of the oil that is exported to China is not from the SPR.

So they used the opportunity since 2015 when you lifted the ban to build up their petroleum reserves on your watch.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER).

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is America needs to be energy independent. We should not be relying on foreign governments. We should not be relying on China, least of all.

Mr. Speaker, 60 percent of New Yorkers, for instance, rely on natural gas. We need to expand our energy portfolio. We need to increase domestic production of energy. We need to protect our reserves.

We should not be engaging in the type of behavior that the administration has with respect to China, and we should continue to do everything we

can to reduce the cost of energy here in America and increase our production.

That has to be the goal at all times.

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

Mr. Speaker, I find myself compelled to point out that listening to Republican arguments today, you would think that they have been sacred stewards of the SPR, and that couldn't be further from the truth.

In fact, when Republicans had the majority in both the House and the Senate from 2015 to 2019, they passed six bills, none of which had anything to do with energy, that raided the SPR for a total of 260 million barrels of crude.

Now the Republicans stand here criticizing President Biden's usage of the SPR, and it is laughable. President Biden's usage of the SPR has helped lower gas prices by nearly $1.80 per gallon since their peak.

While the Republicans want to pretend they are tough on China, it is really the opposite that is true. Last year, the Biden administration was forced to sell 20 million barrels from the SPR under one of those laws that I mentioned earlier that passed a Republican-controlled Congress.

The Republicans didn't include any restrictions, no restrictions or stipulations on that sale, and as a result, the administration was forced to sell to the highest bidders, including a firm owned by the People's Republic of China.

Again, I am going to stress in closing, the Republicans caused China to have a huge petroleum reserve by lifting the ban on crude oil in 2015 when they were in the majority.

Prior to 2015 when the Republicans lifted the ban on exports of crude oil, we had that ban in place for 40 years—40 years—and then in 2015, they came in, and they lifted the ban, so they caused this problem.

During the Trump administration, the amount of crude oil that was sold to China was unbelievable. As a result, the petroleum reserve, you know, increased significantly in China. They took advantage of the situation.

Now, if you really wanted to do something today, first of all, you would say that the SPR should not only be banned by selling oil from the SPR to China, but you should say that you can't sell it to Russia. You can't sell it to Iran. You can't sell it to North Korea.

You can't sell it to our adversaries, which is exactly what the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania, Ms. HOULAHAN's bill, does on a bipartisan basis.

But even beyond that, you could simply say no crude oil should be sold at all, exported at all, or certainly not exported to our adversaries, and that is not what is happening here.

So this is a problem that was created by the Republicans, and they pretend that they are doing something about it today, but, in fact, they are not.

The reason is because they are with the Big Oil. They are with the special interests that want to sell this crude oil, continue to sell it overseas, and they don't care that it goes to our adversaries. That is the bottom line.

This bill is not going to accomplish anything, and so I would urge my colleagues to vote ''no'' on the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Leadership matters. American leadership matters. You can't be a diplomatic power without being a military power. You can't be a military power without being an economic power. You cannot be an economic power without energy.

In order to reverse the damage to our energy security and our global leadership, we must flip the switch and unleash American energy production.

We need to stop the Biden administration from wasting our strategic reserves.

It is time to cut the red tape and expand energy production here at home, modernize our infrastructure, and create new opportunities for jobs and economic development.

The Democrats suggested if the bill included Iran, Russia, and North Korea that they would support it. The fact of the matter is those are the countries this administration has gone to.

They have gone to OPEC, Iran, and Russia and actually asked them to produce more oil.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the passage of this bill today, and I am eager—I am eager—to work with my colleagues on additional solutions to make energy more affordable, more reliable.

It is America that is leading in clean, reliable, renewable, affordable energy, and it is so important to energy dominance.

It is important to American leadership. It is important to our economy. It is important to every person in this country that has been living with record-high energy prices.

Every time they go to the gas station to fill up over the last couple of years, they have been experiencing record-high energy prices.

Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to lead. We want to unleash American energy, unleash clean American energy jobs. This is important to our national security. It is important to our economic security.

I urge everyone to vote ''yes.'' Pass H.R. 22. It is just the beginning. There is more to come.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 331, nays 97, not voting 6, as follows:

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Davis (IL)
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Scott (VA)
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Mr. GARAMENDI, Mses. SALINAS, SCANLON, and DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

Stated for:

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I had to return back to Texas and I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on rollcall No. 31.

HONORING DAMAR HAMLIN

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

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, with news that Damar Hamlin has finally been released from the hospital, I am honored to join my fellow NFL alumni, Congressman OWENS, and my colleagues here today to lead a moment recognizing Damar Hamlin's inspiring story on the floor of the people's House.

Football has some downsides, but it also has the power to bring us together, to remind us of what really matters. Damar's perseverance has inspired millions and, once again, highlighted the generosity and fundamental goodness of the American people.

Damar, congratulations on your recovery. We are all with you.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I thank my teammate for pulling this together.

Damar Hamlin's fighting spirit and his faith inspired all Americans.

His miraculous recovery has reminded us of the power of prayer. He has been in the prayers of millions over the last 2 weeks, his teammates, his opponents, and Americans throughout our country regardless of race, creed, or color.

As we stand on the House floor today, we see the vision of our Founders, a promise to become a more perfect Union. It is a celebration of meritocracy, of a young man whose strength comes from God and his family.

We have seen our Nation's heart of empathy, one that blesses us with the opportunity to dream, to struggle, to overcome, and, the ultimate prize, to inspire and bless others.

God bless Damar, the Hamlin family, his teammates, and the entire football community.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BULLDOGS

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

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I congratulate my alma mater, the University of Georgia, on their dominating victory over the TCU Horned Frogs in Monday's national championship.

Last year, the Bulldogs ended a four-decade-long national championship drought. This year, they became the first team in the playoff era to win back-to-back titles.

Coach Kirby Smart has built an incredible program with incredible players, several of which are from Georgia's 14th District.

Ladd McConkey, a graduate of North Murray High School in Murray County, Georgia, has started as wide receiver for two seasons at UGA. During his time as a Bulldog, he has amassed over 1,300 total yards and 15 total touchdowns, two of which came on Monday night.

Ladd is not the only outstanding player from Georgia-14. Tate Ratledge of Rome, Smael Mondon, Jr., of Dallas, Cole Speer of Calhoun, CJ Washington of Cedartown, Jonathan Washburn of Ringgold, and Cade Brock from Darlington School have all made our district proud.

Go Dawgs.

HONORING SHERRI JACKSON

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

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor news anchor Sherri Jackson, who is celebrating her 25th anniversary today as a trusted voice of the CBS 42 family in Birmingham, Alabama.

Sherri Jackson is an award-winning journalist who currently serves as a managing editor and a member of the CBS 42 investigative team.

Sherri hails from St. Louis, Missouri. She made her home in Birmingham in 1998 and has blazed trails reporting on the critical issues affecting Birmingham and central Alabama.

Sherri's career has earned her praise and recognition, including Best News Anchor by the Alabama Broadcasters Association.

I am grateful to Sherri for traveling to Washington, D.C., in 2013 to cover one of my proudest moments in Congress, awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the four little girls.

I know that my constituents in Birmingham are eternally grateful for her consistent and trusted voice.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sherri Jackson for her extraordinary career and congratulating her on 25 years of exceptional work at CBS 42.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUENTS FROM INDIA

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I rise on this occasion to appreciate my constituents, especially those who have immigrated from India. We have a very large portion of my community that is made up of almost 100,000 people who have immigrated directly from India.

One out of every five doctors in my community are from India, they represent some of the best citizens we have in America. We should make sure that we streamline the immigration process for those who come here to obey the law, pay their taxes, and be the most creative and productive in society.

Although they make up about 1 percent of American society, they pay about 6 percent of the taxes. They are amongst the top producers, and they do not cause problems, they follow the laws. They don't have the problems that we see other people have when they come to the emergency room for

overdoses, depression, and anxiety because they are the most productive, most family-oriented, and the best of what represents American citizens.

God bless my Indian constituents. I look forward to meeting with the ambassador. God bless Dr. Kulkarni as she finishes her appointment as Consulate General of India to Atlanta.

RESTORING OUR ECONOMY

(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 President Biden for his work to restore our economy. The COVID–19 pandemic caused economic issues that few experts could have predicted. It needed strong leadership to help our Nation recover.

Thanks to President Biden's leadership, inflation has come down for six straight months, gasoline prices are down almost $2 in a few months, and the cost of goods are falling nationwide. These actions are saving millions of dollars for hardworking American families across the country.

In addition, President Biden's leadership has led to increased wages, 11 million new jobs, and the lowest unemployment in 50 years. Clearly, President Biden's economic policies are working, and we are lucky to have him in the White House.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF C. LEE BUTLER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of C. Lee Butler of Savannah, Georgia.

Lee was born in Chicago in 1926 and graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, in 1944.

Five days after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served on the Italian front in World War II. While in law school at Northwestern University, Lee met and married Betty Stanley. Lee and Betty have four children, Darsey, Julia, Malcolm, and Margaret.

In 1970, Lee founded his own business, the Fiduciary Services Corporation, now the Fiduciary Group, a successful investment management firm. Lee served at Memorial Medical Center and on the board of St. Joseph's Hospital of Savannah.

He was a member of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church since first coming to Savannah in 1957.

On behalf of myself and the entire First District of Georgia, we are sorry for the loss of this great American.

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE AND SPIRIT OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, Buffalo and western New York have had our fair share of challenges over the last year:

A racist mass shooter murdered innocent people at a local grocery store.

A blinding blizzard took the lives of dozens of our neighbors 2 weeks ago.

And what should have been an exciting Monday night football game turned into a nightmare for Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin and his family.

Our community is grateful Damar is recovering at home with his family now.

Today, I rise to celebrate the people and the spirit of Buffalo. We are more than neighbors, we are family. We are a family that sticks together, works together, and rallies around our teams and one another in good times and in bad.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of the way Buffalo works through our struggles, and prouder still to call this place with a big heart home. Our best days are immediately in front of us.

Go Bills.

NATURAL GAS PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE

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

Mr. LAWLER. Madam Speaker, earlier this week the Biden administration announced plans to ban gas stoves. The Governor of New York embraced the same plan.

The problem is that 60 percent of New Yorkers rely on natural gas, and 70 percent of our electricity is generated by natural gas.

While we absolutely embrace the move to reduce carbon emissions, the reality is natural gas has reduced carbon emissions far greater than renewables over the last two decades.

We need a comprehensive energy plan and portfolio that is an all-of-the-above approach. We need clean, cheap, reliable energy. Natural gas plays a critical role in doing that. To try and ban natural gas and force homeowners to convert their home from gas to electric, the average homeowner will pay $35,000 to do that.

The question for the President and the Governor of New York is: Who will pay for that?

SOLVING PROBLEMS

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

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, it is the honor of a lifetime to represent the people of North Carolina's 13th District.

While we have seen chaos and confusion play out in this very Chamber over the past week, I want to make it clear that I am here to solve problems and not get caught up in politics as usual.

It is important for the American people to know that there are adults in the room, and reasonable minds will prevail. I am committed to working across the aisle to do what is right for North Carolina.

North Carolina's 13th District is one of the fastest growing districts in the country, and Congress needs to address the challenges that come with that growth.

My constituents need their tax dollars to be used responsibly to improve roads and bridges. They need solutions that bring down the cost of housing and childcare. We need immigration reform that allows our economy to prosper.

Madam Speaker, I support immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for the undocumented immigrants known as the Dreamers, along with robust border security.

From Apex to Goldsboro, my district has a diverse set of needs and priorities, and the time for action is now.

SECOND BATCH OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FOUND

(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, on Monday, classified documents were discovered at President Biden's think tank in Washington, D.C. These documents were at least 6 years old, meaning the President had them and took them while he was Vice President, and lacked the authority at the time to declassify them.

Yesterday, a second batch of documents has been found. The timing of these discoveries right after the November midterm elections is, I am sure, coincidental.

Knowing the history of the Biden family's shady dealings with China and others, this raises serious national security concerns.

Mishandling classified information is a serious offense, yet the Democrats, from Hillary Clinton to Joe Biden, seem to get a pass.

When Republicans are accused of doing far less, we get special prosecutions and political witch hunts for a long time.

This breach of national security should be immediately investigated by Congress and the DOJ to determine the magnitude of this offense. If the DOJ wants to claim to be non-partisan, it must start enforcing with equity across party lines.

Who has seen these documents?

Who has had access to them with the sloppy storage that we saw in Pennsylvania or wherever else they are?

This is a very dangerous precedent, and the Vice President or the President need to be held accountable.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

RENT IS TOO HIGH

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, the rent is too damn high. The rent is too damn high. We have people across the country struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

We are the wealthiest Nation in the history of the world, outside of ancient African civilizations, yet we cannot provide housing for every single person in our country.

