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House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 17, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Awesome, Almighty God, we come before You on this Thursday of Holy Week, remembering the circumstances of this day 2,000 years ago.

Facing the agony of the cross, while sweating drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me, yet not My will but Yours be done."

Not wanting to suffer, but knowing what His suffering would produce, Jesus loved us enough to stay in the garden and later go to the cross.

God, on that day, You truly showed us what it means to be selfless, to put the needs of others above our own. Help us to live our lives in service to You, O God, and in service to our fellow man, in our country, in our offices, and in our homes, even when it inconveniences us.

May we seek greatness through servanthood as Jesus did. It is in His mighty name that I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The Speaker,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 14, 2025, at 2:55 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 22.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S.

House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2025, at 1:05 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of George Foreman of Houston, Texas S. Res. 178.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 21, 2025, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-737. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 12 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general or major general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-738. A letter from the Acting President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Bank's Annual Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 8(a) (as amended by Public Law 93-646, Sec. 10); (88 Stat. 2336); to the Committee on Financial Services.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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EC-739. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of the continuation of the national emergency and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—42); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-740. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification to Congress of the intent to designate Richard Smith as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 403 note; Added by Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5203(a); (136 Stat. 3229) (H. Doc. No. 119—43); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed.

EC-741. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Information Policy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2024 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(F)(ii)(II); Public Law 89-554, Sec. 5(ii)(II) (as added by Public Law 110-175, Sec. 5); (121 Stat. 2526); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-742. A letter from the EEO Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-743. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Registry, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-744. A letter from the Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, transmitting the Agency's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-745. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-746. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting two notifications of discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-747. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Office of Legislative Affairs, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-748. A letter from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-749. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting the Authority's FY 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-750. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the Service's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-751. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-752. A letter from the Director, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Archives' Fiscal Year 2024 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-753. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Calendar Year 2022 Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5379(h)(2); Public Law 101-510, Sec. 1206(b)(1) (as added by Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1122(a)); (114 Stat. 1654A-316); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-754. A letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Peace Corps, transmitting the Corp's No FEAR Act report for FY 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-755. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No Fear Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-756. A letter from the Executive Director, U.S. Access Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-757. A letter from the General Counsel, U.S. Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's FY 2024 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3241); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-758. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the Trust's Annual Management Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105); (115 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 331. A bill to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-60). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1001. A bill to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund (Rept. 119-61). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 249. A bill to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr (Rept. 119-62). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 2920. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an axle weight variance for certain commercial motor vehicles transporting dry bulk goods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BACON (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS):

H.R. 2921. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide to firefighters of the Department of Defense medical testing and related services to detect and prevent certain cancers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 2922. A bill to provide authorization for nonpecuniary damages in an action resulting from a cruise ship voyage occurring on the high seas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 2923. A bill to nullify certain inter-agency guidance related to climate-related financial risk management for large financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2924. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to discontinue granting visas to nationals of countries failing to meet their North Atlantic Treaty Organization obligations to spend at least 2 percent of its gross domestic product on national defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 2925. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exemption from the excise tax on alternative motorboat fuels sold as supplies for vessels or aircraft to include certain vessels serving only one coast; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 2926. A bill to establish the National Energy Dominance Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself, Mrs. McIVER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2927. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the earned income tax credit, child tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CORREA, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H.R. 2928. A bill to provide forbearance assistance during a major disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2929. A bill to extend the full measure of the Federal Government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ISSA, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 2930. A bill to ensure that residents of covered federally assisted rental housing may lawfully possess firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 2931. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GARCIA of California (for himself and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 2932. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for the production of aviation gasoline that is free of tetra-ethyl-lead; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 2933. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to eliminate the Corporation for National and Community Service; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Ms. TRTUS):

H.R. 2934. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 2935. A bill to establish a Commission on the Federal Regulation of Cannabis to study a prompt and plausible pathway to the Federal regulation of cannabis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Agriculture, and 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. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 2936. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to allow certain public

health data modernization grants to be used to track hospital bed capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 2937. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety telecommunicators; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York:

H.R. 2938. A bill to direct the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Wheatfield, New York; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 2939. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 2940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment credit for certain water reuse projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI):

H.R. 2941. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. DELUZIO, and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 2942. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standard practices for a grant or pilot program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs through the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 2943. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on insurance coverage of dyspraxia/developmental coordination disorder; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 2944. A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Río Grande del Norte National Monument; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. McIVER, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANNETTA, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SIMON, and Mr. MAGAZINER):

H.R. 2945. A bill to address the homelessness and housing crises, to move toward the goal of providing for a home for all Americans, and for other purposes; to the Com-

mittee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Ms. MATSUI):

H.R. 2946. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Clean Energy Victory Bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MANNION, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2947. A bill to require the Bureau of the Census to collect information on deafblind individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. McIVER (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. BELL):

H.R. 2948. A bill to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to States, units of local government, and gun dealers to conduct gun buyback programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. DELUZIO, and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 2949. A bill to establish a national task force to expand opportunities and improve the standard of living for working families in America; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOORE of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. FIELDS):

H.R. 2950. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to submit to the Congress a report that describes the methodology used to allocate amounts appropriated in covered provisions for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program and the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MOORE of West Virginia (for himself and Mr. McDOWELL):

H.R. 2951. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Easter Monday as a legal public holiday; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 2952. A bill to amend the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 to clarify reporting requirements; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. PALMER:

H.R. 2953. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the publication, by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, of information relating to rules, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. PAPPAS (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 2954. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to approve multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of veterans educational assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 2955. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the definition of short-term work for purposes of Navy construction of combatant and escort vessels and assignment of vessel projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 2956. A bill to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2957. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the development and implementation of programs using data analysis to identify and facilitate strategies to improve outcomes for children in geographic areas with a high prevalence of trauma from exposure to adverse childhood experiences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RULLI:

H.R. 2958. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that the Employee Benefit Security Administration submit an annual report to Congress on adverse interest agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 2959. A bill to amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 to prohibit anchoring in certain locations of the Hudson River, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 2960. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to childrens hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. JACK, Mr. CUELLAR, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 2961. A bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and 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 Ms. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 2962. A bill to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 2963. A bill to express the sense of Congress regarding the exercise by the Department of Veterans Affairs of the authority under the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchasing program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TAYLOR (for himself, Mr.

LEVIN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. EZELL, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BACON, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. TRAN, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. BYNUM, and Mr. HARDER of California):

H.R. 2964. A bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Prevention Act of 1998 to include new requirements for assessments and reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 2965. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a small business concern in a fiscal year is not greater than zero, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself and Mr. CLOUD):

H.R. 2966. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 2967. A bill to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr. National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. KING-HINDS, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. WIED, Mr. JACK, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. PATRONIS, and Mr. FINSTAD):

H.R. 2968. A bill to limit the authority of the Small Business Administration to facilitate access to voter registration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. STEVENS, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 2969. A bill to allow the Secretary of the Interior to enter into memoranda of understanding for the purpose of scientific and technical cooperation in the mapping of critical minerals and rare earth elements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. YAKYM:

H.R. 2970. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the laws relating to advocacy for veterans who receive health care and other benefits furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York:

H. Res. 334. A resolution amending House Resolution 211 with respect to a national emergency declared by the President on February 1, 2025, and House Resolution 313 with respect to a national emergency declared by the President on April 2, 2025; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. YAKYM, and Ms. CHU):

H. Res. 335. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025, as "National Home Visiting Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 336. A resolution recognizing the historic abolitionist events surrounding the Pearl, and honoring its legacy in American history; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr.

