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## House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Foxx).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 24, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rev. Vincent DeRosa, Archdiocese of Washington, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O God who creates and sustains all, living in times of great change and discernment, we ask that You bless this Chamber. Grant to its Members deliberative spirits, humble hearts, and faculties completely dedicated to the service of our people that the United States of America may ever abide in peace, prosperity, and fraternal charity among the nations.

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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 28, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-759. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions to the Entity List [Docket No.: 250324-0047] (RIN: 0694-AK08) received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-760. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions and Modifications to the Entity List [Docket No.: 250325-0050] (RIN: 0694-AK04) received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-761. A letter from the Executive Director, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, transmitting the Council'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-762. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, 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.

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EC-763. A letter from the Supervisor, Executive Services Branch, Executive and Employee Services Division, Office of Human Capital Operations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting nineteen (19) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of an acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, change in previously submitted reported information, or discontinuation of service in an 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-764. A letter from the Supervisor, Executive Services Branch, Executive and Employee Services Division, Office of Human Capital Operations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting nineteen (19) notifications of a federal vacancy, designation of an acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, change in previously submitted reported information, or discontinuation of service in an 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-765. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime 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-766. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation'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-767. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review 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-768. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, 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

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the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-769. A letter from the Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Regulatory 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-770. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2075, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2075; Public Law 88-623, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 103-394, Sec. 104(f)); (108 Stat. 4110) (H. Doc. No. 119-46); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

EC-771. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments and an addition to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072 (H. Doc. No. 119-44); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

EC-772. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Section 2072 of Title 28, United States Code (H. Doc. No. 119-45); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2482. A bill to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-63). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2480. A bill to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production (Rept. 119-64). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2458. A bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-65). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1402. A bill to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, and for other purposes; (Rept. 119-66). Referred to the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1442. A bill to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-67). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2444. A bill to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-68). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 617. A bill to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-69). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1664. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to take actions necessary and appropriate to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-70). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1479. A bill to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-71). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 859. A bill to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices (Rept. 119-72). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 906. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-73). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2449. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force to be known as the "6G Task Force", and for other purposes (Rept. 119-74). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 866. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 119-75). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1721. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-76). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 973. A bill to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries (Rept. 119-77). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2399. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding (Rept. 119-78). 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 2983. A bill to compensate victims of theft of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 2984. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation of officers and employees of Federal agencies returning from space, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. CONNOLLY):

H.R. 2985. A bill to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 2986. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations that accelerate the interconnection of electric generation and storage resources to the transmission system through more efficient and effective interconnection procedures; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 2987. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require a limit on the number of small business lending companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 2988. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 2989. A bill to prohibit conflicts of interest among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with China or other covered foreign entities and the United States Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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

H.R. 2990. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

H.R. 2991. A bill to provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. YAKYM, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. BRESNAHAN):

H.R. 2992. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with respect to vehicle roadside crashes, work zone safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. BRENSNAHAN, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 2993. A bill to establish a position in the Small Business Administration to provide to small businesses assistance with establishing employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. BEYER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. CHU, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 2994. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and make the credit fully refundable for certain taxpayers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 2995. A bill to advance environmental justice by addressing cumulative impacts and underenforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 2996. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to facilitate the development of climate adaptation plans by certain entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 2997. A bill to authorize appropriations for climate financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 2998. A bill to control the export of electronic waste in order to ensure that such waste does not become the source of counterfeit goods that may reenter military and civilian electronics supply chains in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 2999. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that not more than 10 percent of a monthly benefit may be withheld on account of overpayments; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. TRAHAN):

H.R. 3000. A bill to address the worsening long-term care workforce crisis and increase access to and affordability of long-term care; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be

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

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3001. A bill to advance commonsense priorities; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Education and Workforce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Appropriations, Armed Services, the Budget, Rules, Ethics, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, House Administration, the Judiciary, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. KENNEDY of New York):

H.R. 3002. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a council within the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate departmental efforts to identify, address, and mitigate cross-functional impacts of global climate change with respect to the Department's programs and operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3003. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to rescind a memorandum of understanding related to wildlife damage management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRAVES:

H.R. 3004. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to modernize the Postal Service regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JACOBS (for herself and Mr. McCaul):

H.R. 3005. A bill to reauthorize the Global Fragility Act of 2019, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 3006. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the coinsurance amount for certain services furnished in an ambulatory surgical center; 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 Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 3007. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude certain sales of principal residences from income related monthly adjustment amount calculations under Medicare; 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 Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 3008. A bill to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under holo-

caust-era insurance policies; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 3009. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate tree planting that reduces residential energy consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 3010. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for advertising and promotional expenses for certain drugs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SUBRAMANYAM):

H.R. 3011. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and title 39, United States Code, to provide the United States Postal Service the authority to mail alcoholic beverages, 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. NORTON:

H.R. 3012. A bill to direct the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to place certain individuals in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons within 250 miles of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Mr. McGARVEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. CONAWAY, and Ms. MORRISON):

H.R. 3013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the authorization of appropriations for comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY of New York):

H.R. 3014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to entities that furnish services to homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

H.R. 3015. A bill to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3016. A bill to give the Federal Trade Commission authority over certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3017. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct an annual study on health care competition and consolidation at the State level; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3018. A bill to amend the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 to repeal the antitrust exemption applicable to graduate

medical resident matching programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3019. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish new community benefit standards for tax-exempt hospital organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3020. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to evaluate the effects of anticompetitive contracting clauses in contracts between health insurers and health care providers and to determine actions taken by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice relating to the use of such clauses in such contracts and to assess their ability to effectively enforce the Federal antitrust laws with respect to such use; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3021. A bill to eliminate the inpatient-only service list; 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 Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3022. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Obamacare ban on provider-owned hospitals, 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 Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3023. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to address incorrect billing by off-campus hospital locations, 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. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 3024. A bill to provide for the issuance of a semipostal to benefit programs that combat invasive species; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, 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 Ms. STRICKLAND (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 3025. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the coverage of assisted reproductive services under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 3026. A bill to reinstate employees removed from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, to limit the removal of employees from such Agency, to prohibit DODGE employees from working at such Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Com-

merce, 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. VAN DREW:

H.R. 3027. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a counseling program for certain survivors of veterans who die by suicide; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. McGARVEY, Mr. BARR, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, and Mr. LANDSMAN):

H.R. 3028. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide a uniform 8-digit subheading number for all whiskies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H. Res. 344. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to transmit respectively, to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to the elimination of the Administration for Community Living; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BELL (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H. Res. 345. A resolution expressing support for designation of the month of April 2025 as "Parkinsons Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER:

H. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the need for protecting and conserving at least 50 percent of the land, freshwater, and ocean ecosystems in the United States and encouraging diplomatic community efforts to achieve this goal worldwide; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H. Res. 347. A resolution recognizing the significant impact and legacy of Cecil Corbin-Mark in the environmental justice community and further recognizing that climate change most severely impacts vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in the United States and around the world, and that it is the responsibility of the United States Government to work with its global partners to promote environmental justice; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. SELF, and Mr. CRANE):

H. Res. 348. A resolution commending United States Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens on his retirement after 29 years of exemplary public service; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. KIM (for herself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, and Mr. KEAN):

H. Res. 349. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. STEVENS:

H. Res. 350. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 24, 2025, as "Remanufacturing Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SIMON, Mr. FROST, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. BROWNELEY, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mrs. DINGELL):

H. Res. 351. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of April as "National

Arab American Heritage Month" (NAAHM) and celebrating the heritage and culture of Arab Americans in the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 352. A resolution calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 2983.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 2984.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

"The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 2985.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 2986.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare" of Americans.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 2987.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

"Clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution, to "provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 2988.

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. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 2989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution in that the legislation exercises legislative powers granted to Congress by that clause "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 any Department or Office thereof."

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 2992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl.1), the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18).

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 2993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution: To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the powers enumerated under section 8 and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 2995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3, provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes." The single subject of this legislation is: Remediation of harm from pollution

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 2996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 2997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 2998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause 18

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 3002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into the Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GRAVES:

H.R. 3004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. JACOBS:

H.R. 3005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

By establishing a Medicare coinsurance cap for Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) to align with that of Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPDs), is a necessary and proper means to regulate and ensure the fair and equitable provision of surgical services within the interstate Medicare system, promoting the utilization of cost-effective ASCs and reducing potential financial burdens on beneficiaries accessing care across state lines.

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 3007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 3008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 3009.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 3010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. NEWHOUSE:

H.R. 3011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 3013.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 3014.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. RULLI:

H.R. 3015.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3016.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3017.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3018.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3019.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3020.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3021.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3022.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. SPARTZ:

H.R. 3023.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 3024.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 3026.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: 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. VAN DREW:

H.R. 3027.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. WOMACK:

H.R. 3028.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3:

The Congress shall have the power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among States, and with the Indian Tribes.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 7: Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.R. 51: Mr. BELL.  
 H.R. 70: Mr. VAN DREW.  
 H.R. 138: Mr. MORAN.  
 H.R. 139: Mrs. HOUCHIN.  
 H.R. 247: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.  
 H.R. 349: Mr. RASKIN.  
 H.R. 396: Ms. POU.  
 H.R. 439: Ms. GILLEN.  
 H.R. 482: Mr. MORAN and Mrs. HINSON.  
 H.R. 507: Mr. FIELDS and Mr. THANEDAR.  
 H.R. 530: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK.  
 H.R. 588: Mrs. DINGELL.  
 H.R. 630: Mr. TORRES of New York.  
 H.R. 649: Ms. SCHOLTEN.  
 H.R. 743: Mr. BRESNAHAN.  
 H.R. 748: Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
 H.R. 777: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.  
 H.R. 811: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
 H.R. 879: Mr. KEAN.  
 H.R. 911: Mr. RILEY of New York.  
 H.R. 942: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 989: Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. DELUZIO, and Mr. THANEDAR.  
 H.R. 995: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.  
 H.R. 1013: Mr. SUOZZI.  
 H.R. 1027: Mr. SUOZZI and Ms. McBRIDE.  
 H.R. 1041: Mr. CRANK.  
 H.R. 1046: Mr. RULLI.  
 H.R. 1063: Mr. HUIZENGA.  
 H.R. 1065: Mr. MANNION, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. VAN DREW.  
 H.R. 1181: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS and Mr. STEUBE.  
 H.R. 1252: Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.R. 1262: Mr. LIEU, Mr. VINDMAN, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.  
 H.R. 1266: Mr. SORENSEN.  
 H.R. 1267: Mr. WIED.  
 H.R. 1295: Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. MACE, Mr. MCGUIRE, and Mr. GOSAR.  
 H.R. 1319: Mr. BURLISON.  
 H.R. 1320: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.  
 H.R. 1359: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.  
 H.R. 1389: Ms. SCHOLTEN.  
 H.R. 1423: Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CONAWAY, and Ms. SALINAS.  
 H.R. 1477: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.  
 H.R. 1492: Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. OGLES, Mr. RULLI, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mrs. HOUCHIN.  
 H.R. 1494: Mr. VASQUEZ.  
 H.R. 1521: Mr. SORENSEN.  
 H.R. 1530: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon and Mr. PFLUGER.  
 H.R. 1566: Mr. BERGMAN and Mrs. RAMIREZ.  
 H.R. 1576: Mr. BRESNAHAN.  
 H.R. 1578: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H.R. 1582: Ms. MORRISON.  
 H.R. 1585: Mr. CISCOMANI and Ms. McBRIDE.  
 H.R. 1616: Mr. MOULTON.  
 H.R. 1656: Mr. KUSTOFF and Mr. HUIZENGA.  
 H.R. 1661: Mr. HIMES and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.  
 H.R. 1702: Mr. CALVERT.  
 H.R. 1713: Mr. MANN and Mr. RILEY of New York.  
 H.R. 1715: Ms. McBRIDE.  
 H.R. 1752: Ms. DELBENE.  
 H.R. 1756: Mr. KHANNA.  
 H.R. 1788: Mr. COHEN.  
 H.R. 1795: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H.R. 1822: Mr. FLOOD, Ms. ROSS, Mr. PAPPAS, and Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
 H.R. 1851: Mr. NEAL and Ms. CRAIG.  
 H.R. 1903: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
 H.R. 1919: Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. KEAN, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. BILAKIS, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. JACK, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1920: Mr. BRESNAHAN.  
 H.R. 1939: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1966: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 1993: Mr. NEAL, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mr. VAN DREW.  
 H.R. 1995: Mr. BRESNAHAN.  
 H.R. 2028: Mrs. BICE and Mr. FIELDS.  
 H.R. 2033: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. NEGUSE.  
 H.R. 2047: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
 H.R. 2055: Mr. NEGUSE.  
 H.R. 2062: Mr. STEUBE.  
 H.R. 2092: Mr. CISCOMANI.  
 H.R. 2095: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. VINDMAN, and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.  
 H.R. 2102: Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. BERA, and Mr. FIELDS.  
 H.R. 2117: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 2172: Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Ms. DELBENE.  
 H.R. 2175: Mr. LIEU.  
 H.R. 2189: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. BAUMGARTNER.  
 H.R. 2195: Mr. FIGURES and Mr. HORSFORD.  
 H.R. 2199: Mrs. MCIVER.  
 H.R. 2240: Mr. BEGICH.  
 H.R. 2253: Mr. VINDMAN.  
 H.R. 2257: Mr. LAWLER.  
 H.R. 2300: Mr. CAREY.  
 H.R. 2332: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.  
 H.R. 2395: Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.R. 2398: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
 H.R. 2414: Mr. DOGGETT.  
 H.R. 2426: Mr. WOMACK.  
 H.R. 2429: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.  
 H.R. 2439: Ms. ROSS.  
 H.R. 2464: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
 H.R. 2497: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 2528: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.  
 H.R. 2547: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H.R. 2548: Mr. McCaul, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, and Mr. FIELDS.  
 H.R. 2550: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. BELL, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. CHU, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Ms. BALINT, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTEN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. McGARVEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. FOUSHÉE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. BYNUM, and Ms. McBRIDE.  
 H.R. 2552: Mrs. LUNA and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.  
 H.R. 2582: Mr. BEYER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. KEAN.  
 H.R. 2585: Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 2603: Mr. CUELLAR.  
 H.R. 2619: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 2633: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 2644: Mr. PFLUGER.  
 H.R. 2656: Mr. COSTA, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 2673: Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 2682: Mr. NADLER, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. THANEDAR.  
 H.R. 2701: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 2703: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.  
 H.R. 2711: Ms. POU and Ms. HOULAHAN.  
 H.R. 2722: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Ms. MORRISON.  
 H.R. 2725: Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Ms. SCANLON, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.  
 H.R. 2736: Ms. FRIEDMAN.  
 H.R. 2760: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.  
 H.R. 2766: Mr. HARDER of California.  
 H.R. 2767: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS and Mr. LIEU.  
 H.R. 2788: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 2799: Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. BELL, Mr. IVEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FROST, Ms. ROSS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. AMO, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CHU, and Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 2806: Mr. RULLI.  
 H.R. 2838: Mr. PFLUGER.  
 H.R. 2853: Mr. GOODEN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. PETERS, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. DESJARLAIS.  
 H.R. 2864: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 2865: Mr. AMO.  
 H.R. 2902: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. HOULAHAN.  
 H.R. 2912: Mr. McGOVERN and Mr. CASAR.  
 H.R. 2915: Mrs. LUNA.  
 H.R. 2930: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.  
 H.R. 2947: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
 H.R. 2948: Ms. NORTON and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.  
 H.R. 2964: Mr. RULLI and Mr. STANTON.  
 H.J. Res. 38: Mr. PFLUGER.  
 H.J. Res. 60: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Mr. OWENS.  
 H.J. Res. 67: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.J. Res. 87: Mr. MANN, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. RULLI, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. HILL of Arkansas.  
 H.J. Res. 88: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. MANN, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, and Mr. BAUMGARTNER.  
 H.J. Res. 89: Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina.  
 H. Con. Res. 4: Mr. VARGAS and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.  
 H. Con. Res. 7: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H. Con. Res. 20: Ms. STEFANIK and Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
 H. Res. 166: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. IVEY, Mr. WOMACK, and Mrs. TORRES of California.  
 H. Res. 171: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
 H. Res. 337: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Ms. FOXX.  
 H. Res. 341: Ms. FRIEDMAN and Mr. CARSON.  
 H. Res. 343: Mr. McCaul.

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**CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS**

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

OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Natural Resources in H.J. Res. 60, do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Natural Resources in H.J. Res. 78, do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. GUTHRIE

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Rules in on H.J. Res. 87,

“Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision” do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

## OFFERED BY MR. GUTHRIE

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Rules in on H.J. Res. 88, “Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision” do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

## OFFERED BY MR. GUTHRIE

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Rules in on H.J. Res. 89, “Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The ‘Omnibus’ Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision” do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 2 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BILL HAGERTY, a Senator from the State of Tennessee.

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### 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 24, 2025.*

*To the Senate:*

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

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
*President pro tempore.*

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
APRIL 28, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 35 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, April 28, 2025, at 3 p.m.

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- This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING ALYSSA REAS

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Alyssa Reas has made through her volunteerism at Gulf Highlands Elementary School. Alyssa stepped onto the campus with big plans to support students. She has seen the value that peer mentors have made in student lives and is determined to help cultivate success on the campus. She has been working diligently to match big brothers and big sisters with students on campus, with 10 success stories to date. It is exciting for students to have someone from their community encouraging them in their educational journey.

It is clear Alyssa Reas has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DELIA “DEE” NILA BASILE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Delia “Dee” Nila Basile, whose spirit, energy and unwavering dedication to her family, community and heritage left an indelible mark on the City of Aurora.