We have CEOs making record profits. We have corporations making record profits. We have corporate landlords suppressing and oppressing and evicting tenants without just cause while continuing to raise the rent.

We call on President Biden to take executive action on this issue. We do not have a healthy democracy or a healthy society unless we take care of our tenants and our working-class people who are working 40, 50, 60, 70 hours a week just to survive.

READY TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS AS THEIR TRUSTED VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be here serving as Illinois' 17th Congressional District trusted neighbor in Congress.

I spent more than 20 years of my life as a broadcast meteorologist, making sure that people had the right information to make good decisions in times of dangerous weather.

Now I am here in Congress to serve my constituents as their trusted voice in government. I am focused on delivering results for my constituents, whether it is lowering food, energy, or prescription drug costs, increasing good-paying jobs in our communities, or protecting access to reproductive healthcare.

I promise to work with anyone on either side of the aisle, Democrat or Republican, on commonsense solutions that solve the problems central and northwestern Illinois families face every day.

I am ready to put partisan politics aside and get to work in the 118th Congress.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, America's economic independence is based in energy independence.

Today, I voted for H.R. 22, a bill that prohibits selling oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China. However, this bill does not go far enough.

I was one of the Members that saved the Strategic Petroleum Reserve with my vote several years ago. We have to do more to prohibit the sale of oil to other tyrants who wage war on peaceful people and nations.

In 2015, it was the Republican-controlled Congress that voted to begin exporting oil to all of our biggest adversaries: Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China included.

Well, how about that?

Americans cannot be dependent on any foreign adversaries for our way of life. Now more than ever is the time to ensure American energy independence in perpetuity. We protect our workers and our companies when we stand up to predatory adversaries.

We must continue to keep advancing new energy technologies here at home, and I look forward to Republican support in doing so. That is the recipe for American strength and liberty.

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YEAR OF THE CHILD

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, let me, first of all, acknowledge Damar Hamlin for his courage and his fight to survive. Welcome home as he is discharged from a Buffalo hospital so that he can recover. That is the kind of strength that represents America, and though I am not from Buffalo, let me salute the Buffalo Bills.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to speak about the child and to ask America: How does a 6-year-old shoot a teacher?

From the research from the University of Pennsylvania, the answer is that children become shooters because they have access to guns. So in my congressional year 2023, I am going to demand that this Congress claims this as the Year of the Child.

As a founder of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I am going to call upon my Democrat and Republican colleagues to join this caucus to be able to establish the premise that no child should go to bed hungry; no child should be without housing or good education; and no child should get off a school bus and be shot as two children were in Washington, D.C.

Stop the gun violence. Let this be the Year of the Child. Let us lift up our children so they can be healthy adults.

STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE

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

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act which the Republicans brought to the floor today to fix a mistake that their leadership in the 114th Congress made. You wouldn't know that, Madam Speaker, to hear them talking today of blaming other people and not themselves.

Back then, 235 Republicans voted to end our country's 40-year-long crude oil export ban. When they did that, Trump took full advantage of it, and under his administration over 391 million barrels went to China. Now they want to rewrite history. You can't rewrite the history. The evidence is there.

This bill was a step in the right direction. But like my colleague from Ohio said earlier: It doesn't go far enough.

Why don't we extend this ban to North Korea, Iran, and Russia?

That way we can prevent all our adversaries and not just China from using our oil to our disadvantage.

GRATITUDE FOR MY FAMILY

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

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my most important constituents and the milestones in the week to come.

This Sunday, January 15, marks the 12th anniversary with my husband, Ian Silverii. Twelve years ago, I said yes to our first date, and it was the best decision I have made.

I am so grateful for his love and support all along the way. No matter how difficult our paths have been, he has always been my rock and biggest cheerleader. I am thankful every day for the life we have built together.

Happy anniversary to my partner and best friend and the dad to my other most important constituent, my son, Davis.

January 19 is my son's third birthday. Davis has been the greatest gift to both of our lives. It has been amazing to watch him grow and to see him become the loving and empathetic little guy that he is. Nothing makes me happier and prouder than being his mom.

His Dad and I love him so much. I can't wait to celebrate him and all that he brings to our lives and the people around him.

Happy birthday to my sweet boy.

KEEPING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS HEALTHY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of eastern North Carolina.

Nearly 100,000 eastern North Carolinians do not have access to affordable healthcare, placing them in the Medicaid coverage gap.

Madam Speaker, more than a decade after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, 12 States have declined to expand coverage. This is simply unacceptable.

That is why one of my first acts as a Member of Congress included cosponsoring H.R. 31, the COVER Now Act. This bill, introduced by my good friend, LLOYD DOGGETT of Texas, is a critical piece of legislation that would allow local authorities to provide health benefits to residents of States that have not expanded Medicaid.

Madam Speaker, the hardworking people of eastern North Carolina make up more than 20 percent of our State, and we must do all that we can to keep them safe and healthy.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, when the Supreme Court overturned Roe last summer, they took away hard-fought rights from millions of women across our country.

Now women in Kentucky no longer have access to safe and legal abortions, even in cases of rape and incest.

The country responded at the ballot box, and my district overwhelmingly rejected a constitutional amendment to further restrict reproductive rights in Kentucky.

So how do we respond here?

Last night the House Republicans' first order of business was to make it even harder for women to receive abortions and for healthcare professionals to provide them. These decisions are best left between a woman and her doctor. But House Republicans have sent a clear message that more legislative attacks against women's rights are on the horizon.

I proudly voted against yesterday's attack on women and their doctors, and I will continue fighting for reproductive rights.

FINDING COMMON GROUND

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the first time as a Member of Congress to thank the folks back home in Cincinnati and throughout the First Congressional District. I couldn't be more energized to be serving all of you and the country that we love.

My commitment to you and my new colleagues, Madam Speaker, is to be here as a new, transparent, bipartisan, and highly reliable leader.

We are already working with Republicans on legislative priorities that will help our children and families back home to cap the costs of insulin for children, to help folks pay their bills with an expanded earned income tax credit and a child tax credit, and to provide additional grants to communities to recruit more police officers and firefighters.

There will always be more that unites us than divides us.

My work will continue to find common ground working across the aisle to get things done on the issues that matter most to us.

STANDING UP FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, last November the American people delivered a clear message: Women want the right to make their own reproductive decisions.

My Republican colleagues must have missed that message because they just passed a bill that inserts politics into private family decisions.

That bill is an attempt to create a false and gruesome narrative to interfere with a doctor's care for her patients and to falsely suggest that doctors don't already have a legal obligation to provide the best possible care for their patients.

This fearmongering is dangerous. It could leave doctors fearful of providing the best care for patients who are facing devastating circumstances. It could cause further pain to families facing the heartbreak of a fetus with a fatal abnormality.

The real aim of this bill is to vilify and punish women and their doctors.

I voted ''no'' on H.R. 26. I will continue to stand up for women's reproductive rights.

NYSNA STRIKE

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate the nurses of Mount Sinai and Monetfiore Medical Center who, after 3 days on strike, reached a tentative agreement for safe staffing ratios this morning. Our hospitals are facing extreme nursing shortages, and it is affecting patient care.

Montefiore Medical Center, which is in my district, has had 760 vacancies. But thanks to the tentative agreement and the courage and efforts of our nurses on the picket line, hospital management is now committing to an aggressive hiring plan and to immediately implement staffing ratios, including an increase of over 170 nursing positions and a 19.1 percent wage increase and additional benefits to help with retention.

I thank so much the New York State Nurses Association, NYSNA, for their work. It is our privilege to stand in solidarity with them.

COMMEMORATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate Korean American Day tomorrow.

I am proud to represent Koreatown in Los Angeles, the largest Korean-American community of any congressional district in the country.

Tomorrow, we recognize the landmark 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean-American immigrants to the United States, and we honor the enduring legacy, sacrifices, and contributions made by generations of Korean Americans.

This is why I urge my colleagues to support my resolution to recognize the ideals of Korean American Day and essential contributions of Korean Americans to American life.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent a community whose history and culture are so valuable both individually, and as a part of our larger, diverse American identity.

Since coming to Congress, I've made it a priority to ensure the Korean American community gets the awareness and support it deserves.

That is why I've pushed Congress to recognize the sacrifices of Korean and Korean American veterans throughout the last century.

It is why I recently fought to secure $7 million for the creation of the Korean American National Museum, the first museum in the nation dedicated to honoring over a century of Korean American history and culture.

And it's why I am leading this year's efforts to recognize the monumental milestone of 120 years of Korean American culture, and the countless contributions Korean Americans have made to our country.

As I continue to work every day to represent and uplift the Korean American community in Los Angeles, I am grateful for the continued partnership of Korean American organizations in my district.

The Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, led by President James An, has and will continue to serve as a powerful voice and strong advocate for Korean Americans in the Los Angeles area. Their programs and services help form the backbone of Koreatown and have helped keep the community together and strong, overcoming decades of challenges, discrimination and titanic changes in our city.

The Koreatown Youth and Community Center, led by their Executive Director, Johng Ho Song, has spent nearly half a decade serving at risk youth in Los Angeles as the leading multiservice organization in Koreatown. Their support for Korean American youth and their families, especially recent immigrants and the economically disadvantaged is essential in ensuring everyone in Koreatown has access to healthcare, housing and education.

These organizations, and many others like them are essential to sustaining and strengthening Los Angeles' Korean community and I am privileged to work alongside them every day to make sure Koreatown and all Korean Americans get the support they deserve from our federal government.

This Korean American Day, I hope all my colleagues, constituents and fellow Americans take the time to reflect on and fully honor the continuing positive influence and impact the Korean American community has on our Country.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 12, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, January 13, 2023, through Monday, January 23, 2023, as a ''district work period'' under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey, Chair
Mr. MCGOVERN, Massachusetts

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the time to address the House.

Isn't it outstanding, Madam Speaker, to see the people's House open, once again, to the public, have the public in our galleries, and see the Capitol open to our families.

That is a big change after the years of the pandemic and our Chamber being closed from the citizens and families who send us here to Washington. So that is a great way to have seen this House under Republican majority leadership open the week.

As we close this first week under Republican leadership back in the majority on this House floor, it is also good to see my colleagues on the other side of the aisle put a premium on talking about bipartisanship.

I particularly like my friend from Ohio (Mr. LANDSMAN) and Mr. SORENSEN of Illinois, two new freshman Members on the House floor for the first time this week as fully sworn Members of Congress talking about their priorities as newly elected Democrats and seeking bipartisanship on this side of the aisle.

This week the House has taken two important steps regarding our strategic competition with the Chinese Communist Party, the CCP, and, Madam Speaker, those steps on this House floor were overwhelmingly bipartisan.

First, we created a Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the CCP, which is our vision of an integrated, open, and free world where people can celebrate their religion, people can travel, and people can trade. That strategic competition presses the Western values of Europe and the United States with the more narrow and authoritarian view of the Chinese Communist Party.

Secondly, we prevented oil being released from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve and that being sold to Communist China. Today over 320 Members of this body agreed with that by voting ''yes'' on H.R. 22.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve has played an important role in U.S. energy and national security policy for four decades. It was created in response to the Arab oil embargo in the early 1970s which resulted in the tripling of oil prices at the time.

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Since that time, the SPR has remained a backstop for the United States in case of oil supply disruption.

Madam Speaker, those on the other side of the aisle talked about America becoming the largest exporting nation in the world and that somehow that is a bad thing and that we freed our ability to export oil and gas outside the U.S., as if that were a bad thing. It is not.

They are two completely different issues. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is there for an emergency affecting the United States, our citizens, our households, our industry, principally in case of a Gulf hurricane or a disruption in a pipeline, or in some other aspect of oil and gas disruption from war or an accident somewhere in the world. It is not meant to be supplying oil, per se, to everybody besides the United States.

Just over the last year, President Biden has released 180 million barrels of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, bringing it down to a 1985 level, a four-decade low. This is not smart economic policy or energy policy in this country.

In fact, Madam Speaker, over 1 million barrels went to a Chinese-affiliated company. At the same time, China is reportedly holding its own crude oil reserves of 900 million barrels.

Anyone with realistic knowledge and expectations in and around the debate about climate change or energy policy knows that this administration's energy policies have hurt American families and put our economy at risk while at the same time weakening the globe's interest in fighting climate change.

President Biden's failed policies to shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, deny permits, discourage new drilling, discourage new pipeline construction, and, through his bank and securities environmental, social, and governance policies, so-called ESG policies, that, too, has discouraged badly needed capital investment to go to our energy industry and has weakened American global leadership and our strategic benefit, as referenced by my friends on the other side of the aisle, of energy independence. President Biden has weakened our energy independence.