FLOOD, Ms. ROSS, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RYAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARSON, Mr. RULLI, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GUEST, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ROSE, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KEAN, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mrs. MCBATH):

H. Res. 337. A resolution recognizing line-men, the profession of linemen, the contributions of these brave men and women who protect public safety, and expressing support for the designation of April 18, 2025, as "National Lineman Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H. Res. 338. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 17, 2025, as "Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day" to remember the horrific slaughter of almost 2,000,000 Cambodian people at the hand of the Khmer Rouge regime; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. CLINE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. FALLON, Mr. HARIDOPOLIS, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WIED):

H. Res. 339. A resolution supporting the Second Amendment's guarantee that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and commending President Trump and his administration as they work to protect Second Amendment freedoms by reviewing and eliminating any of the Biden administration's infringements on American's constitutional freedoms; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

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

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 2920.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 2921.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:
To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 2922.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 2923.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2924.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 2925.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 and Clause 3

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 2926.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK:

H.R. 2927.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. CHU:

H.R. 2928.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 3 (Commerce Clause)

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2929.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 2930.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 2931.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Sec. 8

By Mr. GARCIA of California:

H.R. 2932.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 2933.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio:

H.R. 2934.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. JOYCE of Ohio:

H.R. 2935.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2936.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 2937.
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. KENNEDY of New York:

H.R. 2938.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause Three, Section Eight, Article One of the Constitution

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 2939.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 2940.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 2941.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Sec. 7, Cl. 1

By Mr. LANDSMAN:

H.R. 2942.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 2943.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 2944.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article IV, Section 3

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 2945.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Const., Art. 1, Sec. 8

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H.R. 2946.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, section 8, clauses 1 and 3

By Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY:

H.R. 2947.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes)

By Mrs. McIVER:

H.R. 2948.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 2949.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 (Taxing and Spending Clause)

By Mr. MOORE of North Carolina:

H.R. 2950.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Section 8 of Article I of the US Constitution

By Mr. MOORE of West Virginia:

H.R. 2951.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 2952.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. PALMER:

H.R. 2953.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 2954.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 2955.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 2956.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 2957.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. RULLI:

H.R. 2958.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 2959.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 2960.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2961.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 2962.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. TAKANO:
H.R. 2963.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8
By Mr. TAYLOR:
H.R. 2964.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution
By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
H.R. 2965.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Sec. 8
By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
H.R. 2966.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Sec. 8
By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia:
H.R. 2967.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:
H.R. 2968.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.
By Mr. WITTMAN:
H.R. 2969.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I of the Constitution of the United States
By Mr. YAKYM:
H.R. 2970.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 34: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 38: Mr. JACK and Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 40: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 139: Mrs. LUNA and Mr. OBERNOLTE.
H.R. 173: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 210: Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 211: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CARSON, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 219: Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ROSS, and Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 220: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 247: Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. BELL.
H.R. 253: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 294: Mr. WIED.
H.R. 295: Mr. WIED.
H.R. 309: Mr. MCDOWELL.
H.R. 330: Mr. VEASEY.
H.R. 378: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 392: Mr. FIELDS.
H.R. 396: Mr. OLSZEWSKI and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 438: Mr. ROSE.
H.R. 470: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS and Mr. MCDOWELL.
H.R. 516: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 556: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 569: Mr. KNOTT and Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.
H.R. 599: Mr. ONDER.
H.R. 645: Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 650: Mr. NEHLS.
H.R. 657: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 705: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 785: Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 842: Mr. ROSE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 879: Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. BELL.
H.R. 906: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 909: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Ms. BALINT.
H.R. 929: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 960: Ms. MCBRIDE.
H.R. 976: Mr. ALFORD and Mr. WIED.
H.R. 989: Mr. KEATING.
H.R. 1002: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 1004: Mr. CISNEROS.
H.R. 1038: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 1062: Mr. JACK.
H.R. 1065: Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1078: Mr. HARRIGAN and Mr. GILL of Texas.
H.R. 1105: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 1111: Mr. COHEN and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 1151: Ms. BYNUM, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.
H.R. 1189: Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 1201: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1215: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 1229: Mr. MANNION, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. STEIL, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. TORRES of California, and Mr. HURD of Colorado.
H.R. 1231: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 1245: Mr. FEENSTRA.
H.R. 1288: Mr. THANEDAR and Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 1301: Mr. KNOTT.
H.R. 1317: Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 1329: Ms. ADAMS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.
H.R. 1340: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 1361: Mr. MCDOWELL and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 1404: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 1422: Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. STEIL, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. MCCORMICK.
H.R. 1464: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 1477: Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 1484: Ms. GILLEN.
H.R. 1492: Mr. JACK, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. BRESNAHAN.
H.R. 1509: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. SMUCKER.
H.R. 1530: Mr. BACON and Mr. KEAN.
H.R. 1544: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 1551: Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 1566: Mr. DOWNING and Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1611: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 1657: Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 1732: Ms. MENG, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. BYNUM.
H.R. 1752: Mr. GARBARINO.
H.R. 1773: Mr. AMODEI of Nevada.
H.R. 1822: Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MEUSER, and Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 1868: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.
H.R. 1869: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 1873: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
H.R. 1876: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia and Mrs. FLETCHER.
H.R. 1877: Mrs. FLETCHER and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.
H.R. 1889: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 1931: Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr.

AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 1933: Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 1940: Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Mr. BAUMGARTNER.
H.R. 1956: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 1965: Ms. BROWNLEY.
H.R. 1989: Mr. TURNER of Ohio.
H.R. 1990: Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. LALOTA, and Ms. PETTERSEN.
H.R. 1993: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 2007: Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 2011: Mr. DELUZIO and Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 2028: Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MANN, and Mr. BISHOP.
H.R. 2036: Mr. BAUMGARTNER and Ms. BYNUM.
H.R. 2049: Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 2055: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2089: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
H.R. 2091: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 2102: Mr. LIEU, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. GRAY, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 2118: Ms. GOODLANDER.
H.R. 2129: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. CARBAJAL.
H.R. 2151: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 2175: Mr. VARGAS and Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 2176: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 2189: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 2191: Mr. ONDER and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.
H.R. 2203: Mr. WIED, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 2225: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 2231: Mr. GIMENEZ and Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 2232: Mr. STEIL.
H.R. 2240: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.
H.R. 2254: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2311: Mr. LALOTA.
H.R. 2323: Mr. MORAN and Mr. PFLUGER.
H.R. 2357: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 2366: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. BACON.
H.R. 2368: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.
H.R. 2385: Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 2501: Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, and Mr. MCGUIRE.
H.R. 2509: Ms. BALINT and Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 2514: Mr. MANN and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 2532: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 2538: Ms. SEWELL, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. MANN.
H.R. 2547: Mr. MEUSER.
H.R. 2548: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Ms. SEWELL.
H.R. 2550: Mr. RYAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KEATING, Mr. GRAY, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. TRAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 2551: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WIED, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 2552: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.
H.R. 2555: Mr. MANN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. CAREY.
H.R. 2594: Mr. BRESNAHAN.
H.R. 2608: Mr. BABIN.
H.R. 2635: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
H.R. 2639: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 2672: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 2673: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2687: Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.
H.R. 2706: Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 2718: Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 2725: Mr. KEATING and Mr. SMUCKER.
H.R. 2742: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H.R. 2743: Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania and Mrs. TORRES of California.
H.R. 2753: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.
H.R. 2771: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2785: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 2786: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2797: Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 2799: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. McIVER, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2806: Mrs. LUNA.
H.R. 2808: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CROW, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.
H.R. 2819: Mr. MCCORMICK.
H.R. 2820: Ms. WATERS, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. VARGAS.
H.R. 2821: Mr. NADLER, Mr. CAREY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. CRENSHAW.
H.R. 2832: Ms. ESCOBAR.
H.R. 2843: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.
H.R. 2851: Mr. NADLER, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 2853: Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. CAREY.
H.R. 2854: Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms.