Dee “Dee” Nila Basile was born on April 10, 1950, as a proud member of the Nila family, one of Aurora’s earliest Mexican immigrant families. The Nila family arrived in the United States in 1923, and her great-grandfather, Augustine Nila, was among the first to settle in Aurora. Like many immigrants, the Nila family contributed to their new community through hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance. Dee carried that legacy forward with honor and joy, speaking often about her family’s role in helping shape Aurora’s identity and its immigrant communities.

Dee attended St. Nicholas Grade School and graduated from Madonna High School, both in Aurora. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northern Illinois University in 2011 at the age of 61—a testament to her determination and belief in lifelong learning.

Dee began her professional path in the hospitality industry, where her charisma made her a standout presence. She later went on to work at Aurora City Hall for 18 years, contributing to many roles and quickly becoming known as one of Aurora’s most dedicated public servants. Her energy and presence made her a true ambassador for the city, welcoming all who lived, worked, and visited with her signature smile and enthusiasm.

After her retirement, Dee continued her service through the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce, where she championed local businesses and continued to work tirelessly to uplift Aurora’s cultural vitality. She was a long-time board member of the Aurora Public Library Foundation, where she passionately supported educational access, literacy, and community programming. Throughout her lifetime, Dee volunteered thousands of hours to causes large and small. Whether it was a city celebration, nonprofit event, heritage initiative, or grassroots movement—if something meaningful was happening in Aurora, Dee was there.

Dee was a keeper of history; she worked closely on countless cultural initiatives, ensuring that traditions and stories of the past had a strong, visible place in the present. She was instrumental in founding Aurora’s Annual Parade of Nations, a celebration of the city’s multicultural identity. In recognition of her unwavering service, the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board established the Delia Nila Basile Award, presented annually to a resident, organization, or business that exemplifies the leadership, dedication, and cultural pride that Dee personified.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Aurora and grateful for Delia “Dee” Nila Basile’s service to her community. Her presence lit up every room she entered, and her commitment to her city, her family, and her culture left a permanent mark on the people of Aurora. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating her extraordinary life.

### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDGAR CARL WILKE

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Private First Class Edgar Carl Wilke, a distinguished World War II veteran and long-time Western New York native born on April 5, 1925. After enlisting in the United States Army in 1943, he answered the call to serve during World War II displaying extraordinary bravery and dedication throughout his service. It is with great pride that we acknowledge this remarkable occasion today and reflect on the legacy of his contributions to both our Nation and our community.

Private First Class Wilke’s journey began right here in Buffalo, New York where he attended Buffalo Public School 33 for elementary school and later graduated from South Park High School. After his military service, he furthered his education at the University at Buffalo, marking another chapter of growth and achievement after the war. His academic

and personal successes after returning home speak to the resilience and dedication he has shown throughout his life.

In recognition of his exemplary service, Private First Class Wilke will be receiving several prestigious honors. Among the medals he has earned are the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with two bronze service stars), World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. These medals speak to his unwavering dedication and heroism during his service, and they are a fitting tribute to the sacrifices he made for our country.

After returning home, Private First Class Wilke married his beloved wife, Joan, and their partnership was the foundation of his life. Joan’s memory and their shared love remain a cherished part of his legacy. As a proud family patriarch, he has been a loving uncle to three nephews and two nieces, and he also embraced the role of stepfather to two children, who brought additional joy to his life. Through his stepchildren, he has been blessed with grandchildren, further enriching his life and legacy. He has remained deeply connected to his family, community, and fellow veterans. To this day, he continues to live in his childhood home, a symbol of his enduring connection to his hometown and the values that have shaped him. His faith has been a steady anchor, providing strength and peace, while life’s simple joys, like enjoying a beer each day, reflect his gratitude and appreciation for balance.

Today, we celebrate Private First Class Edgar Carl Wilke’s 100th birthday. His life is a testament to resilience, unwavering devotion, and exceptional service to both his country and his community. His lifelong dedication has set a remarkable standard for all of us, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations. Please join me in thanking Private First Class Wilke for his long and meritorious service to our Nation and community, and in wishing him a very happy 100th birthday with many more to come.

### RECOGNIZING ANN WILKINSON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ann Wilkinson has made through her work with Seniors in Service—Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Pasco County. This group of 245 volunteers, spread across Pasco County, work tirelessly with a shared goal of making their community shine, dedicating 24,210 hours to addressing critical needs in food support, companionship, disaster relief, and mentorship. By establishing partnerships with

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25 local Pasco County organizations, RSVP Pasco connects volunteers to critical areas of need. Volunteers support food pantries, like Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Vincent DePaul and Shady Hills Mission Chapel. They work to ensure families in high-need areas receive essential resources. At Good Samaritan Health Clinic, RSVP volunteers assist with patient intake and front desk duties, while at BayCare, they recruit participants for the Health Buddies program to enhance senior well-being. Recently, RSVP Pasco partnered with Solo Moms to empower single mothers and with the American Cancer Society to help patients access life-saving treatments. Each partnership reflects the program's commitment to addressing diverse community challenges with tailored support. Led by Ann, the leadership team within RSVP Pasco has also been a driving force behind its success. Ambassadors have taken on vital roles in recruitment, outreach, and event planning. When the CARES Senior Center closure displaced 25 volunteers, RSVP Pasco worked diligently to connect them with new opportunities, ensuring their passion for service was not lost. Similarly, at Grace's Food Pantry, Ambassadors stepped in to address staffing shortages, ensuring continuity in service. Their proactive approach has strengthened the program's ability to adapt and grow. RSVP Pasco demonstrates the transformative power of volunteerism. From hurricane recovery to improving healthcare and food security, the program embodies resilience, compassion, and connection. This remarkable program truly exemplifies the spirit of service and is a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together to make a difference.

It is clear Ann Wilkinson has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF DR. WARREN NICHOLS

**HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize an extraordinary leader, a dedicated public servant, and a pillar of our community—Dr. Warren Nichols, who is retiring after years of transformative leadership as President of College of the Mainland.

Since taking the helm at College of the Mainland in 2017, Dr. Nichols has done what strong leaders do, he's rolled up his sleeves, put students first, and delivered results.