Instead, the Biden administration has doubled down, even tripled down, on these bad policies that have not only raised costs on every American but do nothing in the long run to impact climate.

While President Biden's nanny-state regulators this week considered outlawing your gas stove in your home or in your kitchen or your restaurant, Republicans on this House floor began their first step at unleashing an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

We have to let that sink in, that a Federal regulator actually considered a serious policy proposal of banning you from having a gas stove in your home or in your restaurant. I mean, everyone in America was shaking their heads this week with the preposterous nature of that new idea from the Biden administration.

Republicans believe in an all-of-the-above strategy, which benefits America and benefits the globe, and we must continue to invest in energy development in order to make it through a full global transition.

First, we have to keep investing in natural gas. We have natural gas fields across our Nation from the West Coast to the East Coast, in the heart of Pennsylvania, and, of course, in the heart of New York State, where New York State's Democratic leadership refuses to let that be brought online, let that be developed, benefiting the New York tax base, New York workers, and New York consumers.

That gas field just in Pennsylvania and New York alone, Madam Speaker, some believe it is larger and more lucrative than the largest gas field that we know of in Qatar in the Persian Gulf. Yet, we will never see a pipeline from Pennsylvania to East Coast ports under this administration and possibly under any other future Democratic leadership.

If the war in Ukraine showed Europe and the world anything—anything—it is that Russia cannot be trusted any longer, if they were ever, to be a reliable source to Europe for their energy consumption needs.

The United States stands ready to export more liquefied natural gas to Europe, but the pipelines and other infrastructure don't fully exist in this country in order to have that impact

to help our allies and partners in Europe and Asia in the short run. We need to make that investment.

Second, I have a solution for Democrats that should meet all of their objectives for world energy reliance and consistent with their climate objectives. It is clean; it is renewable; and we can export it to developing nations: nuclear energy.

International financial institutions, like the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, will not, or are very reluctant, to finance any nuclear power expansion in Europe, yet the countries of Central Europe are demanding it. They want that energy diversity. They want an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

Yet, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in which the United States is a shareholder, turns a blind eye to clean, renewable, dependable nuclear energy. The EBRD insists on financing green energy projects to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars yet ignores this commonsense, all-of-the-above strategy.

Today's reactor designs are not the plants of yesteryear. They are not the plants of lore at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania or Chernobyl. They are safe and reliable.

For many, the top concern has been what we do with nuclear waste. Research in recent years has significantly advanced, and today, we have the ability to recycle nuclear waste components to produce even more abundant energy. Nuclear power plants in France have the ability to do this, but we don't currently do it here in the U.S.

Recently, I visited Entergy's Nuclear One facility in Russellville, Arkansas, and saw the nuclear waste byproducts that could be repurposed for future energy needs.

Further, I learned that the process to lengthen the life of an existing nuclear plant here in the United States, much less build a new one, is an immense tangle of regulatory red tape that takes years to navigate and millions of dollars of out-of-pocket fees. We in Congress can do a better job streamlining that kind of review.

When America leads in research and development, that knowledge and the resulting benefits are exported around the world. We can only export that success if we have the successful policies in place to spur that development.

We cannot expect the developing nations in Africa, Southeast Asia, or here in the Western Hemisphere to power their growing cities and their growing-in-wealth populations by wind and solar alone principally because the issues with storage deficiencies and production of energy from renewables efficiencies that remain, while improving, in the years ahead. Solely depending on that is unrealistic.

When America does not have the will to export this kind of R&D, those countries will turn to bad economic actors like China and Russia.

Energy policy is a long-term investment in the needs of not only our future but around the globe. Our globe needs 100 million barrels equivalent per day to power our homes and our economies.

As more and more countries develop and their people grow in wealth and prosperity, their energy needs will rise, Madam Speaker, not shrink.

We cannot wait and have nothing to offer, and we certainly don't want to impose California's energy policies on the world and expect a good outcome. We should be investing in all of our energy options.

That is why House Republicans in the weeks ahead, just as we started out here in our first week, will be bringing policies to this House floor to unleash an all-of-an-above energy strategy—oil, natural gas, nuclear, and, of course, renewables like wind and solar. They all play a part.

The mistakes of our policies today under this President mean we don't have the energy capacity and dependability that we need not only today but tomorrow. This unleashing policy by House Republicans not only puts America first, but it puts families across the globe first—first in opportunity, first in food and fuel security, and first in prosperity.

APPRECIATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANUSHREE JUMDE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anushree Jumde, a cherished member of my district staff.

Recently, Anushree joined Attorney General Tim Griffin's team as the director of the Office of Community Relations.

Anushree, who is lovingly known around our district as A.J., came to Arkansas from India at age 11. She is a proud alum of the University of Central Arkansas, where she graduated in 2011, and she earned her graduate degree at the Bush School at Texas A&M.

A.J.'s public service began shortly thereafter, when she joined my predecessor, then-Representative Tim Griffin, in the office representing the Second Congressional District. She served as an intern and later as the district representative while working for Tim.

When I was elected to Congress in 2014 and took the oath in 2015, A.J. joined my team as a district representative and later became my trusted district director.

Anushree deeply cares for all the constituents in my district, and now in her role for the Attorney General, she deeply cares for all the citizens of Arkansas. If someone needed a passport with 5 hours' notice or help with a visa, she worked tirelessly to make that happen for central Arkansans.

Throughout my time in Congress, Anushree has continuously been dedicated to serving the people of central Arkansas.

I thank Anushree for her decade of service, and I look forward to the work that she will continue to do for our great State.

HIGHLIGHTING THE MISSION OF THE ARKANSAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the mission of the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

For 30 years, the commission has led in community outreach and education. The commission is ably led by its executive director, DuShun Scarbrough.

A division of the Arkansas Department of Education, the MLK Jr. Commission seeks to promote and preserve the life and legacy of Dr. King throughout the Natural State.

The commission's outreach projects of promoting education and appreciation for history and encouragement of our youth to engage in positive leadership development and roles within their communities has been outstanding.

I am proud to have been involved with the commission over the years and watch it evolve into one of the most active in our entire country. The work of our commission has been praised by Dr. King's daughter, Dr. Bernice King.

On the upcoming Martin Luther King Day, I am honored to celebrate the milestone of the commission's 30th anniversary and look forward to continuing to watch its impact on our youth and our communities for years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF HANK BROWNE

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I come to the House floor today to commemorate the life of a good friend and great leader in our State, Hank Browne, who passed away last month at the age of 82.

Mr. Browne was born in Oklahoma before moving to Arkansas in his youth, where he graduated from high school in Perryville in 1956. After 4 years of service in the Navy, he received a management degree from Little Rock University, now the UA Little Rock.

In 1975, Hank Browne founded Freight Sales Furniture in North Little Rock, which is now known around the region, Arkansas and beyond, as Hank's Fine Furniture.

In addition to leading and expanding Hank's for over two decades, Mr. Browne was an active member of our community. A passionate outdoorsman and conservationist, Hank was a valued and dedicated member of the board of directors at the Nature Conservancy in Arkansas.

The impact of Hank Browne on our community will not be forgotten, and I thank him for his years of philanthropy in our State and business leadership. My prayers are with his wife, Cathy, and his children.

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RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS COVINGTON, LOGAN SIMON, AND WADE SIMON

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize three welding students from St. Joseph's High School in Conway, Arkansas.

Last month, Nicholas Covington, Logan Simon, and Wade Simon were selected out of 150 welding students to represent the Conway Area Career Center in SkillsUSA, a State competition held in Hot Springs.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry leaders working together across the country to make sure that we have a fully skilled workforce.

The winning team at the statewide competition will receive full scholarships to the welding program at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton and could have the opportunity to participate in both national and world welding competitions.

I congratulate these students for their accomplishment, and I look forward to seeing the results from the SkillsUSA competition.

CONGRATULATING MARY SMITH

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Smith for her two decades of service to the people of Conway.

Last month, Mayor Bart Castleberry of Conway and the Conway City Council recognized Ms. Smith's 19 years as an alderwoman.

Ms. Smith's compassion, insight, and wisdom were greatly appreciated by those around her. She is a beloved member of the Conway community.

I wish her all the best in her next endeavors, and I thank Mary for her years of service to the city of Conway.

RECOGNIZING THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Museum of Discovery for winning the 2022 Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Award for Resilience.

This award, presented by the Association of Science and Technology Centers, recognizes organizations that have overcome significant and specific adversarial impacts on their museums, yet were able to use that hardship to promote their mission and actually grow their potential. This award is touted as the science museum equivalent of an Oscar.

The Little Rock-based Museum of Discovery and their exceptional staff received this award for how they rebounded from a 6-month facility closure due to flooding caused from a burst pipe in the terrible winter storm in February 2021.

The museum used this time to repair and extend their virtual operating capabilities, build on what they had started during the COVID–19 pandemic, and through this tactical shift, they were able to deliver an immersive and deeply educational virtual experience to thousands during this period of repair.

I am proud to honor the Museum of Discovery for their dedication and hard work after a disaster that made them stronger and better for all that they educate in science and technology.

CONGRATULATING PAUL BROWNING

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paul Browning, the assistant fire chief of the city of Morrilton, Arkansas.

Paul recently announced his retirement after 3 decades of service with the Morrilton department.

Just before his departure, Paul was given the opportunity to present the department's newest captain with his captain's badge. The recipient? His son, Joseph Browning, who had been with the department 15 years.

Paul presented Joseph with his original captain's badge as a token of his promotion.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Joseph on his promotion and congratulate Paul on his retirement. I thank them both for their dedication and service to the community of Morrilton.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CONSCIENCE AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, to quote Maya Angelou, ''Bringing the gifts my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave.''

I rise today as a proud descendent of enslaved people, a proud descendent of the foundational mothers and fathers of this country. They are foundational because they helped to build the infrastructure that allowed this great country to become the great Nation that it is.

There were many others who contributed to this country, but they by the millions contributed, and their lives were sacrificed such that we might have the great Nation that we have today.

I rise today to talk specifically about a conscience agenda. A conscience agenda is one that I believe can be embraced by all people of good will. A conscience agenda.

I have before you and me some of what would be included in a conscience agenda, and I will give a brief explanation about each. I will set the stage by explaining some of what Dr. King called to our attention with reference to this question of the conscience.

In speaking to a group of clergy and laypeople concerned about the Vietnam war on February 6, 1968, in Washington, D.C., Dr. King concluded his speech with some very powerful language that addresses the role that conscience plays in doing some things and taking certain positions.

Dr. King's final words were: ''On some positions cowardice asks the question, is it safe?''

I will add parenthetically here, is it okay for me to do this or will I be harmed in some way physically? Cowardice will ask you, is it safe to do this?

He goes on to say: ''Expediency asks the question, is it politic?''

Does it make good political sense to do what I am about to do?

He further indicates: ''Vanity asks the question, is it popular?''

If I do this will I have a parade in my honor?

Will there be people who will celebrate what I am about to do or what I am doing?

Dr. King concludes with this: ''But conscience asks the question, is it right?''

He goes on to say: ''And there comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.''

I am not sure that it is safe, politic, or popular to take a position on all of these issues, and I am not sure that it is not safe, nor politic, nor popular, but I do say this: Conscience tells me that I should do this.

There is a moral imperative to bring these issues before the Congress of the United States of America, and I do so because conscience tells me it is the right thing to do.

I believe that as a matter of conscience we should have a Slavery Remembrance Day. I understand that this day is one that ought to be commemorated. Unlike many other days that we celebrate, we must commemorate this day. There can be some celebration of the lives of those who were lost to slavery, but this is a day for commemoration principally.

As a day of commemoration, I believe that we ought to let the world know how much we appreciate those millions of people who were enslaved, many of whom were born into slavery, lived as slaves, and died as slaves. It is time for this country to show some appreciation for them.

For too long we have revered the enslavers and reviled the enslaved. This conscience agenda would have us recognize Slavery Remembrance Day, and August 20 of 1619 is the date that the first enslaved people were brought to this country. It was on that day in Point Comfort that a slave ship, the White Lion, landed. It brought with it some 20-odd, as it is said, enslaved persons. They were introduced to the English-speaking colonies in this country. Twenty human beings were stolen, kidnapped, and brought to our country. They were brought to our country and traded just as you would trade a horse, or you would trade some piece of machinery. They were traded—human beings on August 20, 1619—traded into slavery into this country.

This is the day that we have set aside to recognize as Slavery Remembrance Day because that day set into motion events that haunt us to this day. We ought not forget that date, August 20, 1619.