HOULAHAN, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. CHU.
H.R. 2856: Ms. SCHOLTEN.
H.R. 2865: Mr. COURTNEY and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 2897: Mr. BERGMAN.
H.R. 2904: Ms. BROWN and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 2906: Mr. CARSON.
H.J. Res. 38: Mr. JACK.
H.J. Res. 67: Mr. COHEN, Mr. LYNCH, and Ms. BYNUM.
H.J. Res. 80: Mr. STANTON, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. FRIEDMAN, and Mr. IVEY.
H.J. Res. 89: Mr. MANN.
H. Res. 148: Mr. SUOZZI.
H. Res. 238: Mr. DELUZIO.
H. Res. 317: Ms. JAYAPAL.



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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 17, 2025.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
APRIL 21, 2025, AT 6:45 AM

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 6:45 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:00 and 25 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:45 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the South Lake Fire Protection District of Lake County, and to recognize this organization's unwavering dedication to protecting and serving its community. Over the past century, the South Lake Fire Protection District has been a model for public service and emergency response management.

The South Lake Fire Protection District was founded in 1925, following a devastating fire in our area in 1918. In the years since, the District has expanded the land under its protection and now serves a diverse area encompassing over 290 square miles in Lake County. Around 12,000 people are served by the District, including residents of the unincorporated territories of Loch Lomond, Adam Springs, Hobergs, Cobb, Whispering Pines, Anderson Springs, Middletown, Middletown Rancheria, Hidden Valley Lake, Hidden Valley Ranchos, Noble Ranch and the ancestral lands of the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians. The South Lake Fire Protection District has increased the resilience of these smaller areas by creating a strong community of mutual aid that allows first responders to cross boundaries to provide assistance. Every year, the District plays a key role in responding to fires across Lake County and the state of California.

In 2015, the South Lake Fire Protection District faced one of its most significant fires to date, the Valley Fire. This fire burned 76,000 acres and destroyed over 1,995 structures, making it the third most destructive fire in state history. Four firefighters were critically injured fighting this blaze, and tragically, four lives were lost. The District was on the front lines of this fast-moving fire, fighting to protect people and structures. During this time, the firefighters of the South Lake Fire Protection District embodied their organization's mission statement to minimize injuries, fatalities, and property losses through efficient and effective fire suppression and prevention. The firefighters of the District displayed extraordinary courage and unwavering resolve during the Valley Fire, and we recognize and thank them for their essential efforts to contain this fire.

Mr. Speaker, it is both fitting and proper that we recognize the 100th anniversary of the South Lake Fire Protection District today. Over the past century, the first responders of this organization have exemplified the ideals of public service, putting their lives on the line to protect their communities from emergencies. Their courage and dedication serve as a model for us all, and we honor them here today.

SAFEGUARD AMERICAN VOTER ELIGIBILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 22, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or the SAVE Act, which does nothing to protect voting rights.

House Republicans are advancing a bill that would disenfranchise millions of women and other Americans through a federal takeover of state election administration that makes it harder to vote. Sixty-nine million American women—one out of four Americans would face an additional burden to register to vote simply because they changed their last name after marriage. Simply put, this Republican bill is about voter suppression.

In 2012, Minnesotans rightly rejected a state constitutional amendment that would have imposed voter ID requirements. Each election, Minnesotans turn out at the highest levels in the nation to participate in elections that are free, fair, and secure.

Under the guise of election integrity, the Republicans' H.R. 22 would require Minnesotans and every American to provide burdensome "documentary proof of citizenship"—similar to what Minnesotans already rejected—in order to participate in federal elections. Standard REAL IDs, Tribal IDs and military IDs alone do not meet this bill's extreme criteria. Married women or others whose name doesn't match their birth certificate would be required to present a passport with their current name to prove their identity and citizenship. In states like Minnesota with same-day registration, all new registrants, and those updating their registration as the result of a move or a name change, would be mandated to present their birth certificate and matching ID or a passport at the polls in order to vote.

Nearly half of Minnesotans don't have a passport, meaning millions of voters would need to obtain one. Collectively, Minnesotans could be forced to spend over \$320 million dollars, with passport applications costing more than \$130 each and taking weeks for processing. Republicans have essentially mandated a poll tax to access the fundamental right to vote.

Congress should be following Minnesota's lead and working to make it easier for Americans to vote, not putting up roadblocks. Congress should pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act that would reinstate many of the protections in the Civil Rights Act of 1965 that were undercut by the Supreme Court in their *Shelby County v. Holder* decision in 2013. The bill would expand automatic voter registration and allows for same day voter registration and protects against race-based discrimination at the ballot box. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act passed the House in 2021, but House Repub-

licans have continued to refuse to bring the bill to the House Floor for a vote.

Again, I oppose H.R. 22, the Republican SAVE Act, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting NO.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF TIM PENNY

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tim Penny, a friend and leader in southern Minnesota who is retiring from eighteen years as President/CEO of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

Tim Penny first stepped into public service forty-nine years ago when he was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in his twenties. From there, he would go on to serve in this very chamber as the U.S. Representative for southeastern Minnesota, part of the district that I'm proud to represent today.

Whether in or out of elected office, Tim has been a fixture in our state for decades, fiercely advocating for the region's economic growth, rural development, and community revitalization.

In his nearly twenty years leading SMIF, the organization has launched several grant projects, educational programs, and community improvement initiatives.

His departure leaves behind enormous shoes to fill, but also a legacy of service that will long be remembered by all of us in southern Minnesota.

Congratulations to Tim on his well-deserved retirement, and wishing him and Sandy the best in this next chapter.

HONORING CLEARLAKE ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CENTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC), whom I have named the California 4th District's Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Lake County for their outstanding leadership in advancing environmental resilience, wildfire prevention, and climate action in our area.

Founded in 2014 by the natural resource managers for the County of Lake at the time, Will Evans and Carolyn Ruttan, CLERC was created out of a shared recognition that Lake County needed dedicated environmental research and action to protect its future. CLERC in the past eleven years has expanded immensely, bringing together a team of over a dozen professionals with expertise in ecology,

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fire science, conservation biology, water resource management, and more.

Together, this multidisciplinary team has transformed Lake County's approach to environmental stewardship. At its core, CLERC's work is collaborative. They have partnered with government agencies, academic institutions, conservation coalitions, and community groups to develop and implement projects rooted in science, sustainability, and equity.

One of CLERC's most significant contributions to our community has been its leadership in wildfire prevention and climate resilience. Through the strategic execution of projects outlined in our Lake County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, CLERC has completed thousands of acres of fuel reduction and fire mitigation work. These efforts have not only reduced the risk of catastrophic wildfires but have directly prevented at least four potential fire disasters in just the past year alone, safeguarding homes, businesses, and vital natural landscapes in our county.