A first-generation college student and former police officer from Arlington, Texas, Dr. Nichols embodies the American dream. He climbed the ladder of higher education through grit, service, and vision. From law enforcement to leadership, he's remained focused on helping others rise, too.

Under his tenure, College of the Mainland has seen historic growth—not just in enrollment, but in opportunity. He led COM to become the first college in Texas to fully implement a corequisite program, helping underprepared students complete their English and math requirements faster and more effectively.

That's results-driven education, and that's exactly what we need more of in this country.

Dr. Nichols also championed the Guided Pathways to Success initiative, ensuring students stay on track toward meaningful goals—associate degrees, workforce certificates, and transfers to four-year universities. That's the kind of strategic, student-focused thinking that sets College of the Mainland apart.

But it doesn't stop there.

Dr. Nichols successfully led not one, but two major bond referendums, totaling over \$400 million—no small feat, after previous attempts had failed for years. That funding has revitalized the COM campus, resulting in state-of-the-art facilities like the STEAM and Allied Health Building, the Industrial Careers Building, and many more. These aren't just buildings—these are launch pads for future welders, nurses, engineers, and entrepreneurs.

He's also been laser-focused on workforce development—a cornerstone of economic freedom and American prosperity. By strengthening partnerships with local industry, Dr. Nichols has created pathways for students to graduate with skills that matter, jobs that pay well, and futures they can count on.

Before his time at COM, Dr. Nichols served as Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges for the Tennessee Board of Regents and President of Volunteer State Community College. Whether in Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, or beyond, his impact has always been the same—profound and lasting.

He's also given generously of his time to the Texas City community, serving on the Rotary Club and as Past Chair of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce. It's no surprise he was honored with the Rising Star Award, because his leadership has truly been a guiding light.

Dr. Nichols' legacy at College of the Mainland will endure for generations. He has built more than buildings—he has built lives, futures, and opportunity for thousands of Texans.

On behalf of the people of Texas' 14th Congressional District and this great Nation—we say: job well done, Dr. Nichols. We wish him a well-earned retirement, and thank him for proving that with vision and values, anything is possible.

God bless Dr. Nichols, and God bless Texas.

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CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
DR. DON DUGI

**HON. MORGAN McGARVEY**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. McGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Don Dugi, a professor of political science at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, and to congratulate him on his retirement after a remarkable 50-year career dedicated to educating and empowering students.

Dr. Dugi's teaching journey began in his youth, when he helped his teachers in a small rural school in Texas. He pursued higher education at St. Mary's University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees. Fifty years ago, in 1975, he joined Transylvania University, the oldest school west of the Allegheny moun-

tains, founded in 1780. Over the following decades, Dr. Dugi became known for his commitment to high academic standards and his unwavering support for his students.

In 2003, he was recognized for this dedication and was named Kentucky Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Dr. Dugi inspired students aspiring to enter the legal profession. He conducted intensive workshops to prepare students for the Law School Admission Test and the law school application process, resulting in Transylvania students gaining admission to top law schools, including Harvard, Stanford, Duke, Columbia, and the University of Kentucky. Thanks to Dr. Dugi, every student that Transylvania recommends to law school is accepted.

Dr. Dugi has taught and mentored countless students throughout his years, many of whom have graduated and built successful careers as lawyers and judges. He led the way for students who have dedicated their lives to the rule of law and fighting for justice, including several who now serve as federal and state judges thanks to his mentorship.

Dr. Dugi's legacy is his deep commitment to student success. His contributions have left an indelible mark on countless lives, and his retirement marks the end of an era at Transylvania University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, and every student who has been taught by him, to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Dr. Don Dugi for his outstanding service to Transylvania University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and his enduring impact on students' lives.

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RECOGNIZING RON TILLEY OF  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. TIM BURCHETT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Ron Tilley for his seventy plus years of ministry and service to East Tennessee. I've seen some pretty impressive resumes in my time, but none may be as impressive as Brother Ron's.

Sharing my love for cars, Ron owned Tilley Lane Chrysler Dodge Dealership in Lenoir City where his business became a pillar of the community. In addition to owning a beloved local business, he is also a legend in sports as he was inducted into the Lenoir City Sports Hall of Fame. He was also an original member of the Kingsman Quartet.

If you ask Ron, all of this pales in comparison to his walk with Christ. In 1947, Ron was saved at the Broadway Baptist Church in Maryville, Tennessee. He then went on to live a Christ-centered life serving as the music director for a number of churches and Christian organizations throughout East Tennessee. Since August of 2014, Ron has served as the Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church, where he is now retiring after seven decades of service.

I thank Ron for being a role model, friend to all, and most importantly a good steward of Christ. While he may be retiring, I have no doubt that he will continue his service to his community.

Please join me in congratulating Ron Tilley on his outstanding career and life as he begins a new chapter.

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RECOGNIZING ASHLEY PORTER

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**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Ashley Porter has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Porter was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Ashley Porter has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPROVING REENTRY FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS IN THE BUREAU OF PRISONS ACT OF 2025

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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Improving Reentry for District of Columbia Residents in the Bureau of Prisons Act of 2025. This bill would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to place D.C. residents serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies in BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, individuals serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies are in BOP custody.

Currently, more than 2,000 D.C. residents are serving sentences for D.C. Code felonies, and they are in BOP facilities across the United States. While Congress will not provide funding to BOP to build a new facility for these D.C. residents, there are more than enough existing BOP facilities within 250 miles of D.C. to house all these D.C. residents. Under this bill, BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles upon the request or consent of a resident, and BOP could place a D.C. resident outside 250 miles without consent in extraordinary circumstances.

This bill would help D.C. residents in BOP maintain relationships with family and support networks and reenter the community after prison.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOKIA BELL LABS

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**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nokia Bell Labs as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, marking a century of transformative innovation and scientific achievement.

Since its founding in 1925, Bell Labs has been a leader in cutting-edge research, delivering innovative solutions to some of the most complex challenges in communications and computing. The technologies pioneered within their laboratories have fundamentally shaped the modern world, enabling the networks and digital tools we rely on every day.