I am so proud to tell you that this House has already passed a resolution honoring the persons who were enslaved. This House passed a resolution. Some 218 Members of this House voted in support of Slavery Remembrance Day. This was already a part of the annals and the history of the House. It is, therefore, those who look through the vista of time at this time

to understand what happened. I can't explain it all today because I have much to say, but I will tell you that I am proud to tell you, in fact, that the President of the United States of America, the Honorable Joe Biden—a man that I have great respect for; I support him; I have supported him; I support him today; I will support him tomorrow because of what he has done—this President recognized Slavery Remembrance Day with a statement that he issued on August 20 of 2022.

In the many things that he has indicated in this statement I will just focus on a very few words, some seven words that are contained within this statement. He indicated: ''Great nations don't hide from their history.'' He said much more, but it is important for us to accentuate this statement: ''Great nations don't hide from their history.''

There are too many people in this country to this day who would have us hide from our history, have our history be proclaimed involuntary relocation. That is what is happening in the State of Texas currently, we have a group of folks who want to proclaim slavery, the enslavement of human beings, as involuntary relocation.

We cannot hide from our history. There are people who don't want it taught in schools. They want us to somehow give a rendition of history that reveres those who were the enslavers and revile those who were the enslaved.

For too long this has been the case in this country. It is my desire and my belief that people of conscience that the conscience dictates that there is a moral imperative for us to change this misunderstanding of history. To do this, we obviously need a Slavery Remembrance Day.

In Houston, Texas, on August 20, 2022, we had an event, a Slavery Remembrance Day event. A thousand people showed up for Slavery Remembrance Day, including our mayor Sylvester Turner. Many notable members of the clergy were in attendance. Our city council people were in attendance. State representative Ron Reynolds was there. We had commissioner Rodney Ellis in attendance. Many people of note were there, but there were also people who were not among the elected officials, people who simply wanted to let the world know that they understand the necessity to commemorate Slavery Remembrance Day.

By the way, it is not unusual for us to have these remembrance days. We have a day to remember the day Pearl Harbor was bombed. That is a day we set aside annually, December 7.

We have a day to remember the day that the Twin Towers in New York were attacked, when our Nation was attacked and the Twin Towers came tumbling down.

We have a day set aside to remember the Holocaust, the horrors of the Holocaust, so that we will never allow it to be repeated any place on the planet Earth. There is no event comparable to the Holocaust just as there is no event comparable to slavery, the enslavement of people that took place in this country.

What we want to do now is expand Slavery Remembrance Day. We want to make sure that in every church, in every house of worship there is an opportunity on August 20 of this year to have a Slavery Remembrance Day ceremony wherein we will explain what happened and proclaim that we must always remember these events that took place.

Slavery Remembrance Day is important, and conscience dictates that we would do such a thing as commemorate the lives that were lost to slavery.

□ 1215

I will say more about those lives as I move forward with our next Conscience Agenda item, which is awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved, a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved.

I am now using what is called a mnemonic device. It is said that if you repeat things multiple times, people are more likely to remember than not.

So, in the utilization of this mnemonic device, I repeat: We want to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American enslaved.

There are many people who don't understand, and because they don't understand, their visceral reaction is: Why would you award a Congressional Gold Medal to the enslaved?

Well, I have a ''Dear Colleague'' that my dear colleagues will be receiving. I am going to read it, perhaps not in its entirety, but I will cover some of the important excerpts.

This ''Dear Colleague'' reads—and this is a part of the style of it, the Congressional Gold Medal, obviously, and it reads: Confederate soldiers—silence is a way of accentuating—Confederate soldiers. Confederate soldiers were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 1956. The Congress of the United States of America awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to Confederate soldiers in 1956.

I figure it can be fairly said that Confederate soldiers were persons who fought on the side of many who were fighting to maintain the institution of slavery.

We have revered the Confederate soldiers. We have reviled those who were enslaved. Silence accentuates.

I go on to indicate—I used the personal pronoun ''I'' because this is my work, but I really am a ''we'' person. I prefer saying ''we'' because nothing is done alone.

It goes on to read: What Congress did for Confederate soldiers, it, as a matter of conscience, should do for the enslaved.

What we did for Confederate soldiers as a matter of conscience there is a moral imperative to do for the enslaved.

I am asking Members to support the historic Congressional Gold Medal for America's economic foundational fathers, mothers, and children, the enslaved.

Note that I said ''children.'' I am not proud that this happened. I love my country, but I speak truth to power, truth about power.

I am a liberated Democrat, unbought, unbossed, unafraid, and willing to stand here and say: I love my country, salute the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the national anthem, but I am going to tell the truth about our history.

I want history to also reflect properly that we honored the persons who helped build this country, that we would not honor those who sought to enslave them and dishonored those who were enslaved.

I am asking my colleagues to support the historic Congressional Gold Medal for America's economic foundational fathers, mothers, and children, the enslaved.

There are already persons who have acknowledged that they will be original cosponsors. I call them persons of conscience, persons of goodwill, persons who understand the zeitgeist of the time.

I am going to call their names. There are 19 such persons. By the way, if a name is not called, it doesn't mean that the name won't be an original cosponsor. It just means that these are persons that I have talked to in passing, and they have said they would like to be original cosponsors.

Again, I consider them the persons of conscience who have decided to sponsor as original cosponsors this Congressional Gold Medal to the American enslaved.

Their names are the Honorable MAXINE WATERS, the Honorable BENNIE THOMPSON, the Honorable DANNY K. DAVIS, the Honorable JIM MCGOVERN, the Honorable BRAD SHERMAN, the Honorable BARBARA LEE, the Honorable YVETTE CLARKE, the Honorable HANK JOHNSON, the Honorable GERRY CONNOLLY, the Honorable KWEISI MFUME, the Honorable DAVID CICILLINE, the Honorable PETE AGUILAR, the Honorable TED LIEU, the Honorable ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, the Honorable SYLVIA GARCIA, the Honorable ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, the Honorable ILHAN OMAR, the Honorable AYANNA PRESSLEY, and the Honorable TROY CARTER.

Only the persons that I have talked to and, I might add, I have not talked to a single person who has said: ''No, we should not honor the enslaved. No, it is okay to honor the Confederate soldiers but not the enslaved.'' I have not talked to a single person with that mindset.

Every person, without question, reservation, hesitation, or equivocation, immediately said: ''Yes. Yes, sign me up.''

The deadline for original cosponsors for this historic legislation will be February 28, 2023. This is the last day of Black History Month.

Now, a little bit more about why this is so important. On July 18, 1956, the

Congress, that would be the House and the Senate, awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to Confederate soldiers.

However, to this day, Congress has never awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to the over 10 million enslaved men, women, and children who toiled for over 240 years—silence accentuates—toiled for over 240 years to build the economic and infrastructural foundation of the wealthiest nation to ever exist on the planet Earth.

These foundational mothers and fathers of our country labored arduously, constructing our cities, roads, bridges, and wells.

They laboriously planted, as well as harvested, the food that fed our Nation. They were the de facto producers of the cash crops that fueled our Nation's foundational wealth.

These enslaved human beings of African ancestors, of African ancestry, toiled as slaves without remuneration or recompense.

Their humble hands were relied upon for the construction of some of our Nation's most renowned edifices and monuments, including the White House, the Capitol Building, and the Washington Monument.

In truth, their sacrificed lives provided the genesis for our Nation's economic preeminence. These sacrificed human beings, men, women, and children, were the greatest contributors to the American foundational economy.

Yet, their contributions are almost universally forgotten, underrecognized, ignored, overlooked, and/or undervalued.

For these and countless other justifications, I am beseeching Congress as a matter of conscience—silence accentuates—I am beseeching Congress as a matter of conscience to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the human beings who are the foundational fathers, mothers, and children that toiled as slaves without recompense or recognition for their unparalleled contributions to the infrastructural and economic development of the Nation that we enjoy today. We are all the beneficiaries of their sacrifice.

Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to groups of individuals, for those who may not know, is not unprecedented as the Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to the Confederate soldiers that I mentioned earlier, but also to the Tuskegee Airmen, both antemortem and postmortem, I might add, to the Navajo Code Talkers, and postmortem to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

It is my belief that the men, women, and children who suffered a great crime against humanity—silence accentuates—who suffered a great crime against humanity, toiling unremunerated as slaves, many for their entire work lives, are deserving of a Congressional Gold Medal. They are deserving to the same extent as those who soldiered to preserve slavery.

The zeitgeist of our time impels the introduction of this historic legislation, and I want Members to know that if they wish to be recognized as a courageous person of conscience who is an original cosponsor, that they would please contact my office.

In the words of Maya Angelou, ''Bringing the gifts my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave.'' I would hope that others will join me in bringing forth this historic legislation.

Now, dear friends, I call to your attention another piece of legislation. It is a resolution that would remove the name of Richard Russell from the Russell Senate Office Building.

Richard Russell was a self-proclaimed white supremacist, a self-proclaimed white supremacist. He helped to author the Southern Manifesto. He fought against legislation that would accord punishment for those who were lynched. He was a self-proclaimed white supremacist.

His name ought not be on a building that is paid for with tax dollars. I am as adamant about this as I would be about a building having the name of someone associated with the Third Reich.

I would never tolerate that. I would take the stand I am taking here and now to get that person's name off of that building. No person associated with the Third Reich should have his or her name on a building paid for with taxpayer dollars in a country that professes liberty and justice for all.

Richard Russell's name needs to be removed, and his statue, which happens to be in a rotunda devoted to him, his statue has to be removed from the building.

His name off the building, his statue removed from the building—he is a self-proclaimed white supremacist.

I understand that this is more than some people can handle. I understand. As a matter of fact, it hurts me to even say it.

If I could live my life and do otherwise, I would, but my conscience won't allow me to do it. My conscience dictates that I must do this.

□ 1230

This is a part of the conscience agenda. His name should be removed.

Now, there are those who would say, whose name do you want? That is a fair question; here is a fair response: The fair response is, remove his name, let it revert to the name that it had prior to his name being placed on the building, then select the name of your choice.

We can remove his name. We can separate the removal of his name from the renaming of the building. The name that was on the building before it became the Richard Russell Office Building was the Old Senate Office Building. Let it revert back to the Old Senate Office Building, then select a name.

I have not pronounced at any point in time that I have a name. I have no name to offer. I offer justice to people who find that this name is offensive, and it is offensive.

I don't go into the Russell Office Building. That is my means of protesting, what I see as something that is insulting. My guess is that it is insulting to a good many other people. A good many don't know the history that I know. Perhaps that is the reason they don't take the positions that I take.

I take this position as a matter of conscience. Richard Russell's name should be removed from the Senate office building paid for and maintained with tax dollars.

The next item on the conscience agenda is the enactment of legislation that we will be filing, styled with some variation possibly, the Securities and Exchange Atonement Act.

As the chair of the Subcommittee for Oversight and Investigations of the Financial Services full committee, we held hearings. We had the largest banks come in and we posed a question: Do you think that your institution has done enough to atone for its predecessor institutions or institution having been involved with slavery?

Let me explain. Many of our very large banks—I won't go into the names today. I am prepared to, but I won't—many of our largest banking institutions had predecessor institutions, meaning banks that at some point they are acquired, that literally engaged in the slave trade.

One bank—more than one, actually. One just came to mind—actually took slaves as collateral just as you would take a car, a piece of furniture. Human beings, collateral.

Then when the person that placed them in the contract as collateral defaulted, then they were possessed. Just as you would go out and claim a horse that was collateral, they took possession of the slaves.

They made money by trading in slavery and in slaves in this fashion. They need to atone. There were insurance companies that insured slaves just as you would insure a horse or cattle, insured human beings for the benefit of the masters. So that if something happened to the human beings, the master would be compensated.

Conscience dictates that there be atonement for this. The world has been set in motion such that you cannot create such egregious offenses and just walk away, then later say, well, I had nothing to do with that, why should I have to be a part of the atonement process?

Because we are the beneficiaries of slavery. We are. The President, whom I happen to agree with, indicated that great nations don't hide from their history; but I would also add, great nations do the responsible thing as it relates to their history, which is to acknowledge it and then atone for transgressions. That is what great nations do. This is a great Nation. There should be some atonement.

So we will have this introduced, this legislation, and colleagues will be

given the opportunity to be original cosponsors, as well as cosponsors. It is not asking too much for us to investigate and find out which of these mega-institutions engaged in the utilization of human beings as collateral and insured them as they would cattle. We should investigate, and they should atone.

Because of all of these things making it perspicuously clear that we need some sort of reconciliation, we will be introducing a resolution, legislation in the form of a resolution for a department of reconciliation.