In addition to wildfire mitigation, CLERC has expanded its reach through the creation of Lake County's only California-certified environmental laboratory, enabling water quality monitoring and scientific research to support ecosystem restoration in our area. Their projects have protected native species, preserved biodiversity, and restored degraded habitats, all while creating job opportunities and workforce development programs in environmental restoration for our local community.

CLERC has also taken an active role in public policy and regional leadership. The organization serves as a member of the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority, participates in state and federal environmental policy advisory groups, and contributes to conservation strategy through regional coalitions. Through this, CLERC has become a leading advocate for sustainable land and water management in our community.

Mr. Speaker, CLERC exemplifies the best of what community-driven, science-based environmental action can achieve. Their innovation, collaboration, and commitment to environmental resilience have earned them well-deserved recognition in California and beyond. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor them here today as Lake County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion.

COMMEMORATING CAMBODIAN
GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn remembrance of one of the darkest chapters in modern history—the Cambodian genocide. On this day, April 17th, we mark the 50th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge's rise to power, a tragic turning point that ushered in a period of unimaginable suffering for the Cambodian people from 1975 to 1979. We remember this anniversary not only to mourn the innocent lives lost, but to honor the strength of those who survived, and to reaffirm our collective commitment to ensuring that such atrocities are never repeated.

Under the brutal regime of the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, Cambodia was trans-

formed into a nation-sized prison camp. The regime waged war on its own people, targeting those deemed enemies of the state—intellectuals, religious leaders, ethnic minorities, and anyone who dared to dissent. Families were torn apart. The vulnerable—the young, the elderly, the sick—were left to perish in what came to be known as the Killing Fields, whose soil still bears witness to the horrors inflicted there.

In just four years, more than 1.7 million lives, nearly a quarter of Cambodia's population, perished through mass executions, forced labor, starvation, and disease. The Khmer Rouge didn't just seek to kill individuals. They sought to erase a culture, a history, a sense of self. What was left behind was a shattered society struggling to pick up the pieces.

Yet, amid such overwhelming grief and loss, there is a story of extraordinary resilience. The survivors of the genocide embody a strength and resolve that defy comprehension. Despite enduring horrors beyond words, they rebuilt their lives and committed themselves to preserving the memory of those who were lost. Many have bravely shared their stories—passing them down to future generations so that the full weight of this tragedy is never forgotten, and its lessons are never ignored.

Today, on Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day, we not only mourn the millions of lives taken, but we stand in solidarity with the families who were shattered and the culture that was nearly destroyed. We recognize the unwavering courage of the survivors, whose voices compel us to remember that remembrance is not merely an act of reflection—it is a solemn pledge to ensure that such atrocities never happen again.

May we never forget the lessons of this dark history. And may we stand united in our commitment to peace, to justice, and to the protection of human rights everywhere. It is on all of us to ensure that the pain of the Cambodian people is never erased, and that the memory of the victims continues to guide us toward a world where such horror is never repeated.

We mourn not only for what was taken, but for the indomitable spirit of the Cambodian people—who faced unspeakable cruelty with unimaginable resilience. And we stand in awe of the courage of those who survived to bear witness—because remembrance is not just a tribute to the past, but a vow to safeguard the future.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PROPOSED
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SHUTDOWN

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud member of the Congressional Black Caucus because our children are our future—and the Department of Education is one of the strongest tools we have to prepare them for that future.

In 1954, *Brown v. Board of Education* affirmed what Black America had long known: separate is not equal. That landmark decision was more than a legal ruling—it was a promise. A promise that every child, no matter their

ZIP code, deserves a fair and quality education.

Since then, the Department of Education has helped to keep that promise. It protects students from racial and gender discrimination and enforces critical civil rights laws. It supports Pell Grants and other forms of student aid, strengthens our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and ensures that students with disabilities receive the services they need to succeed.

But now, President Trump wants to destroy all of that. Eliminating the Department of Education is not about policy—it is about punishment. And I want to go on the record: we will fight back—against President Trump, against you, Speaker JOHNSON, and against every Republican who remains silent in the face of this attack.

This is punishment for being poor. For being Black. For attending public schools.

A report from UCLA's Civil Rights Project reveals that 40 percent of Black students attend schools where 90 percent or more of their classmates are also students of color. These schools too often have fewer counselors, overcrowded classrooms, and outdated materials. When you cut the Department of Education, you don't just cut red tape—you cut protections. You cut resources. You cut off opportunities.

And while this assault affects communities across the country, it hits especially hard in my district—Ohio's Third. We stand to lose \$109 million per year in basic public school funding that keeps students learning and teachers employed. We also stand to lose \$21 million in special education support, and \$19 million for school meals—because no child should be too hungry to learn. More than 1,300 teaching jobs are on the line.

All of this—to make billionaires richer? Mr. Speaker, we are not going backward. Not to Jim Crow classrooms. Not to separate and unequal.

The Congressional Black Caucus stands united. We will fight for our students. For our schools. And for the future every child deserves.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC AC-
TIONS OF MR. DANNY WELLS OF
PECULIAR, MO

HON. MARK ALFORD

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a heroic resident of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, Mr. Danny Wells.

Mr. Wells is a team leader for the public works department in the city of Peculiar. Earlier this year, middle Missouri was in the grips of a historic cold front with temperatures well below freezing and wind chills regularly hovering in the single digits.

On January 24th, with the temperature in the twenties, Danny was driving down State Highway YY. Out of the corner of his eye, he spotted a young child in a ditch—barely clothed and shivering in the cold. Mr. Wells jumped into action. After searching for any adults nearby, he pulled over and literally gave the boy the coat off his back and the hat off

his head. Danny then put the boy in the truck, cranked up the heat, and began rubbing his feet to warm them.

Danny immediately radioed the proper authorities to get this boy the medical care he desperately needed. With temperatures so low, the risk of catastrophe was imminent. Peculiar Police Chief Don Shepard, who was on the scene, said the boy "was near hypothermic and might well have died had Danny not found him."

Danny is an Army Veteran and having served in Iraq and Afghanistan, he is no stranger to perilous situations. And this specific situation was personal to him. "I've got grandkids about the same age, so it just hit pretty close to home. Serving the public is what we're here for; it is what we do. I hope anybody in that situation would have done the same thing," Mr. Wells said.

On behalf of the Fourth District, we thank Mr. Wells for his service to our Nation and the community of Peculiar. His actions make clear he has a servant's heart and takes his work seriously. We applaud his heroic actions to prevent a disaster on that January afternoon.

HONORING CHAIRMAN ANTHONY ROBERTS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Roberts, Chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, as the California 4th District's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Yolo County. Chairman Roberts' unwavering commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and community resilience has set a benchmark for climate initiatives within our district.

Chairman Roberts has been a part of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's leadership since 2000, serving on the Tribal Council and as Treasurer from 2006 to 2018. His extensive service to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation includes roles such as Chair of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy Board of Trustees, Vice Chair of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Fire Commission, and membership on various committees, including the Young Adult Assistant Program, Facilities and Infrastructure, Health and Wellness, and Community Fund. In January 2018, he was elected Tribal Chairman, a role in which he has demonstrated exceptional dedication to both his Tribe and our broader community. Beyond his professional and community commitments, Chairman Roberts is also a devoted husband to his wife, Melissa, and a proud father to their children, Briana and Brayen.