Following World War II, researchers at Bell Labs invented the transistor, a discovery that revolutionized electronics and launched the era of modern computing. Bell Labs also played a pivotal role in the creation of Information Theory, which remains the foundation for virtually all modern communications systems. In the 1960s, Bell Labs introduced Telstar 1, the world's first communications satellite, making live global television broadcasts possible and ushering in a new era of global connectivity.

In addition to their achievements in hardware and communications, Bell Labs was responsible for developing the C programming language and the Unix operating system, both of which laid the groundwork for the digital age and the internet as we know it today.

As part of Nokia, Bell Labs continues to serve as a beacon of scientific excellence and future-focused research. Today, their work in 6G technology promises to revolutionize how we interact with both the digital and physical worlds. Their advancements in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and other emerging technologies are poised to dramatically enhance our capabilities in sectors such as healthcare, transportation, energy, and science.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Nokia Bell Labs' accomplishments as one of our Nation's leading research laboratories, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their 100 years of pioneering research and continued commitment to driving humanity forward.

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RECOGNIZING JUDGE PENNY WOLFGANG

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**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of the Honorable Judge Penny Wolfgang. Judge Wolfgang has built her life on the foundations of purpose, passion, and principle, setting a standard of excellence that will continue to guide the future of the legal profession.

Judge Wolfgang's dedication to justice was evident from the very start of her career, with her first decade of service as a public defender with a deep commitment to advocating for those in need. She has served in numer-

ous roles, spanning from a public defender, Director of the Prisoners Legal Aid Assistance Project, and later serving as the President of Legal Aid of Buffalo, always using her platform to advocate for the rights of those who are often unheard. After three decades of service on the Erie County Supreme Court, Judge Wolfgang retired, leaving an indelible mark on the legal system.

Judge Wolfgang has shaped generations of law students through her role as an instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law. She made an impact on all who stepped foot in her classroom—sharing her wisdom and experience while maintaining her steadfast commitment of upholding the law. Her dedication helped countless individuals, regardless of their background to better understand their rights and navigate the complexities of the legal system.

As a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Judge Wolfgang's legacy extends beyond the prestigious positions she held and the countless individuals she impacted throughout her career; a recipient of numerous honors, including the Outstanding Women of the Law Award in 2011, she continues to inform and inspire through her influential work in radio and television.

Today we recognize Judge Wolfgang for her remarkable career—a testament to a life dedicated to public service. Her contributions to the Western New York community have broken barriers and continues to inspire all who had the privilege of working with her, and her legacy is certain to live on for generations.

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RECOGNIZING BARBARA SPRAGUE

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**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Barbara Sprague has made to our community through her work with the Community Food Bank, leading the charge in our fight against food insecurity. Since Barbara joined the organization, her leadership, tenacity, and compassion for those in need have led the Community Food Bank to grow from supplying 1–2 million meals each year to over 5 million nutritious meals and critical supplies to fill the meal gap and basic needs for over 70,000 of our neighbors in need. She has taught the entire team to "BELIEVE that they will end hunger because they are BETTER TOGETHER!" With Barbara's continued vision and drive to end hunger, the Community Food Bank is embarking on an expansion that will not only double its impact capacity but will add a tremendous outreach opportunity for all service organizations and providers to meet our most at-risk clients right where they are with their programs and critical support as we work together to dismantle the pillars of poverty.

The RISE Empowerment Center and Food Bank targets the specific needs of residents with the collaborative power of our most effective resources. Barbara's vision, outstanding leadership, and unyielding drive to make a true difference not only make her a hero in her organization's mission, but she is also a community treasure.

It is clear that Barbara Sprague has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we

all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**HON. TONY GONZALES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate St. Joseph Catholic Church on its 150th anniversary of devout service to the Fort Stockton community. This milestone serves as a testament to St. Joseph's long-term dedication to faith in Pecos County.

A century and a half ago, the foundation of what later would become the church was formed, and in 1914 St. Joseph became part of the new Diocese of El Paso. On March 19, 1975, the first centennial of the parish was celebrated, marking a major event for church and the surrounding region. Finally, in 2014, Saint Joseph was consolidated with Saint Agnes to form the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Year after year, this institution of faith has contributed greatly to the spiritual life of Fort Stockton, and I am grateful for the many acts of service that it has carried out on behalf of our neighbors and friends in the community.

As St. Joseph continues to inspire those it serves, I wish the church many blessings and pray for many more years of impact. I congratulate them on their legacy of 150 years.

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HONORING THE 2025 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on Friday, May 2, to mark the induction of its 2025 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to just over 500 Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic action in a combat situation.

I am honored to commend to the House this year's 19 inductees:

Technical Sergeant Forrest E. Everholt, Senior (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Private Philip G. Shadrach (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Private George D. Wilson (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Captain Richard Morgan Rees (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain William J. Barthelmas (posthumously), Air Force, recipient of the Silver Star.

Staff Sergeant Roger LeRoy Coffman (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Captain Kenneth W. Cordier (posthumously), Air Force, recipient of the Silver Star.

Corporal Joseph D. Karam (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Private First Class Harrison J. Meyer (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Private First Class Elbert Ray Rawlins (posthumously), Army, recipient of the Silver Star.

Lieutenant Commander Owen W. Huff (posthumously), Navy, recipient of the Legion of Merit with "V" Device.

Lieutenant Commander Matthew S. McGraw, Navy, recipient of the Legion of Merit with "V" Device.

Specialist Donald E. Austin, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Corporal Michael R. Cowles, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist Donald L. Justice, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Corporal Russell G. Little, Junior (posthumously), Marine Corps, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist James E. Moses, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Specialist William L. Vasil, Army, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

Sergeant Alex J. Rozanski, Marine Corps, recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with "V" Device.

RECOGNIZING BRODY VEROSIC

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**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Brody Verosic has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, he helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Mr. Verosic was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process. It is clear Brody Verosic has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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OPPOSING THE CHAOTIC AND HARMFUL TRADE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

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**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned by President Trump's chaotic, contradictory, and harmful trade policy that affect American families and my state of Illinois. His emergency powers to impose tariffs have disrupted business and commerce to operate successfully during a time of inconsistent policy initiatives with major trading partners like Canada, China, and Mexico.