We have a Department of Labor to deal with labor issues, a Department of Commerce to deal with issues associated with commerce and business. We have a Department of Defense to deal with issues related to war and peace. We ought to have, as a matter of conscience, a department of reconciliation with a secretary of reconciliation just as we have a Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Defense, with a budget just as we have a budget for the Secretary of Labor to further the aims of the Department, there ought to be a budget for the secretary of reconciliation to further the aims of the department of reconciliation.

It is time for us to take a systematic approach to dealing with the question of reconciliation in this country. A department of reconciliation would have undersecretaries of reconciliation, just as we have undersecretaries of commerce and undersecretaries of labor.

It ought to have a budget that is comparable to its mission. I have not set the budget, but I do believe that if we index it to the Department of Defense and make it some percentage of that budget, we are likely to have it funded on an annual basis. So I am of the opinion that we should index it, tie it to the budget for the Department of Defense so that we will always have the money necessary.

These things, I would hope, would happen in the 118th Congress. I don't know that they will, to be very candid. But I do know this: My record will show that as a person of conscience, I brought them to the attention of Congress and that Congress had every opportunity to embrace what I believe to be questions of conscience that have to be dealt with at some point.

This is a methodology, a means, if you will, by which we can address some of the egregious circumstances emanating from the arrival of some 20-odd persons of African ancestry in the English-speaking colonies on August 20, 1619. That has to be addressed. We still have issues that can be logically traced back to the arrival of some 20-odd persons, who were of African ancestry, on August 20, 1619.

Let me walk you through a bit of history. Yes, we ended a war that was a part of bringing slavery to an end, and we passed the 13th Amendment. The war and the 13th Amendment brought slavery to an end, except then there was something called the Black codes. These codes allowed persons to be arrested for not having a job.

If you had been a slave and you are now free, they didn't have the kind of systems that we have in place now for persons who are unemployed. You would be picked up and arrested. Then you could be placed into what is known now, and then, as a convict leasing program, which was simply another way of saying slavery. People were placed into this convict leasing program, and many of them never left. They were placed into this program for petty offenses.

In Houston, just outside of Houston, we have a common grave with 95 bodies, 95 skeletons, the evidence of 95 people, who were in a convict leasing program all buried in a common grave. So sad. It hurts the heart. I understand why people don't want to hear it, because I don't want to say it. Convict leasing is slavery by another name.

Moving forward in history, we then had lawful segregation. I lived through lawful segregation. I know what it is like to drink colored water. I know what it is like to go through a door that had ''coloreds'' on it, go through the back door to get my food.

I just celebrated recently, last several months, on September 1, my 25th birthday for the third time. I lived through segregation. I know the horrors of it. I know what it is like to be separated from others. I know what it is like to sit at the back of the bus. I know what it is like to understand that you have a separate line when you go into the food store, a line for whites and a line for coloreds. I know what it is like to be next in line and have every person who happened to be of Anglo ancestry to come ahead of you until every person is served and then you take your opportunity to be served.

You were last in line simply by being in line. It didn't matter whether you got there first. I know what it is like. I know what it is like to go to schools with hand-me-down books, pages torn out. I know what it is like to be bused to schools some 20 miles to another school such that you would not be allowed into the same classroom with children who were of a different hue. I know what it is like. I suffered it.

But I am also very proud that we are beyond that. I am walking you through this history because there is a point to be made. The Civil War, ending of segregation, ending of convict leasing, the one thing that they didn't end was white supremacy.

□ 1245

The Civil War and the 13th Amendment did not end white supremacy, and that is what we have been fighting.

By the way, not all persons who are what we call White, who are Anglos, are participating intentionally in something that we would call white supremacy. That is not the case. It is not.

There is empirical evidence to support the notion that if you are a person of color and have superior credit and seek a loan, you are likely to get less money and a higher interest rate than a person who is not of color who doesn't have superior credit. The empirical evidence is there. Testing has been done.

By the way, there are many people who fight allowing us to do this testing. There are people who don't want the empirical evidence to surface. They give all kinds of reasons for why we ought not do that.

We ought to do that because that is a means by which we can ascertain how far we have truly come and understand that sometimes it is the color of skin, not the character within, that determines the worth of women and men. The color of skin still does.

Try getting a loan as a person of color. Personal experience: Finished law school, and four of us applied for a loan. The loan officer cooperated with us. We cooperated with him. We received a loan to open a business, paid every payment on time, and paid the loan off early.

We went back to get another loan. A different loan officer declined to let us have a second loan. When we judiciously explained we received the first loan; we are asking for less money; we paid the first loan off; we paid it off early; and we were never late with a payment, his response to us: You shouldn't have gotten the first loan.

I have lived it. I don't have to talk about what others have said, what they have told me. This was a loan officer telling four lawyers who repaid a loan, paid on time, and repaid the loan early, that they shouldn't have gotten that loan.

One can but only imagine, if you are not me, what that was like as a lawyer to be told that you didn't qualify for what you qualified for and you repaid.

The point is this, dear brothers and sisters—whether you like it or not, I consider you my brothers and sisters. I do. I do because Dr. King was right. There really is but one race, and that is the human race. I concur with him when he said that all persons are created equal, from a bass black to a treble white.

I believe he was right when he said that:

Fleecy locks and black complexion
Cannot forfeit nature's claim
Skin may differ, but affection
Dwells in Black and White the same.
Were I so tall as to reach the pole
Or to grasp the ocean at a span,
I must be measured by my soul
The mind is the standard of the man.

And woman, I might add.

I believe in my country. I have faith in the words in the Declaration of Independence: persons created equal, endowed by the creator with certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I have faith. I have faith in the Pledge of Allegiance, liberty and justice for all.

Don't class me with those people who hate the country. I am not a country

hater. I am a country lover, just as I love members of my family that I have to tell the truth about and let them know when they have made mistakes, just as you have done similar things with people you love.

You can love a country and still want to make sure that it lives up to its promise. This is about living up to the promise, the Conscience Agenda.

Remember now, those who do this, I know that some, to quote Dr. King, will ask and respond to cowardice which asks the question: Is it safe?

Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?
Expediency asks the question, is it politic?
Vanity asks the question, is it popular?
But conscience asks the question, is it right?

I believe this is not only the right thing to do but the Conscience Agenda is the righteous thing to do. Because I believe it, I shall pursue it.

I believe that there are persons in this Congress who will join us in the Conscience Agenda, who will understand that there may be times when you have to do that which is neither safe nor politic nor popular. To quote Dr. King, you do it because conscience says it is right.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, first of all, I would like to start out with some housekeeping.

A lot has been said over the last few days about the huge number of IRS employees that are intended to be added by the Biden administration, and I just want to clarify some numbers.

There are new employees who are going to replace retired employees, but there are still 25,000 new employees who are going to be added to the Internal Revenue Service.

I should point out that, over time, you would expect—and this apparently surprises some people—you would expect the number of IRS employees to drop.

I used to do taxes. I haven't done those for over 25 years now. Even at that time, as things became more computerized, if you got interest income or dividend income or capital gain income, the IRS would match up those numbers with what appeared on your tax return.

If you got from U.S. Bank $1,000, and you didn't put it on your return, you could expect a letter in the mail: Where is the $1,000? Please give us another $300 in taxes.

You do not need more employees to do that sort of thing. Again, when you talk about 25,000 more employees than the past, for a State the size of Wisconsin, that is really a small army of 500 new employees.

Sometimes, it is easier to bring down to the State level because we deal with such big numbers. Whether you are talking about Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, or Washington State, they all can expect about 500 new employees. While there may be some people cheating, an increase of that size is just inappropriate.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. GROTHMAN. Let's look one more time at the new numbers that were released over Christmas break as far as the immigration situation in this country.

We have a new all-time record for the number of people coming here in November, over 200,000, 210,000 people. These numbers were released, by the way, late on a Friday, Friday as always, so the mainstream press, which already does a bad job of covering this issue, does not bring them up.

A lot of the focus has been on title 42. While that didn't go into effect, it didn't stop there from becoming an all-time high.

When I talk about 210,000 in November 2022, a year before that, we were at 131,000 for November. The year before that, before President Biden took office, we were around 20,000. We have gone from 20,000 to 210,000.

I am somebody who believes in intact families. Just as scary is the callousness of the Biden administration to the degree to which the open border situation tears apart families. In November, there were over 9,000 unaccompanied minors released to sponsors apart from their parents. A year ago, instead of 9,000 people being broken away from their parents, we had about 10,000, again, the Biden administration. A year before that, the final year of another administration was 1,200. There were months in which we had under 200 unaccompanied minors enter the country. We are now over 9,000.

Please, I wish we remembered that when we have our open borders policy, we are causing so many children to be raised apart from their parents.

I also want to point out the number of got-aways, which is a particularly dangerous subgroup of people coming here illegally.

So that you folks understand, there are two big groups of people coming here illegally.

There are people who ask for asylum. They don't deserve it, but they ask for asylum and turn themselves in to the Border Patrol. At least we get to do a little medical checkup on them. We are allowed to get a little bit of information on them. If we have the right name, which we may or may not, we can do a little bit of criminal background check on whether they have committed crimes in the United States or Canada.

There is another group of people called got-aways that race across the border and take advantage of the fact that, right now, so many Border Patrol agents are just doing paperwork. We have, as far as I can see, the all-time high, 73,000 got-aways in November 2022.

So that you understand, if you are somebody who is sneaking fentanyl across the border, if you are somebody who has a criminal record, how would you come here? Would you turn yourself in to the Border Patrol? Not likely. You would rather sneak across the border.

The fact that that subset is increasing even greater than the people who turn themselves in to the Border Patrol should scare every American to death.

It is time for President Biden to do a little bit more than a perfunctory stop at the border. He has to look at 2 years ago, in November 2020, when that 210,000 figure was under 20,000. It can be done once; it can be done again.

The American people and the press corps in America ought to hold him accountable and ask him to explain why we used to—as a matter of fact, earlier in 2020, we were under 10,000 people a month—why we used to be able to hold these numbers under 10,000 a month and now we are over 200,000, and why we used to be able to keep the unaccompanied minors under 1,000 and now they are over 9,000.

When I talk about unaccompanied minors, I am not including minors that were rented by other people because they felt it would be easier to get here with a family. The Border Patrol knows that is happening, as well. Maybe you rent little Johnny to somebody who says we want to be a family. That is another thing that is not even showing in these numbers. We don't know how often it happens. We just know that it happens.

I realize that Black Lives Matter has been hostile to the traditional nuclear family. I realize that is an important group for a lot of Members on the other side of the aisle, but I will tell you, I don't like it at all when I see over 9,000 unaccompanied minors coming into this country.

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I want to point out another number that doesn't appear on here, and I wish we would keep track of it, and that is the degree to which we separate the family. Maybe one parent comes here with the kids but not two parents.

In America, our family court system—if people get divorced, we try to keep both parents around the area for the children. It breaks the heart of Border Patrol that they see no effort being done at the border.

In other words, if one parent shows up with the kids, maybe dad, maybe mom is left home in Guatemala, El Salvador, or wherever, we don't care. It really bothers the Border Patrol because, of course, when it comes to American children, we love them enough that we try to keep both parents involved. But when it comes to the policy at the border, we don't care.

I am also told, by the way, that this policy bothers governments of the countries that these people came from because they themselves have family

courts and they would like to keep both parents involved in their children's lives. They don't like the callousness of the United States, how they don't care whether the family is apart or not.

There is another side to this story, as far as what is going on on the southern border as well, and that is the number of deportations. You know, people say, Oh, we all have such wonderful people crossing the border, blah, blah, blah. Well, they are all not that wonderful. They are people that commit crimes, people that we catch doing wrong things.

And while our immigration system is relatively weak, our deportation is weak compared to what it should be, at least some people historically have been turned back south of the border. If you look, that number was usually over 200,000 under President Trump, 250,000, 260,000. It slipped to 185,000 in President Trump's final year, in part because of the COVID. We recently got the numbers for fiscal year 2022, where it is 72,000.

The COVID crisis is not exclusively but largely over, so here we are in a situation in which we have under a third of the number of deportations which we used to have. So not only are we letting everybody come here and not only are we encouraging the breakdown of the families by having so many unaccompanied minors coming here, we are not deporting people like we have in the past.

I have talked to a Federal attorney, and it disappointed him because he knows the rules they could have operated under in which you are able to now commit more crimes, do more bad things, and apparently the U.S. Government doesn't care.

Of course, eventually, as we let more people commit crimes in this country, there is going to be an increase in the crime rate. It is going to be a less civil America.

I wish and I beg the Biden administration to find some of the officials left over from the past administration and have them show them how it is done so we don't continue to have so many people who have criminal records wind up in the United States.

Now, speaking of things that have happened since the new year, we finally have the murders in Milwaukee—the city which I was born in. I love Milwaukee so much. When I was a child, Milwaukee had the lowest murder rate of the 25 biggest cities in the country, depending on the year, it was either them or San Diego.