Under Chairman Roberts' guidance, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has undertaken numerous environmental initiatives. Notably, he oversaw the development of an onsite microgrid to support critical Tribal services and enhance emergency response capabilities. Chairman Roberts also led the Tribe in instituting water conservation efforts, including implementing drip irrigation systems and wastewater recycling for both irrigation and plumbing purposes. Chairman Roberts has also championed wildfire mitigation strategies, such as cultural burnings, which reduces excess

vegetation, restores soil nutrients, and supports fire-resistant native plants. These efforts, along with fuel reduction projects, have helped lower wildfire risks. Chairman Roberts has also guided habitat restoration efforts, including the revitalization of oak woodlands and the establishment of native plant hedgerows on Tribal land.

Furthermore, Chairman Roberts has taken action to protect and manage the sacred lands of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. He championed the creation of the Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park, a 1,500-acre park featuring strains of blue and live oak trees, chaparral landscapes, and ridge views. The park's name, meaning "Southern Rock Home of the Patwin People," honors the significance of the land to the Patwin people native to this region. In 2024, Chairman Roberts also played a pivotal role in signing a co-stewardship agreement with the Bureau of Land Management, facilitating the inclusion of Molok Luyuk into the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

Beyond these initiatives, Chairman Roberts has supported youth and community education through the Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEW) Program and events at Yocha Dehe Wintun Academy. He has also led the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to increase its philanthropic giving towards regional environmental and educational organizations, with the Tribe contributing to the Cache Creek Conservancy, Yolo Creek and Community Partnership, the Center for Land-Based Learning, and Robinson Rancheria Environmental Center. Chairman Roberts also actively contributes to the wider Yolo County community as a member of the Yolo County Fair Board, a position to which he was appointed in 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, Chairman Anthony Roberts has led the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to become a regional and national model for climate action and environmental justice, balancing tradition with innovation for the benefit of future generations. It is both fitting and proper that we honor him today as Yolo County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHTENAW COUNTY'S PROJECT RED

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Washtenaw County's Rural Education Days (Project RED) on the occasion of its 35th year educating Washtenaw County's youth. In its 35 years, Project RED has taught 80,522 students, teachers, and chaperones about the importance of agriculture and natural resources.

In 1990, an enthusiastic group of members of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee saw a need to educate the county's children about the value of farming and the protection of Michigan's natural resources. Since its inaugural year, Project RED has grown to a 3-day annual event held in April for students, teachers,

and chaperones. The event is sponsored and coordinated by passionate volunteers at Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, Michigan State University Extension, the Washtenaw County Conservation District, and the Washtenaw Farm Council.

Project RED provides fun, interactive opportunities for students to develop a better understanding of and appreciation for the many ways that farmers grow and produce safe food, care for their animals, and protect the environment. Students have the opportunity to engage with informative displays and hands-on learning stations that highlight Michigan's agrarian diversity.

Washtenaw County's Project RED has become a model for similar programs and events across the state of Michigan as a way to educate youth about agriculture and celebrate the contribution of local farmers and agribusiness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Washtenaw County Rural Education Days for providing over 3 decades of invaluable agricultural education. I sincerely thank the project's sponsors and organizers for their many years of service to this community.

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of the officers of the Prince William County Police Department in the recent arrest of a top MS-13 leader in Virginia's Seventh District.

Their relentless dedication to public safety and professionalism in the face of danger has not only made our communities safer but has also set a shining example of the effectiveness of law enforcement in confronting the serious threat posed by violent criminal organizations.

MS-13 is known for its brutal crimes, including drug trafficking, extortion, human trafficking, and violence that threatens communities in the Seventh District and across our country. Their reach and impact are deeply concerning, and the work of our law enforcement agencies to dismantle their operations is of utmost importance.

This particular arrest was the result of months of careful investigation, intelligence gathering, and coordination between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The operation carried out by the Prince William County Police Department and their partners is a testament to the hard work, expertise, and unwavering commitment of law enforcement professionals who put their lives on the line every day to protect our families. Today's success is not only a victory for law enforcement but a significant win for public safety across Virginia's Seventh District and beyond.

As a former prosecutor, I know how critical it is to support law enforcement in their efforts to combat violent crime and ensure the safety of our communities. This is why I have consistently advocated for bipartisan legislation that equips law enforcement with the necessary tools and resources to do their jobs effectively. The urgency to get violent criminals

off our streets is exactly why I will continue to champion policies that prioritize public safety and law enforcement.

It is because of the bravery and hard work of the Prince William County Police Department and their partners that Virginia's Seventh District—and our entire Nation—is safer today. Their commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe is a model we should all be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Prince William County Police Department for their exceptional service and commitment to ensuring the safety of our communities. Their bravery and professionalism deserve our deepest recognition and thanks.

CELEBRATING WJBC FOR 100
YEARS OF SERVICE TO CENTRAL
ILLINOIS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate WJBC as they reach a monumental milestone. For 100 years, WJBC has been the voice of McLean County. The hosts have dedicated themselves to providing residents of Central Illinois with timely and reliable news to keep the public informed.

Local radio station's are more important than ever. They bring a unique, personal, and powerful form of communication to their audience. WJBC serves as a bridge between communities, providing a unique space where local stories, issues, and voices can be heard.

WJBC has welcomed Presidents, governors, politicians, celebrities, and local voices to keep us informed about public events and connect our community.

The station has been home to legendary on-air personalities, including Don Newberg, Don Munson, Steve Vogel, Ken Behrens, Dick Luedke, Scott Laughlin, and current morning host Scott Miller, who have all enriched the lives of listeners and made significant contributions to the communities and organizations across Central Illinois.

This is a monumental moment for WJBC, and I congratulate them on their 100 years of success. I look forward to listening to WJBC for many more years to come.

HONORING JUSTINA SALINAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Justina Salinas, whom I have named the California 4th District's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Solano County in recognition of her visionary leadership in regenerative agriculture, habitat restoration, and environmental advocacy.

Born in Sacramento, California, Ms. Salinas graduated from the American School of London and earned her bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University, where she majored in both E-commerce and Studio Art, with additional minors in Entrepreneurship and Retail

Management. Inspired by her grandparents who immigrated to California from Guanajuato, Mexico, in the 1960s and worked in the fields with a profound respect for nature, Ms. Salinas founded Araceli Farms in 2017, a small lavender farm in Dixon.

What began as a family-run venture evolved into a model of environmental restoration for all. Ms. Salinas has transformed her farm into a thriving native grassland meadow, prioritizing regenerative agriculture practices including soil health restoration, dry farming, biodiversity conservation, no till farming, integrated rotational grazing, natural pest management, and native plant reintegration. Her farm has become a haven for the native species of our Solano County, with blue belly lizards, egrets, herons, red-tailed hawks, barn owls, and other species all thriving on the property. By intentionally choosing not to disturb the soil, Ms. Salinas has fostered a living, nutrient-rich environment that has become a sanctuary for wildlife and a beacon of sustainable land stewardship.

Ms. Salinas views farming as an act of healing. Her practices reflect a commitment to ethical farming, water conservation, and environmental justice, embodying a new model of agriculture that harmonizes production with ecological renewal. Ms. Salinas also acknowledges the privilege of her access to land. She has made it a mission for Araceli Farms to serve as a space for reflection, learning, and community connection, fostering opportunities for young people and aspiring farmers to engage with the natural world.