What is more alarming is that this trade policy also undermines the Republican Party's historic commitment to free markets and open trade. It is not based on a clear, comprehensive, well-balanced and measured policy vision, but rather on arbitrary decisions that seem to reflect the preferences of a single individual—or a small group—more than the American people. We've now reached a point where this "America First" trade policy is now delivering real economic damage across the country.

I want to emphasize that this is not an isolated concern. My constituents, as well as economists, academicians, and policy experts across the country have echoed the same worries. The Administration's recent approach to tariffs has created serious uncertainty for U.S. businesses, workers, and consumers. This is not just a matter of opinion, it is supported by data and economic analysis.

Economic experts estimate that the 2025 tariffs will raise overall prices by 2.3 percent, costing the average household \$3,800 annually, with even greater burdens on working-class families. Clothing prices are expected to jump by 33 percent, and food prices by 4.5 percent. These are not abstract numbers, they represent real consequences for real people: higher grocery bills and more expensive everyday essentials.

For instance, Canada, Illinois's top export market for oil, vehicles parts, and agricultural products, has already signaled retaliation,

HONORING KAY ROSS

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**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Kay Ross, a proud veteran of the Marines, a military branch known for its demand of physical and mental excellence.

I established the Sheila Corcoran Hoosier Women Hero Award to highlight the extraordinary women whose service to our nation and communities is unparalleled. I am honored to recognize Kay for the month of April.

Kay's decision to join the military was motivated by her desire to be part of something greater than herself. Having proudly served as an Avionics Technician from 1990 to 1995, Kay not only amplified the voices of current women in the Marines, but also helped open doors for future generations of women Marines. She is a beacon of purpose, honor, and sacrifice, qualities exemplified through her military service and in her ongoing dedication to fellow veterans and active-duty personnel.

As the Sr. Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League Department of Indiana and a Veterans Service Officer, Kay has worked tirelessly to help veterans transition back to civilian life, providing essential resources to ensure their livelihood and security. As a Homeless Veteran Outreach Coordinator with the Veterans Benefit Administration, Kay provides essential housing resources to Indianapolis-area veterans, ensuring they receive the care, recognition, and resources they rightfully deserve. Kay's humility and dedication to the veteran community have and will continue to leave a lasting impact.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kay Ross for her outstanding service to our country and her unwavering dedication to her fellow veterans. I thank her for making Indianapolis a haven for her diligent service.

threatening our supply chains and manufacturing sectors. A similar pattern occurs with China, where Illinois sends substantial volumes of agricultural products and electronics. Mexico is another major trading partner in auto parts, machinery, and food products. Disrupting the supply chains through tariffs or threats to pull out of trade deals like the USMCA could destabilize job-creating industries within Illinois.

Moreover, this trade strategy is not only economically damaging, but also unconstitutional. Congress, not the President, holds the exclusive authority to regulate foreign commerce. The Administration's abuse of emergency powers to give himself authority to regulate foreign trade and impose tariffs on the entire world bypasses the legislative process, undermines transparency, and strips away the opportunity for public accountability.

This is why, I urge my colleagues, especially Republican Members of Congress, to approach this trade policy in a joint and measured manner for our constituents. When Congress gives away its capacity to question and dialogue with the other branch, we weaken our position and risk deals that don't reflect all American values or economic priorities.

**RECOGNIZING ROBERT “BOB” P. HUBBARD AS BATAVIA’S 2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert “Bob” P. Hubbard for receiving the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award in the City of Batavia. The Citizen of the Year Award celebrates individuals who have made a profound impact towards inspiring and uplifting the City of Batavia.

As a native Batavian, Bob has lived a life rooted in the values of compassion, civic engagement, and integrity. His contributions have touched nearly every corner of the Batavia community and continue to uplift countless lives.

Bob is a driving force behind the recruiting and funding work for the INCubator Entrepreneurship Program. Since 2015, he has recruited and coordinated dozens of volunteer mentors, coaches, and judges, providing over 500 students with meaningful real-world business experience. Through his leadership, the program has raised more than \$80,000 and secured \$100,000 in grants, helping to build a lasting foundation for future innovation.

As a longtime CASA Kane County volunteer, he has dedicated his efforts to protecting the community's most vulnerable, serving as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate and Guardian Ad Litem. In these roles, he has been a steadfast voice for children in abuse and neglect cases, offering critical guidance and advocacy. He has also provided leadership to numerous community organizations, including TriCity Family Services, the LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, and the Batavia Community Chest. Notably, his tenure with the Rotary Club of Batavia has spanned nearly four decades and includes service as club president, recognition as Rotarian of the Year, and multiple Paul Harris Fellow honors.

Beyond formal roles, Bob embodies the essence of “Service Above Self.” Whether he's packing food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank, supporting families through CHIP IN Batavia, participating in roadside cleanups, or doing yard work for neighbors in need, Bob is always the first to volunteer.

He is also a steward of Batavia's legacy. As the third-generation owner of Hubbard's Home Furnishings, his family's business served the community for over 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such an extraordinary citizen of Batavia, Illinois, who exemplifies what it means to be a good neighbor and a true public servant. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Robert “Bob” P. Hubbard for his remarkable lifetime of service and congratulating him on being named the 2024 Citizen of the Year.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE ESOP FUNDING FOR SBA POSITION ACT OF 2025**

**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to ensure that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) fully supports our small businesses establish and maintain employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs).

ESOPs offer a powerful way to ensure employees become stakeholders and help run the business they've built. This wealth-generating and retirement plan approach creates a more engaged and productive workforce by aligning employee interests with a company's success. This model promotes a stronger sense of ownership and community and keeps investment and wealth in local economies, benefiting workers and their families.

In Hawaii, we've seen firsthand the benefits of ESOPs. Hawaii is home to the second-oldest ESOP chapter in the Nation, underscoring the success and importance of employee-owned businesses in our state. From that humble beginning, the Hawaii Chapter of the ESOP Association now represents over 45 ESOP companies and professional service providers in the state, which is a significant number considering our state's size. These businesses, with the help of ESOPs, have continued to thrive, contributing to the local economy in ways that benefit families and the broader community.