This year, we exploded to a new record. We went up from 197 to 224 in 1 year. That is 27 more than the previous all-time high. I can remember when Milwaukee had a much smaller population, but that number was under 40.

Well, what happened?

Part of it, of course, is the police hatred that goes on in our society. I think that really began around Ferguson, Missouri, where it was called the Ferguson effect, and police began to become afraid to enforce the law. No matter how much they were in the right—and, of course, the Justice Department did investigations in Ferguson, and they found out the policeman was in the right in that tragic death—they still were attacked by opportunistic politicians and opportunistic clergy.

We had a situation in Ferguson, they called the policemen racists. The Justice Department, even under Barack Obama, felt nothing had been done wrong. The opportunistic and offensive Al Sharpton showed up and attacked—or verbally attacked—the police in that area, rather than becoming persona non grata. Rather than being pushed aside, we see politicians still trying to ingratiate themselves to Al Sharpton, and still trying to promote his divisive world view.

So it is not surprising, as the police back off, despite the population falling, the number of murders continue to go up.

I beg the Members of this body to reject the Al Sharpton divisiveness. Stop standing up on the dais with him. Stop attending joint meetings with him and promoting that lying clergyman. It is an embarrassment to Christianity. It is an embarrassment to America. I can't believe there are Members of this body who think he is somebody to promote his view to the world.

Then we have what I think is the root cause. We have a continued breakdown of the family in America. We know that Black Lives Matter, that played such a big role in the 2020 elections, hates the nuclear family. But I wish our social scientists would do a little more investigation on the role of the break-down of the family and the anger, particularly of the young men, the fact that so many men don't have a family to take care of because the government takes care of all the families. And we work our way back to what the murder rate was in the 1960s before you had the huge war on the family initiated by Lyndon Johnson.

I ask the social scientists and I ask the journalists to demand information on the background of the murderers that are caught—not enough are caught—who are committing the murders in Milwaukee, and also the family backgrounds of those unfortunate souls who have died because of the Ferguson effect and the police hatred that is fomented by Members of this body.

My final comment here is with regard to another year gone, another year we will wind up—we will get the numbers shortly—with over 100,000 people dying of illegal drug overdoses.

We all know two things that politicians should do immediately, because almost all these drugs come across the border, we should shut down that border and prevent any more Americans from dying.

Big numbers are kind of easy to gloss over, and it is important to remember when we are talking about 107,000 or 108,000—I am old enough to remember the Vietnam war—we are having twice as many people die of illegal drug overdoses in this country than has died in the Vietnam war. The Vietnam war went on for 12 years, there were protests, there was so much commentary on the number of people who died, and they were all heroes and we should talk about it.

But we have twice as many people dying in 1 year in this country as died in 12 years in Vietnam.

Do you think any increased effort is made to close the border?

No. Politicians don't care about that 108,000.

Remember, they all had parents, some had children, some had siblings, some had friends, but we are so callous, we don't care, another 107,000. What difference does it make?

The other thing you should do—because it is up to the police to find these drug dealers—we, one more time, should have a little more respect for the police.

I will shortly be introducing a bill to allow the Border Patrol to hire more drug-sniffing dogs. Anybody who takes the tour down there—I am sure Joe Biden didn't hang around long enough to find this out—would find out how tremendous those dogs are. They are not cheap.

When I think of all the people who died because of the drug overdoses, I really hope in the upcoming budget we maybe find more money by getting rid of all the new lawyers we are hiring to represent the people coming here illegally. Instead of hiring more lawyers, we hire more drug-sniffing dogs. Maybe we can reduce the numbers of Americans who are dying of drug overdoses as people come across the border.

So those are a few things for the American people to digest, some more things the mainstream media ought to be taking up. A little more headlines, even if the administration releases the immigration numbers on a Friday, publicize, you know, the huge numbers of people who are coming across the border.

Do not get anesthetized and stop caring about the huge numbers of ever-increasing Americans who are dying of illegal drug overdoses. Please, take action.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 13, 2023, at 11 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third and fourth quarters of 2022, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
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[1] Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
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HON. ROBERT C. ''BOBBY'' SCOTT, Jan. 6, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
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HON. ZOE LOFGREN, Jan. 2, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

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HON. ZOE LOFGREN, Jan. 2, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
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HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ, Jan. 4, 2023.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2022

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem [1]		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency [2]
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HON. RICHARD E. NEAL, Oct. 25, 2022.

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 Ms. SEWELL (for herself, Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 308. A bill to amend section 6103 of title 5, United States Code, to establish Rosa Parks Day as a Federal holiday, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. PELTOLA, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCANLON,

Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. MENG, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KEATING, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TRONE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. CÁRDENAS):

H.R. 309. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CLOUD (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 310. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by senior Federal employees, their spouses, or dependent children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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 Mr. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. PALMER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H.R. 311. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide that any estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office or the Joint Committee on Taxation shall include costs relating to servicing the public debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. CLOUD:

H.R. 312. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide emergency savings accounts for individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide emergency savings accounts for small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BUCK, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mrs. BICE, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GIMENEZ, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ISSA, Mr. WOMACK, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MOONEY, and Mrs. SPARTZ):

H.R. 314. A bill to prohibit the removal of Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until Cuba satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 315. A bill to prohibit certain funding made available to the United States Agency for Global Media relating to provision of an open platform for China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 316. A bill to direct certain heads of Federal agencies to develop a strategy to improve Federal investigations of organized retail crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H.R. 317. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from requiring an issuer to make climate-related disclosures that are not material to investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on deductions for personal casualty losses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 319. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make mandatory and permanent requirements relating to use of an electronic employment eligibility verification system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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. COHEN:

H.R. 320. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for jurisdictions with high rates of violent crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Ms. WILD, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CORREA, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 321. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to design and install in the United States Capitol an exhibit that depicts the attack on the Capitol that occurred on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 322. A bill to modify the Federal TRIO programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 323. A bill to establish the People-Centered Assistance Reform Effort Commission, to improve the social safety net and increase social mobility by increasing access to resources which address the underlying causes of poverty; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, the Judiciary, and Natural Resources, 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. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 324. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 325. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to clarify that during a lapse in appropriations certain services relating to the Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecasting System are excepted services under the Anti-Deficiency Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. ESTES:

H.R. 326. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the seller of an electric vehicle from being treated as the taxpayer that placed such vehicle in service and taking the electric vehicle tax credit if such vehicle is sold to the Federal Government; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles by State subsidies for these vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FINSTAD (for himself, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 328. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 North Main Street in Blue Earth, Minnesota, as the ''Jim Hagedorn Memorial Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. FINSTAD (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. BACON, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BOST, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MANN, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 329. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit 529 plans to be used for certain non-degree technical training certificate programs and apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BALDERSON, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. CARL, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HUNT, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. GUEST, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. BARR, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H.R. 330. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN):

H.R. 331. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force unit to investigate transnational criminal organization arms smuggling across the international border between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 332. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to combat

corruption and human rights violations perpetrated by officials in the Mexican Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BISHOP of Georgia:

H.R. 333. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' 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 Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 334. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to add membership in a significant transnational criminal organization to the list of grounds of inadmissibility and to prohibit the provision of material support or resources to such organizations; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Rules, 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. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. FINSTAD, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. FRY, and Mr. BAIRD):

H.R. 335. A bill to reduce the threshold for mandatory minimum penalties for fentanyl-related offenses under the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BALDERSON, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. FRY, Mr. CARL, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BOST, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ROY, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mr. JACKSON of Texas):

H.R. 336. A bill to immediately resume construction of the border wall system along the international border between the United States and Mexico to secure the border, enforce the rule of law, and expend appropriated funds as mandated by Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. POSEY, Mrs. BICE, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. CLINE, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. BURLISON, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. MACE, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. EZELL, Mr. SELF, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, and Mr. FINSTAD):

H.R. 337. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies from banning gas-burning stoves; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. HUNT, and Mr. COLE):

H.R. 338. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate tax and retain stepped-up basis at death; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 339. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty in the limitation on the amount individuals can deduct for certain State and local taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAST (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 340. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida):

H.R. 341. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to provide that a member of the Armed Forces and the spouse of that member shall have the same rights regarding the receipt of firearms at the location of any duty station of the member; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 342. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CLYDE, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. FALLON, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. HUNT, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 343. A bill to prohibit United States assessed and voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. FALLON, and Mr. HUNT):

H.R. 344. A bill to direct the President to take such actions as may be necessary to prohibit the purchase of public or private real estate located in the United States by members of the Chinese Communist Party and entities that are under the ownership, control, or influence of the Chinese Communist Party; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. ROY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. CROW, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MENG, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. PERRY, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. MAGAZINER):

H.R. 345. A bill to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 346. A bill to establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Mr. COMER):

H.R. 347. A bill to require the Executive Office of the President to provide an inflation estimate with respect to Executive orders with a significant effect on the annual gross budget, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. LATURNER):

H.R. 348. A bill to require an audit of COVID-19 relief funding; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. TIFFANY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 349. A bill to ensure that homicides can be prosecuted under Federal law without regard to the time elapsed between the act or omission that caused the death of the victim and the death itself; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 350. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require a candidate for Congress to file additional information about a candidate's educational background, military service, and employment history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 351. A bill to amend section 207 of title 18, United States Code, to ban former Senators and Members of the House of Representatives from lobbying Congress and the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 352. A bill to reduce the pay of Members of the House of Representatives if a Speaker is not elected on the first day of a Congress; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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. WILLIAMS of New York (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MOLINARO, and Mr. LANGWORTHY):

H.R. 353. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for the preemption of certain State overtime laws for agricultural employees; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COMER (for himself, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. MACE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. FALLON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. LATURNER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself and Mr. WALTZ):

H.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for trafficking fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance into the United States or carrying out other related activities that cause regional destabilization in the Western Hemisphere; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. CLOUD):

H.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. OMAR, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KILMER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. MFUME, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CORREA, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PLASKETT, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. MENG, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BUSH, Mr. BOWMAN, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H. Res. 30. A resolution recognizing the 94th birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the 40th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mrs. SYKES):

H. Res. 31. A resolution honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on reaching the historic milestone of 115 years of serving communities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. STEIL, Mr. STEWART, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H. Res. 32. A resolution supporting the current definition of materiality in the securities laws and opposing new disclosure requirements outside the core mission of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. KILMER):

H. Res. 33. A resolution calling for the full implementation of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and expressing hope for the continued success of the Northern Ireland peace process on the 25th anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. NORMAN:

H. Res. 34. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the men and women in the public safety community who operate unmanned aircraft systems; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BUSH, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H. Res. 35. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require continued broadcasting of the full House Chamber during legislative business consistent with the broadcasts that occured on January 3-6, 2023; to the Committee on Rules.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7 (c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. SEWELL:

H.R. 308.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 309.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 310.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 311.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 312.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 states that Congress has the 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 . . .''

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 313.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 states that Congress has the 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 . . .''

By Ms. SALAZAR:

H.R. 314.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 815.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 316.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 317.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 3 & 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 318.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Amendment XVI of the U.S. Constitution

ByMr. CALVERT:

H.R. 819.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution enumerating congressional authority ''[t]o establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization.''

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 320.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 1 of section 8 of article 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. CROW:

H.R. 321.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 322.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 323.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. DOGGETT:

H.R. 324.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 325.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art 1. Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 326

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution:

''Congress shall have the Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States''

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 327.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause l of the United States Constitution:

''Congress shall have the Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States''

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 328.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 329.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Governlrlent of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. FOXX:

H.R. 330.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution; whereby the Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States. Furthermore, this bill makes specific changes to existing law, in accordance with the Fourteenth Amendment, Section 5, which states that ''No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 331

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 332.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BISHOP of Georgia:

H.R. 333.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Sec. 8, cl. I: to provide for the common defense and general welfare.

Article I, Sec. 8, cl. 12: to raise and support armies.

Article I, Sec. 8, cl. 14: to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

Article I, Sec. 8, cl. 16: to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress.

Article I, Sec. 8, cl. 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 Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 334.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 335.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 336.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the 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 any Department or Officer thereof''

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 337.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The bill is enacted persuant to Article I Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 338.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1:

The Congress shall have the Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 339.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 340.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 341.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. OBERNOLTE:

H.R. 342.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

''The Congress shall have 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.''

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 343.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution—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 any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 344.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution—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 any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 345.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 346.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 3.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 347.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Consitution

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 348.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. TIFFANY:

H.R. 349.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the United States Constitution

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 350.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 351.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 352.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the

general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of New York:

H.R. 353.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. COMER:

H.J. Res. 17.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution, in that the legislation addresses legislation governing the affairs of the District of Columbia, to which Congress has the power ''to exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States . . . .''