Beyond her farm, Ms. Salinas is an active member of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) Policy Committee and the California Native Plant Society. She volunteers with organizations like the Research Conservation District, participates in native plant restoration projects, and has lent her voice to lobbying efforts in Sacramento, advocating for regenerative agriculture and sustainable food systems to leaders at the California State Capital. Additionally, Ms. Salinas donates gift baskets to schools, hospitals, and animal rescues, cares for the elderly, supports underprivileged youth, and regularly participates in trash cleanups in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Justina Salinas reminds us that farming is more than a profession, rather a relationship with the land and a call to stewardship. Her resilience, kindness, and unwavering dedication to ecological justice make her a powerful role model in Solano County and beyond. For these reasons and more, it is fitting and proper that we recognize her today as Solano County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL
AMVETS AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
CINDY RICE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing Ohio's 9th Congressional District, a region known for its patriotic spirit, strong civic institutions, and deep respect for those who have served our Nation in uniform. Today, I am privileged to recognize a

distinguished leader and devoted advocate from our community—Cindy Rice, National President of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Whereas, Cindy Rice, a lifelong resident of Ohio and a dedicated advocate for veterans and their families, was elected National President of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary in August 2024, bringing with her decades of service, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the AMVETS mission; and

Whereas, Cindy Rice's journey of service began in 1984 when she joined AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 22 in Vermilion, Ohio, becoming a life member in 1999, and since then, has risen through the ranks of leadership at the local, district, state, and national levels, including serving as Department President of Ohio in 2015; and

Whereas, Madam President has held numerous distinguished national positions, including National Historian, National Hospital Chair, National Honors and Awards Chair, and Vice President at all levels, as well as two terms as National Sergeant of Arms—roles in which she exemplified leadership, humility, and heartfelt service; and

Whereas, her steadfast volunteerism, including at the Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home, and her continued leadership as President of Ohio AMVETS Charities and Secretary of her local Auxiliary, reflect her deep and abiding dedication to the well-being of our veterans and their families; and

Whereas, Cindy Rice has played an instrumental role in raising funds and awareness for vital causes such as PAWS With a Cause, the John Tracy Center, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Founding Forward, and the AMVETS Scholarship Program, all while promoting the core values of the Auxiliary and strengthening the AMVETS family across the country; and

Whereas, during her presidency, Cindy has chosen the "AMVETS Diabetes Research Center" at Ohio University as her national project, dedicating this year of service to veterans, Auxiliary members, and family affected by diabetes, with the belief that Together We Can work toward a cure for this devastating disease; and

Whereas, Cindy Rice's eligibility for AMVETS stems from her proud lineage of service—her father, a World War II Army Veteran, and her husband, Roger, a U.S. Navy Veteran—and is further honored by two nephews currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

Whereas, with 48 years of experience in the field of dentistry, Cindy continues to serve her community even in retirement, offering her time and skills where needed and bringing the same care and diligence to her professional life as she has to her AMVETS mission; and

Whereas, Cindy Rice has traveled extensively throughout the United States to visit AMVETS Departments and Auxiliaries, sharing her message, promoting her project, and uplifting all with her inspiring theme—Together We Can;

Now, therefore, I, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, proudly recognize and commend Cindy Rice, National President of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, for her outstanding service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our veterans and their families. May her legacy of compassion, advocacy, and tireless commitment continue to inspire current and future generations of Auxiliary members across the nation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to honor Cindy Rice for her exceptional contributions and steadfast devotion to the AMVETS community and to the service of our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING HOLLISTER CITY
ADMINISTRATOR RICK
ZIEGENFUSS

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hollister City Administrator Rick Ziegenfuss, who is retiring this month after 23 years in this position.

Mr. Ziegenfuss is a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa, but came to Missouri when he took his Army Infantry basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood in central Missouri. During his 22-year Army career, he graduated from Infantry Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, and the Army's Command and General Staff College, where he graduated with honors. He held a series of command positions and earned numerous service awards and medals. He was discharged honorably as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Following his military service, Mr. Ziegenfuss started an environmental company, which he subsequently sold, was vice president of operations for Creative Printing and Design, was owner and president of Ameri Trade Corp., and then became the director of economic development for the City of Hollister before he was promoted to city administrator.

Mr. Ziegenfuss holds a Bachelor of Arts in personnel management from Mary Crest College in Davenport, Iowa. He has served on multiple boards in the Branson, Missouri, area and has been recognized with the Missouri Award, the Hollister Area Chamber of Commerce Heart of Hollister Award, the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Pioneer and Community Spirit awards, and the True American Hero Award from the Branson Veteran's Task Force.

Mr. Ziegenfuss is married to the former Dana Woodall, and they have three daughters; Beth, Brooke, and Brittney; a stepdaughter, Jordan; a stepson, Logan; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

I'd like to congratulate Mr. Ziegenfuss on his outstanding career. Please join me in thanking him for his many years of service to others and wishing him well on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Hartsville, South Carolina. The history of Antioch is profound and deserving of the great celebration that is taking place on Easter Sunday.

The journey that has brought Antioch Church to this moment began in 1888 when

the Church was established on the crest of a hill. That year, a group of people with great faith in their hearts and each other, came together for one mission. The Church's early founders—Shade Charles, Joe Coe, William Brunson, Ham Fountain, and the Reverend Jonas Muldrow decided to call their new church "Antioch." These men and women were the first officers of the church with Reverend Jonas Muldrow as their first pastor.

In 1937, the structure of the Church was replaced, and it has gone through several renovations since, with the most recent taking place in 1984, when the church added two Sunday school classrooms and brick veneered the sanctuary.

Since its inception, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and its congregation have served as a beacon of light within the community. The programs and ministries initiated by the church have served as models—for other churches of various denominations in the area. The strength of spirit and unbridled faith have allowed the church to blossom and thrive through the years. Its congregants diligently serve in several capacities—deacons, ministers, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, choir members, ushers, musicians, and so much more. Churches like Antioch are significant parts of our history and their stories are anchors in the African American faith community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to pay tribute to this fine congregation for its dedication, endless faith, and the love it has shown to the community. As we learn from Acts 11:26, Barnabas found Paul in Tarsus and brought him to Antioch where they spent a whole year assembling themselves with the church, and teaching and it was there that the disciples were first called Christians."

I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and wishing its congregation God's blessings in the days ahead.

HONORING GUSTAVO AVIÑA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gustavo Aviña, whom I have named the California 4th District's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Napa County because of his tireless dedication to sustainable viticulture and environmental stewardship.

Mr. Aviña was born in Michoacán, Mexico, and immigrated to the United States with his wife, Blanca, in 1988. They settled in our Napa Valley, where they raised their two children, Gustavo Jr. and Jessica. Mr. Aviña began working with some of the finest vineyard management programs in the region before joining Pine Ridge Vineyards in 2003. His deep connection to the land and commitment to sustainability led to his promotion to Viticulture Director for the vineyard in 2019.

With over 30 years of experience, Mr. Aviña has helped shape Pine Ridge Vineyards into a leader in sustainable viticulture. He walks every vineyard block weekly, cultivating grapes with care, precision, and a firm belief in environmental responsibility. Under his lead-

ership, Pine Ridge Vineyards has implemented industry-leading sustainability efforts, transitioning to dry farming, achieving Napa Green Vineyard certification, applying compost and practicing proactive forest management and committing to carbon neutrality.

Mr. Aviña has also been a mentor to others on climate-smart agriculture. He leads Pine Ridge's dry farming pilot program and has made the commitment to eventually transition all the vineyard's replants to dry farming. Mr. Aviña presented on these efforts at the 2024 Napa Green "Future of Water" summit and will present at the 2025 Regeneration, Innovation, Sustainability, Empowerment (RISE) Climate and Wine Symposium, establishing himself as a trusted voice in sustainable viticulture in our wine community.

Beyond his work in the vineyard, Mr. Aviña is committed to educating and mentoring individuals in our agriculture community. As a member of the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation's Education Committee and as a mentor in the organization's Fields of Opportunity program, Mr. Aviña has helped provide educational and professional development opportunities to over 3,000 farmworkers annually. He has developed and led classes, seminars, and field days with the organization, covering topics from irrigation and vineyard management to climate science and innovation. Mr. Aviña also helped launch the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation's Climate Science Seminar Series, equipping farmworkers with tools to adapt to extreme weather and build resilience in the face of climate change.

Additionally, Mr. Aviña has served as a pruning contest judge for the Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation's STOMP fundraiser and previously served as secretary of the English Learners Advisory Committee for the St. Helena School District. When he is not in the vineyard or the classroom, Mr. Aviña enjoys cheering on Gustavo Jr. at his college soccer games and celebrating the achievements of Jessica, a nurse practitioner and soon-to-be mother.

Mr. Speaker, Gustavo Aviña's leadership in sustainable farming and dedication to Napa Valley's farmworker community set a powerful example. His leadership in carbon neutrality efforts, dry farming mentorship and farmworker education exemplifies the positive impact an individual can have on their industry and community. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor him here today as Napa County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAYTON DRAGONS

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this year the Dayton Dragons celebrate their 25th season of baseball in my hometown of Dayton, Ohio. One of my proudest achievements as mayor of Dayton was building the baseball stadium and working with the Dragons ownership to bring the team to the city.

The Dragons have helped revitalize downtown Dayton. They have given baseball fans 25 seasons of enjoyable family entertainment, and continue to generate an enormous

amount of pride and spirit throughout the community.

No professional team in any sport can match the number of consecutive sellouts the Dragons have accumulated. Their record-breaking sellout streak continues to stand as the longest in professional sports history.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD my op-ed article titled, "The Story of How the Dayton Dragons Came To Be," from the Dayton Daily News:

[From the Dayton Daily News, Apr. 4, 2025]

THE STORY OF HOW THE DAYTON DRAGONS
CAME TO BE

(By Mike Turner)

As the Dayton Dragons prepare to take the field for the 2025 season, we celebrate sellout crowds and an out-of-this-world atmosphere with incredible fanfare, enjoyed by families who have made lifelong memories with the magic of Day Air Park.

Most nights are at full capacity. The Dragons have sold out 1,573 consecutive home games since arriving in Dayton—the longest streak in North American professional sports history.

As we celebrate 25 seasons of the Dayton Dragons, we recognize how far our city has come. What was once a vision for renewal has become a reality, with downtown Dayton now a hub of activity, culture, and economic opportunity. The Dragons have played a central role in that transformation, proving that baseball can be more than just a game—it can be a driving force for positive change.

During my second term as Mayor, our community committed to revitalize downtown with Riverscape, the Schuster Center, the baseball stadium, and new downtown housing. What we have today is a vibrant city, and now it's hard to imagine Dayton without the Dragons. However, there was a time when it appeared the city would never field a team.

Prior to the Dayton Dragons, there were several failed attempts to bring a baseball team to Dayton and to build a stadium. Many of these attempts came from out-of-town groups with promises of never-realized funding, unbuildable stadium designs, and management groups unable to secure Major League approvals.

Most of the proposals came with all the risk assumed by the Dayton taxpayer. Although our community believed in the promise of a new stadium and a baseball team, the public was skeptical and looking for the right partner and the right deal.

By the time Mandalay Sports Entertainment came to town, our community was organized, prepared and had a plan. As Mayor, on behalf of our community team, I proposed a unique structure for a deal. Dayton would agree to own and lease a stadium to the team, if the team built the stadium at a fixed price to the City of Dayton, assume all cost overruns, and be responsible for operational, maintenance, and capital costs—capping the risk to the Dayton taxpayers.

Mandalay agreed and delivered. The Dayton Dragons' stadium deal ended up being the only stadium in the state that came in on-budget to the taxpayers.

For the 25 years of the Dayton Dragons' success, there has been one leader that has delivered for our community: the President and General Manager for the team, Bob Murphy.

Murphy had the responsibility for delivering the construction of the stadium, managing the team, overseeing the stadium, and delivering entertainment every night for our community. He has become a part of our community and has stayed through three consecutive ownership groups.

On opening day 25 seasons ago, as Mayor, I stood on the ballfield with our community negotiating team of City Commissioner Bootsie Neil, City Manager Valerie Lemme, Economic Development Director Joe Tuss, Montgomery County Commissioner Vicky Pegg, Montgomery County Administrator Deb Feldman, Dayton Chamber of Commerce President Phil Parker, Fifth-Third Bank President Dan Sadlier, and Downtown Dayton Partnership President Maureen Pero, tipping our ball caps to Bob Murphy, thanking him for his accomplishment of delivering on his promise of a stadium for the Dragons in downtown Dayton.

I am proud of the role I played in bringing the Dayton Dragons to our city, but even prouder of what they have meant to our community.

RECOGNIZING PETER ROBINSON'S
RETIREMENT

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Peter Robinson, the Vice President for Government and Community Relations at the University of Rochester, who retired at the end of March after more than 35 years of exceptional service.

Throughout his tenure, Peter played a vital role in advancing the University's mission, leading its federal, state, and community relations efforts with great skill and dedication. Among his many achievements, he was instrumental in the University's affiliation with NextCorps, strengthening support for the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, and building lasting partnerships with state and local leaders.

Peter's advocacy helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for the University and Medical Center including \$50 million for the Saunders Research Building and \$50 million for the Emergency and Inpatient Tower. He has also secured major funding for the Eastman School of Music expansion, Wegmans Hall, the Goergen Institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, and the Kornberg and Del Monte Biomedical Research Buildings.

Beyond his professional contributions, Peter served for 30 years in the New York Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of colonel. His deep commitment to veterans' issues continued through his work with the University's Veterans Alliance, demonstrating his enduring dedication to service.

I have known Peter since the start of my career and have always admired his insightful and strategic approach to complex legislative matters. His numerous contributions to the University and our community are immeasurable. He has built an incredible legacy that will strengthen and inspire future generations.

As he embarks on the next chapter, I extend my deepest gratitude for his decades of service and unwavering leadership. On behalf of the University of Rochester community and all those who have benefited from his work, I wish Peter Robinson all the best in his retirement.

HONORING 85 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: CELEBRATING THE KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES AND THE CLASS OF 1995

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kilgore College Rangerettes and celebrate two extraordinary milestones: the 30th anniversary of the 54th line, the Class of 1995, and the 85th anniversary of this world-renowned team.

Founded in 1940 by Gussie Nell Davis, the Rangerettes were the first precision dance team to perform during a college football halftime show. With their high kicks, jump splits, and iconic red, white, and blue uniforms, they have set a standard for discipline and excellence for over eight decades.

The Class of 1995 holds a special place in this legacy as the first to perform under Director Dana Blair and Assistant Director Shelley Wayne, whose leadership continues to shape the Rangerettes today. Many of these teammates became dance and drill team instructors, passing on the discipline and artistry instilled during their time as Rangerettes.