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.J. Res. 18.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Aritcle I, Section 8: ''To declare war''

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 19.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article V

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.J. Res. 20.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.J. Res. 21.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 22: Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 31: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 32: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 33: Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. WATERS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 34: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 35: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.

H.R. 38: Mr. FRY, Mr. HUNT, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, and Mr. LUTTRELL.

H.R. 51: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 59: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 82: Mr. BERA, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. TRONE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. MFUME, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. ROSS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. BOST, Mr. LATURNER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. FALLON.

H.R. 138: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

H.R. 148: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 151: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 152: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 163: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 190: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. STEWART, and Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 192: Mr. STEWART, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. FRY.

H.R. 208: Ms. NORTON, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 209: Ms. DE LA CRUZ and Mr. ROSENDALE.

H.R. 214: Mr. DUNCAN and Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 233: Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUEST, and Ms. VAN DUYNE.

H.R. 234: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.

H.R. 263: Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 279: Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

H.R. 288: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana.

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H.J. Res. 12: Mr. ALLEN and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROWLAND HILL GEDDIE, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rowland Hill Geddie, Jr. Rowland attended the University of Alabama, graduating with a degree in business in 1954. While there, he met and married Mary Martha McGaughy in 1953. Together they had four children; Rowland Hill Geddie, III (Peggy), Ginger Geddie Roark (Steve), Martha Leanne Geddie Ward (Darrell), and Norton Brown McGaughy Geddie (Tammy).

From 1954 to 1956, he served in the U.S. Army at Fort Lee in Virginia and Fort McPherson in Atlanta as a Lieutenant. After his military service, he began a civilian career. He moved back to Martha's hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1957 after a stint of working at Rich's Department Store in Atlanta. While in Tupelo, Rowland ran her family's store, McGaughy's, until 1976, when he closed the store as well as its affiliated businesses and then began attending the University of Mississippi School of Law. In 1978, he graduated with a Juris Doctorate in the same class as his son, Rowland H. Geddie, III. Rowland began his law career as a solo practitioner, working cases of various types and developing a focus in criminal defense.

In 1981, he found his true calling when he began working with the Office of the District Attorney for the First District of Mississippi, serving under District Attorney Johnny Young. He prosecuted thousands of criminal cases over the course of his twenty-five years in the office until his retirement in 2006. He reveled in being in front of a jury and the opportunity to allow what he referred to as ''Truth, Justice, and the American Way to once again triumph over the forces of Darkness and Evil.'' He believed that the courtroom was the last best opportunity for a victim's voice to be heard and for justice to be done and that such justice became the voice for a victim.

After the untimely death of Martha, his first wife. in 1982, Rowland met June Sawyer Hamilton, and, after a long-distance courtship between Tupelo, Mississippi, and Tucson, Arizona, Rowland and June married on December 12, 1987. June brought to the family three daughters; Jennifer Hamilton Lee (Derek), Molly Allison Hamilton, and April Zilpha Hamilton. Rowland loved his family dearly and was an involved stepfather to the new family members.

Rowland was an avid photographer, a pilot, a scuba diver, a lifelong CB and ham radio enthusiast, and actor in community theater, a motorcyclist, a gun enthusiast, a hunter, a fisherman, a canoeist, a camper, and a water skier.

In addition to his time in the District Attorney's Office, Rowland served his community through numerous volunteer roles, including Cub Scout Pack Master; Rotarian, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Tupelo; Mock Trial Judge for Tupelo High School; a founding member of Tupelo Community Theater; and president of the Mississippi Merchants' Association.

Rowland is survived by his loving wife, June; his children, Rowland, Ginger, Leanne, Norton, Jenny, Molly, and April; 16 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN PARVENSKY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Parvensky.

John has dedicated his life to helping others and, after 37 years as the head of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, there is no doubt that John has done exactly that.

John first moved to Denver in 1984 after graduating law school to begin a career helping nonprofit organizations. It didn't take long, though, for John to realize he had another calling in life. And just 1 year after his arrival in the Mile High City, John set out on a mission to provide real help to those experiencing homelessness throughout the city.

He arrived at the perfect time. It was at just that moment that then-Denver Mayor Federico Peña was putting together a task force to tackle homelessness. Out of that task force came the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.

What John thought would be a temporary assignment has turned into a lifelong passion, and the coalition he started has become a permanent fixture in the state.

Thanks to John's tireless work, Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless has grown from a group of 6 people to an organization that now employs more than 750 people across the state. Its budget has grown from $100,000 to more than $10 million a year. And, with John at the helm, the organization that started as a single health care center now serves over 22,000 people every year.

John's leadership and advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness, both in Denver and across the U.S., has led to the development of countless new ideas and innovative strategies that are now being used in cities and towns across the country to help those in need.

John was instrumental in creating the Denver Housing First Collaborative that provides housing and supportive services to more than 200 people with disabilities experiencing homelessness. And he was the driving force behind the development of Denver's new state-of-the-art Stout Street Recuperative Care Center—a first-of-its kind mixed-use development intended to provide medical respite and recuperative care to hundreds of people experiencing homelessness every year after they are released from the hospital.

John's efforts have been widely recognized throughout his career. He currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the National Coalition for the Homeless; and he has been the recipient of numerous awards to highlight his many achievements in his quest to help others—including the 2018 Philip W. Brickner National Leadership Award from the National Healthcare for the Homeless; the 2016 Carle Whitehead Memorial Award from ACLU of Colorado; and the 2012 Be More Award from Rocky Mountain PBS.

After more than 35 years as the head of Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless, John announced that this summer will be his last running the organization. As he prepares to begin the next chapter of his life, I want to express my profound thanks to him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of those experiencing homelessness and the outstanding work he's done over the years to improve the lives of so many people who call our city home.

I offer my best wishes on his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR A. MURPHY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader and political activist. Arthur A. Murphy transitioned from this life on January 2, 2023, in Hardeeville, South Carolina. His work to better the lives of those in Jasper County, as well as his commitment to increase diverse representation were honorable and deserve recognition.

Arthur Murphy was born in Robertville, South Carolina on December 11, 1943, to the late Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Beatrice Brown Murphy. He attended public schools in Jasper County, South Carolina. Upon graduation, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to pursue further education at the School of Printing. He remained in New York for more than 30 years working in the printing profession. In 1993, he returned to South Carolina, where he founded his own printing company, Repro Graphics.

In addition to his company, Arthur was an active member of the community. In 1994, just 1 year after moving back to South Carolina, he became Chairman of the Jasper County Democratic Party. He continued to serve in this role on and off throughout the rest of his life. It was in this capacity that I was fortunate to get to know Arthur. He was committed to getting the best candidates possible into public office in his county, especially those who would represent the diverse voices of the community. Arthur was also an active member of the NAACP. Through his various community leadership roles, Arthur received several awards and honors.

Arthur was guided by his faith from a young age at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a member throughout the entirety of his life. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Louise J. Murphy, with whom he had 2 sons, Kenneth Murphy and F. Michael (Tanya) Murphy, Sr., 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the full life of Arthur A. Murphy. His commitment to public service and his community touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS WILL MARTIN, JR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin, Jr. passed away on January 6, 2023, at the age of 74.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Petty Officer Third Class Will Martin Jr. served his country with dignity as a Seabee in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969. Will exemplified the Seabee motto of ''Can Do,'' and following his service, he integrated this into his daily life as he worked tirelessly for decades to build ''Communities of Honor and Excellence,'' not only in Victoria County but across the state of Texas.

Along the way, Will's journey saw him serve as the American Legion Commander, the American Legion Legislative Representative for the Department of Texas, an officer with both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Disabled American Veterans, and as the founder and Commander of the U.S. Navy Seabees Association, Victoria Chapter. He dedicated his spare time to the Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor and was a great friend and supporter of the wounded servicemen and women who came in from all over the nation.

For nearly a decade, Will was the President of the Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo that helped hundreds of charities all over the state of Texas receive tens of millions of dollars for their activities. As a legislative liaison, he worked with State Senators and Representatives to ensure ongoing access to funding that allowed service organizations to focus on their missions of helping thousands of Texans.

Furthermore, Will was a friend to first responders, in particular law enforcement. He led the effort to craft a county ordinance banning illegal game rooms and the drug and human trafficking crime that accompanied them. This ordinance, which gave Law Enforcement greater opportunity to stop this illegal activity, was adopted first in Victoria County and soon spread throughout the Golden Crescent and Coastal Bend. This initiative likely prevented the trafficking of hundreds of at-risk youth and kept millions of dollars out of the hands of organized crime.

Most importantly, Will was a faithful Christian man who lived his life as a disciple of God's word and as a passionate servant. Throughout his commendable life—up until the very end—Will Martin's love of God and Country and service to others never faded.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today because 2 months ago, Americans sent a clear message to Congress, rejecting the extremist anti-abortion, anti-reproductive health policies of the GOP.

Yet, here we are today, on our first week in Congress, voting on legislation that puts women at risk by jeopardizing the ability of medical professionals to perform lifesaving care. Under the Republican agenda, women do not have the right to make decisions about their own bodies and about their own healthcare.

Make no mistake, this is yet another step toward the GOP's ultimate goal of criminalizing abortion nationwide and banning contraception while doing absolutely nothing to address the real issues impacting parents, children, and families across our country.

House Democrats will fight to protect abortion rights, to maintain access to contraception, and to not put the government between women and their doctors.

The GOP's decades-long demonization of reproductive healthcare providers has resulted in targeted violence, as well as continual harassment of those seeking abortion care. Yet, instead of speaking out against these heinous crimes, the GOP is focusing on a resolution that picks what type of violence is unacceptable to them, when in reality violence should be condemned in all forms no matter what groups are being targeted.

For this reason, I am co-sponsoring a House Resolution that condemns attacks on healthcare facilities, healthcare personnel, and patients. This Resolution condemns the hatred, violence, and harassment that abortion providers, reproductive health advocates, and other healthcare providers have faced for providing essential healthcare services to women across our country.

I call upon our colleagues across the aisle to condemn violence regardless of whom it is being directed at, and I invite them to do so by adopting this language into their resolution.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHERRI JACKSON AS CBS 42 NEWS ANCHOR IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson, who is celebrating her 25th Anniversary at CBS 42 on January 12, 2023.

Sherri is a 2-time Emmy Award-winning journalist who currently serves as the PM Managing Editor and Member of the CBS 42, ''Your Voice, Your Station'' Investigative Team. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Sherri is a graduate of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Prior to making her home in Birmingham in 1998, Sherri worked for WGXA-TV in Macon, GA, WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georiga, and WSAZ-TV in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia. Since moving to Birmingham, she has blazed trails reporting on the critical conditions affecting the residents of Central Alabama.

Upholding her motto: ''we are all connected,'' Sherri tailors her journalism to focus on healthcare and issues affecting families to ensure that her audience is abreast with news most pertinent to their community. Her exemplary journalism includes the ''Local War on Breast Cancer,'' which highlights research at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her Emmy-winning ''Dangerous Connections'' provided resources informing parents on how to protect their children in this digital age from both predators and bullying.

Gaining a reputation as a truth-seeker, Sherri spearheaded the CBS 42 award-winning coverage of North Birmingham's environmental crisis. Her expert reporting in CBS 42's ''Deadly Deception'' exposed the pollution and provided a voice for generations of families who have suffered this injustice for far too long. As a result of her tenacity, the EPA declared the area a SuperFund Site shortly after.

Sherri's unwavering commitment to telling our stories has made her an invaluable resource for Birmingham and the surrounding area. Her second Emmy Award-winning project, ''Hope and Honor,'' followed Elizabeth MacQueen, a local artist, and sculptress, as she made the Four Spirits Statue in Birmingham's Historic Kelly Ingram Park. She boldly tells the story of Birmingham's efforts to establish a fitting memorial for the Four Little Girls: Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Denise McNair, to ensure that we never forget the tragedy of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing. That same year, Sherri traveled to Washington D.C. to cover one of my proudest moments in Congress the posthumously awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Four Little Girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. As the only local journalist there, the impact of Sherri's journalistic talent brought my constituents from Birmingham to the Capitol, ensuring that they felt represented during the monumental occasion.

For over 2 decades, Sherri has established herself as 1 of the most trusted voices in the world of journalism. Outside of her home at CBS 42, Sherri has also worked with BBC News, hosting their BBC World Service ''Heart and Soul'' broadcast from inside the 16th Street Baptist Church and presenting ''The Cultural Frontline.''

Sherri has received various well-deserved awards and recognition for her work, including being named Best News Anchor by Alabama Broadcasters Association and Associated Press, the 2015 National Headliner Award, and in 2018 received the National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence. Sherri also serves on various boards, including the Foundry Ministries and previously the boards of the Children's Aid Society, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Childcare Resources, and American Red Cross Blood Services Alabama. Sherri's civic affiliations include being a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

On a personal note, I was honored that Sherri covered my first bill passage that paid tribute to the Four Little Girls who lost their lives in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. Like them, Sherri's career and extensive body of work serve as an inspiration to all little girls, especially little black girls who watch her on television and become inspired to follow in her footsteps. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary at CBS 42. May you continue to anchor for many years to come.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Sherri Jackson and congratulate her on 25 years of exceptional work at CBS 42.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ELLIOTT OF WARSAW

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Elliott of Warsaw, Indiana, who passed away this month.

John was a cherished member of the Warsaw community who devoted decades of his life to civic and community service. John was a longtime, successful banker who retired from 1st Source Bank in Warsaw but is mostly remembered for his numerous roles in the community outside of work. John's contributions range from involvement with the Baker Youth Club, Indiana Right to Life, and the Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club, in which he attended over 2,392 meetings with perfect attendance. He played an instrumental role in bringing bands such as the Marine, Penn State, Oklahoma State, and his alma mater, Ohio State University bands to Warsaw, Indiana. John was a key supporter of athletics at Warsaw Community High School and Grace College, where he sponsored and hosted many of the teams that came for the Grace College basketball toumarnents. As a respected and accomplished soccer referee, he was at one point responsible for placing all soccer referees in the state of Indiana.

John is remembered as a selfless individual who was always ready to get involved to help others and his community, which he loved dearly. In the wake of his passing, I wish his wife Elaine, their children and grandchildren, peace, and comfort. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit and example live on for us to strive to emulate every day.

CELEBRATING UCLA WOMEN'S SOCCER 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the women's soccer team from the University of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2022 NCAA Division One National Championship on the 5th of December. UCLA defeated the women's soccer team from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

This year's championship is the program's 2nd national championship and 120th overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA Bruins team in any sport.

The team should be proud of their accomplishments, becoming the first team ever to win the national championship after being two goals down. The team's perseverance allowed them to bring the game to overtime in the final seconds of regulation. While just over three minutes into the second overtime period, UCLA scored the winning goal taking the lead in dramatic fashion. With Coach Margueritte Aozasa, the Bruins have become the first women's soccer program to win the championship with a rookie coach in NCAA history.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA women's soccer team once again on winning the national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. Their performance and perseverance were a sight to behold and a tribute to the achievements of student athletes throughout the Nation. Go Bruins.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JAMES MADISON ''JIM'' THOMAS

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marine TSgt (retired) James Madison ''Jim'' Thomas, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, veteran, first responder, and dedicated public servant. At 101 years young, Jim was a pillar of the community. He served as Chairman of the Nassau County Commission, Chairman of the School Board, a Nassau County Sherriff's Deputy, and a Marine Tech Sergeant.

He was born in Yulee, Florida and was the son of the late David M. and Chal Treatie May Thomas. He attended school in Yulee and would eventually earn his GED after joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jim's love for his country was unparalleled. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps before the beginning of World War II. Jim was a highly decorated combat veteran of World War II and the Battle of Guadalcanal serving with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Expeditionary Force, 1st Combat Engineer Pioneer Battalion—nicknamed ''The Super Breed.'' His battalion was awarded The Presidential Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. Jim was honorably discharged at the rank of Technical Sergeant with over 14 years of service to the nation. Never someone who would accept accolades for his military service—he would quickly reply, ''I was just doing my duty.''

Jim returned home to Nassau County and quickly became an integral part of the community. Through the years he served Nassau County in a variety of ways. He worked for the School Board as Maintenance Supervisor, and the Nassau County Sheriff's Office as a Juvenile Officer. Along with being a Sheriff's Deputy, he was elected to the School Board. During his tenure, he was instrumental in constructing 2 new schools in his first 4 years—Emma Love Hardee Elementary and Callahan Elementary.

He went on to serve the community as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. When asked to describe his most rewarding act as a commissioner, it was a quick and easy response. He was responsible for the monument that is standing today at the base of Center Street to publicly display the names of residents who gave their life in the service to our country.

Jim was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach where he taught Sunday School and was an Elder and Deacon.

Jim served his God, his family, his community, and his country with honor and devotion.

In addition to his parents and his siblings, Jim was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Ann Thomas, a son, Phillip Terry Thomas and a son-in-law, Fred Armstrong. He leaves behind his 3 daughters, Linda Armstrong, Brenda Wall and her husband, James, and Beth McDonald and her husband, Larry, all of Fernandina Beach as well as a daughter-in-law, Alicia Thomas of Glen St. Mary; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in celebrating and honoring the life of James Madison ''Jim'' Thomas, a leader, a believer, a patriot, and a friend to so many. Jim will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered by all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE MEL HANNAH

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the Honorable Mel Hannah, who passed away this week. Mel was a lifelong Arizonan, civic leader, and friend and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed.

Mel was born and raised in the small town of Winslow, Arizona. After high school, he earned a scholarship to play football at what would become Northern Arizona University. While traveling through the South for football games, Mel experienced the realities of segregation—being denied a room at the hotel where his white teammates were staying.

Mel's experience with segregation, as well as President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty campaign, inspired him to get involved in politics and activism. He went on to become the first African American member of the Flagstaff City Council and to serve on the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. He later moved to Phoenix where he worked in the administration of Governor Fife Symington and was Director of Community Outreach and Job Development at the Greater Phoenix Urban League. More recently, he served as Chair of the Arizona Secretary of State's Advisory Council and was a charter member of the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs.

Mel's life and career embodied his commitment to civic engagement which he defined

as, ''what we do to make lives better.'' For him, that meant serving and empowering low-income, rural, and minority communities. I trust that current and future generations will continue to be inspired by Mr. Hannah's life to get involved in the betterment of their communities.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mel's family and friends.

HONORING KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Kathleen Kline-Hudson, an extraordinary public servant upon her retirement, and to pay tribute to her dedication and devotion to community planning over the past 3 decades that have helped shape and mold Livingston County, Michigan into the thriving, vibrant place it is today.

Nearly 32 years ago, with the ink barely dry on her Master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan, Kathleen Kline-Hudson was hired as a ''principal planner'' with the Livingston County Planning Department. By 2009 she had risen through the ranks to become its director, a position she has held for the past 13 years. All this at a time when the county was experiencing unprecedented growth and transforming from a collection of predominantly rural areas to a bustling bedroom community at the crossroads of the region's major expressways.

A self-proclaimed data nerd, Kathleen thrived on organizing critical information about that growth into tables and graphs and analyzing what the changes meant for Livingston County. She created data books and detailed community profiles that now serve as historical documentation of the county's trajectory. Three times—in 2000, 2010, and 2020—she helped lead the effort to ensure every resident was counted in the decennial census, serving on the Complete Count Committees, revising census tracts based on population and housing units, and ultimately crunching the numbers that came in to plan for the county's future. She helped draft Livingston County's first master plan in 2002, and its second in 2018, which won statewide and national awards.

But Kathleen Kline-Hudson has not been a simple observer of Livingston County's trends, or a mere chronicler of its past. A county resident, her devotion to her work as a land use planner has always been rooted in her abiding love for the place she calls home and her passionate advocacy for creating more diverse, equitable, and accessible communities. She served as a founding director of the Livingston County chapter of Habitat for Humanity, helping the organization obtain nonprofit status and break ground on its first local home. She facilitated a grassroots committee focused on affordable housing, reviewed all proposed developments along the M–59 corridor, and coordinated the opening of Fillmore and Lutz County Parks, to name just a few of her many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment county.

As she now closes this chapter as a county planner, my wish is that her personal planner will be filled with quality time with her cherished family and friends, the traveling adventures she so loves, kayaking, hiking, biking, and Michigan-themed crafting. Kathleen Kline-Hudson charted a course of excellence for Livingston County that will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY AUBREY MARTIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harry Aubrey Martin. Harry, a legendary economic development leader and local philanthropist, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, December 30, 2022, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was ninety-seven and a half years old. A native of Quitman County, Mississippi, Harry was born on a farm on July 20, 1925, the sixth of 9 children of the late Ed Martin and Bessie R. Flemings Martin. Harry graduated from Quitman High School in 1942. He attended Mississippi State University from 1942–1943, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving his country during WWII. He returned to MSU, graduating in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Administration. Always industrious, Harry worked his way through MSU in Dean E. B. Colmer's office. He married Clarke County native Agnes Louisa Norris on July 30, 1948. They were married for over 65 years, until she passed away on May 11, 2015.

Harry was a natural leader, a visionary, and seemed to understand the rhythm of life from an early age. On Oct. 1, 1948, he and Agnes moved to Tupelo so that he could be an assistant county agent, specializing in 4–H Club work. Harry excelled in organizing and promoting leadership among 4–H'ers, winning state and national awards. In May of 1956, Harry was chosen as secretary-manager of the Community Development Foundation, where he served for 44 years. His record of success as an economic developer is not only evident in present-day Tupelo: he also received numerous accolades, recognitions, and meritorious awards—regionally, statewide, and nationally. He was instrumental in locating more than 100 plants and expansions as well as the development of 5 industrial parks in Lee County, 1 of which bears his name. The National Business Alliance and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development selected CDF's Lee County service area as being 1 of the 10 best examples of public/private partnership in the USA. The Ford Foundation equally recognized CDF. Harry had the ability to focus on ''hands-on'' projects, using diverse skill sets and talents and always coated them with ''community ownership.''

Harry was instrumental in starting the RCDC movement in the 1950s, which bridged the gaps between rural and urban people and became a national model. His other selfless services to the Tupelo-Lee County area, the State of Mississippi, and the rest of the country will be his legacies of leadership, stamina, and accomplishments. Harry was a Civitan, Tupelo's Outstanding Man in 1959, a leader in the 1987 AHEAD program that brought four-lane highways to Mississippi, especially the northeast portion of the state. He was a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the Tupelo Furniture Marketing Association. Harry was a faithful and beloved member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo, where he held many offices. He was a Master Mason. After retirement, Harry joined his daughter, Janet, in establishing Martin Realty Company. In 2018, he finished writing and published his autobiography, Harry Martin and the Community Development Foundation, a definitive work on local history and economic development. Harry enjoyed reading. hiking in the woods, gardening, collecting antiques, and traveling.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Janet Martin of Tupelo, as well as by his nieces and nephews and their families and a host of friends, respecters of his purpose-filled life and his economic development family all about the State of Mississippi and nationwide.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN DEQUINCY NEWMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated community servant. Brian DeQuincy Newman was called too soon to his heavenly home on January 3, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout his life, his bright spirit and brilliant mind was beloved and will be sorely missed.

Brian Newman was born on December 22, 1982 in Columbia, South Carolina. He attended Spring Valley High School, where he excelled in basketball and found an early passion for public service with his role on the student council. He graduated from Spring Valley in 2001, and went on to pursue further education at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on a full academic scholarship. He graduated Cum Laude in 2005 after completing a course of study in Business Administration.

The same year, Brian enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Law. In 2008, he graduated with his Juris Doctorate and passed the bar exam. At the beginning of his legal career, Brian worked for the Fifth Circuit Solicitors Office in Columbia, South Carolina as assistant Solicitor. He then worked for Rikard and Protopapas, LLC before going into private practice.

In 2010, Brian was elected to the Columbia City Council, where he became the youngest person ever elected to serve in the role at 26 years old. He quickly found his stride and immersed himself in service to the city of Columbia, making essential contributions to the life of city residents by championing projects like the COMET bus system and the Edgewood and Bull Street Developments. He served as the Chair of the City's Committees on Public Safety and Budget and Finances, and as a representative on the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors. Brian also occasionally served as Mayor Pro Tempore. He remained on the council until 2015.

Brian was a man of God and was a charter member of I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church. He was inspired to lead a life that would make his Great Uncle, civil rights leader I. DeQuincey Newman, proud.

He is remembered by his parents, Clifton and Patricia Newman, his brother, Corwyn and sisters, Jocelyn and Kellee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the impactful life of Brian DeQuincy Newman. In his short time with us, he brought light into the lives of all who knew him. We will miss him and remember him fondly.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands in recess until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 308–353; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 17–21; and H. Res. 30–35, were introduced. **Pages H231–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H236**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act: The House passed H.R. 22, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from sending petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, by a yea-and-nay vote of 331 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 31. **Pages H209–19**

Hour of Meeting: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, January 13th. **Page H230**

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Friday, January 13, 2023, through Monday, January 23, 2023, as a ''district work period'' under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H223**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Chair; Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts. **Page H223**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H218–19.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1:30 p.m., Friday, January 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, January 13

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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