Their sophomore year featured unforgettable moments, including performances in France, at the Texas State Fair Gala, and alongside legends like Willie Nelson. Their finale performance to Donna Summer's "Last Dance" remains an emotional highlight, with one teammate saying, "I could cry thinking about this song." As they often say, "Once a Rangerette, always a Rangerette."

For 85 years, the Rangerettes have been ambassadors of Texas culture, blending grace and precision to inspire generations. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Kilgore College Rangerettes, the Class of 1995, and their lasting legacy of excellence.

HONORING ROBERT ASHE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Ashe, whom I have named the California 4th District's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Sonoma County for his extensive volunteer efforts to restore and protect the Santa Rosa Creek and surrounding areas. He exemplifies the power of grassroots environmental stewardship as seen through founding the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway.

Mr. Ashe was born and raised in Lancaster, California. He attended Antelope Valley College, where he studied police administration before working for over 35 years in the automotive parts industry in Los Angeles. After moving to Sonoma County, Mr. Ashe found a new calling as a custodian at Park Side Elementary School in Sebastopol, where he worked for 13 years. Known affectionately as "Mr. Bob," he was more than just a caretaker, serving as a mentor, a friend and an educator to those around him. Mr. Ashe led efforts on

recycling, composting and environmental responsibility, instilling in students a deep respect for sustainability.

In 2020, Mr. Ashe turned his passion for environmental care into action by volunteering at the Prince Memorial Greenway, a beloved but often overlooked natural space in our city of Santa Rosa. What began as simple trash cleanups soon expanded into a comprehensive restoration effort. Mr. Ashe currently dedicates an average of 25 hours a week to maintaining the Greenway and its surrounding parks, trails and creek areas. His work includes vegetation management, graffiti removal, trail upkeep and clearing potential hazards, all critical efforts in helping the Greenway remain a safe and thriving space for residents and wildlife alike.

Recognizing the power of collective action, Mr. Ashe founded the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway, a volunteer group dedicated to the ongoing restoration and beautification of the area in 2023. Under his leadership, the group contributes over 125 volunteer hours per month to cleaning and maintaining the Greenway. With each passing season, the number of volunteers continues to grow as more community members are inspired to join the cause. Beyond cleanup efforts, the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway advocates for the Greenway's role in connecting downtown residents and businesses, bringing people together through nature, art and sustainable transportation initiatives.

Mr. Ashe's impact extends beyond his environmental work. He is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community, always willing to lend a hand to those in need. His leadership is not only measured in the number of volunteer hours logged or the pounds of trash he removes, but in the inspiration, he provides to others. Whether through his advocacy, mentorship or hands-on service, Mr. Ashe has shown one individual's commitment to their community can create lasting change.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Ashe's dedication to environmental stewardship and public service embodies the spirit of the Climate Crisis Champion of the Year award. His work to rehabilitate and maintain Sonoma County's natural spaces ensures these cherished environments remain accessible, clean and beautiful for future generations of our community. It is fitting and proper that we recognize him today as Sonoma County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 CLASS 1A MINNESOTA STATE GIRLS HOCKEY CHAMPIONS—THE DODGE COUNTY WILDCATS

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2025 Class 1A Minnesota State Girls Hockey Champions: the Dodge County Wildcats.

On February 22nd, the team won their first-ever state title at the Xcel Energy Center in a

suspenseful overtime game against Warroad. The Wildcats claimed the win with a 4–3 final score.

The deciding goal almost went unnoticed, sneaking over the goal line during a dramatic scramble at the net. Warroad came away with the puck, but junior forward Zoe Heimer, who made the shot, knew the puck had crossed the goal line, prompting a video review that ultimately ruled in favor of the Wildcats.

The top-seeded Dodge County team has been nothing but impressive all season, finishing strong with a record of 24–3–2. Their championship win marks the first state title—not only for the program—but for any girls hockey team south of the Twin Cities.

It is my honor to recognize this year's Class 1A Minnesota Girls' Hockey Champions today. Thanks to the strong leadership and encouragement from Coach Gunderson, and relentless support by the team's staff, families, classmates, and community these talented young women earned a state championship title. All of us across the First Congressional District are incredibly proud to call them our own.

Congratulations to Coach Gunderson and the entire Wildcats family on an unbelievable season.

NO ROGUE RULINGS ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1526, the No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025.

Just as House and Senate Republicans have ceded their constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight on the Executive Branch, Republicans want to force federal judges to give up their power of judicial review. The duty and responsibility of federal courts is to review laws and policies that have a national impact. Federal courts are not local courts. By design their role is national and is not limited to one state or one county. Limiting the ability of federal courts to carry out their duty would undermine the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

The No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025 would prevent federal district court judges from providing nationwide injunction relief when one of President Trump's executive orders, policies, or actions violates people's constitutional rights and freedoms. Nationwide injunctions are issued against the federal government when its actions are unconstitutional and have a broad national effect. If a federal judge can no longer issue a national injunction, the Administration could continue to violate the rights of the American people until the case reaches the Supreme Court. This bill is designed to drastically limit federal judges' ability to prevent unconstitutional actions from doing broad harm. It is about giving more power to Donald Trump.

Donald Trump is losing in court because he keeps trying to do unlawful and unconstitu-

tional things, not because of judicial overreach. This bill a scheme to give more power to the President, making it easier for him to carry out his illegal actions without consequence.

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

HONORING VACAVILLE CITY
MANAGER AARON BUSCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vacaville City Manager Aaron Busch, an esteemed member of our Solano County community. His 37 years of public service and his tireless dedication to our community exemplify why he is being honored today.

Aaron Busch is a lifelong Californian, having studied geography with an emphasis in Urban Planning at Fresno State University before beginning a career in city planning. His first role in local government was as an Assistant/Associate Planner with the City of Rancho Mirage. In 2017, Mr. Busch joined the City of Vacaville as Assistant City Manager, where he oversaw the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments and eventually rose to the rank of city manager where he has served since.

Mr. Busch's commitment to our community is evident from his long history of public service in local government. Some of his accomplishments while in office include implementing the City of Vacaville's Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing Initiative, which has brought in nearly \$68 million in private investments, as well as creating the COV Connect community engagement program. Mr. Busch was also responsible for distributing over \$12 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to aid community recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Mr. Busch oversaw the advancement of numerous other projects including the building of Fire Station 76 and an audit of the Vacaville Police Department. His forward thinking and attention to the needs of the city's residents have made him instrumental in advancing the City of Vacaville as a prime destination for families, professionals, and retirees alike.

Mr. Busch is recognized for more than just his professional service—he is well known around the City of Vacaville as “The Coach” for his leadership and commitment to the residents of the city. His forward thinking and natural leadership make him a fixture in the community.

Mr. Busch is married to his wife Laura, and they have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. He looks forward to spending more time with them in retirement, along with more golfing, travelling, and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, it is both fitting and proper that we recognize Mr. Busch for his commitment to public service and honor his career in which he strived to better our community here today.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:00:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:00:25 a.m. until 6:45 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: Fifty-one public bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: H.R. 2920–2970 and H. Res. 334–339.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 331, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–60);

H.R. 1001, to provide for a memorandum of understanding to address the impacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund (H. Rept. 119–61); and

H.R. 249, to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (H. Rept. 119–62).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church DC, Washington, DC.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1609.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

6:45 a.m., Monday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, April 21

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 p.m.

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