Despite this strong record of ESOPs in Hawaii and throughout the United States, many small businesses face challenges in navigating the complex process of establishing and maintaining an ESOP. They often lack expertise in tax considerations, regulatory compliance, stock valuation, and securing the necessary funding.

There is also a growing concern with the “Silver Tsunami”—the impending wave of baby boomer business owners looking for ways to transfer ownership. As these owners retire, many are considering ESOPs, but the complexity of setting them up may discourage some from pursuing this option.

To help overcome these challenges, my ESOP Funding for SBA Position Act of 2025 will create a position within the SBA to guide small businesses through the process of set-

ting up ESOPs, providing essential support on tax considerations, compliance, stock valuation and securing funding. This new SBA position will provide businesses with the resources they need to navigate the complexities of employee ownership.

This bipartisan bill, which I have introduced with my colleague Congressman ROBERT BRESNAHAN, will help empower small businesses nationwide. I urge my colleagues to support this important initiative that will make employee ownership more accessible, foster stronger communities and keep business wealth where it belongs—locally.

Mahalo.

**RECOGNIZING CAROL BERTI**

**HON. CUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Carol Berti has made on through her work with Oasis Pregnancy Centers. Carol is a rare gem in the volunteer world; dedication is her middle name. For 16 years, Carol has served Oasis with warmth, compassion, and dedication to the families of Oasis. Carol was an integral part of the start-up of Oasis in 2009 and continues to be a cornerstone of the ministry at the Land O' Lakes center. Her unwavering desire to be a light to each woman who walks through the door of Oasis is a shining example of her obedience to Christ and His call on her life. Carol helps vet new volunteers and works with Center Directors to find the right fit for each volunteer and for Oasis. Carol is an inspiration to the staff and the team she serves with. Additionally, Carol has served for years as a Sunday School teacher each week and Poll Captain of elections in her area. She truly is a Hero in the community.

It is clear Carol Berti has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

**RECOGNIZING THE JOLLY BOYS**

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, New York, a remarkable group of volunteers whose dedication to serving their community has been a shining example of generosity and selflessness for over five decades. What began in 1971 as a small group of parents from the Village of Williamsville coming together to support their children's involvement in local sports has grown into a community-wide effort to assist those in need, making a lasting impact on countless lives.

The origin of the name Jolly Boys is a charming part of the group's history. It was coined by the wife of one of the founding members, who observed the group's infectious spirit and glee, who in turn, began referring to

them as the “Jolly Boys”. The name stuck, and to this day, the Jolly Boys of Williamsville continue to symbolize that spirit with everything they do.

From the very start, the Jolly Boys set themselves apart by committing to a simple yet profound mission: to raise funds exclusively for local children and families facing financial difficulties, primarily through youth sports and activities. They embraced the values of volunteerism, ensuring that all their efforts were carried out by volunteers and that every dollar raised went directly to those in need. Through their commitment, the Jolly Boys have transformed the lives of many, providing vital resources and support to families in Williamsville and beyond.

As their efforts expanded, the Jolly Boys continued to evolve, they were able to start using their resources to support homeless shelters, cancer research, local parks, and historic preservation efforts. Their commitment to the community has never shifted, and their impact will be seen and felt for centuries to come.

Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the Jolly Boys for their contributions to not only the lives of individuals and families but have also strengthened our community. I ask that I am joined to express gratitude for the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, whose spirit of volunteerism and selflessness should serve as an inspiration to all.

**CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES**

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Reformed Church in the United States was founded in 1725, proclaiming the Gospel while serving communities across our Nation.

I’m especially honored to note the pivotal role that South Dakota churches have played in advancing the mission and heritage of the Reformed Church in the United States through the Eureka Classis and beyond.

During the Revolutionary War, one-fifth of German Reformed pastors served as chaplains in the Continental Army. One member, Captain Peter Humrickhouse, even crossed the Delaware River with General George Washington and delivered critical supplies to Yorktown, helping secure our Nation’s independence.

Presidents George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt both recognized the influence and integrity of the Reformed Church. President Washington openly praised the loyalty and devotion of its clergy and congregants. President Roosevelt regularly attended Grace Reformed Church in Washington, D.C. and laid its cornerstone himself.

This June, members and friends of the Reformed Church in the United States will gather at Mount Rushmore in my home state to mark this historic tricentennial milestone. It is fitting that such a celebration should occur in South Dakota, a state shaped by faith, perseverance, and patriotism.

Join me in recognizing the Reformed Church in the United States for 300 years of devotion to faith and service.

**CONGRATULATING THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE WOMEN’S BOWLING TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 NCAA BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Youngstown State women’s bowling team on winning the 2025 NCAA bowling championship over Jacksonville State on April 12, 2025.

In the “Entertainment Capital of the World”, Las Vegas, the Youngstown State women’s bowling team certainly put on a show. The path to the championship was vigorous, playing against very tough competition to secure the championship win.

The Penguins cruised through the regional rounds on the way to the championship and in the semifinals, the Penguins fell short to Jacksonville State 2–1. In the finals, the Penguins defeated the No. 2 seed 2–0 to advance to the national championship against Jacksonville State.

Looking for revenge, the Penguins came out of the gate swinging, winning the first two games by the scores of 204–199 and 248–210. The Penguins threw five strikes in the final four frames to win the first match and threw a strike on each of their final eight rolls in the second game. After Jacksonville State won game 3, the Penguins won game 4, taking a 3–1 lead and one win away from the glory. Games 5 and 6 were won by Jacksonville State to even the series 3–3. In game 7, the Penguins started strongly. Strikes and spares were the theme for the Penguins, showing the consistency that led them to the national championship game. With every strike and spare, the crowd roared, bringing the team one step closer to immortality. After back-to-back strikes to end the game, the team embraced, realizing their dreams and all their hard work had come to fruition. The Penguins forever etched themselves into history as champions.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Youngstown State women’s bowling team’s players, coaches, staff, families, and friends as we celebrate this historic victory and national championship. Go Penguins.

**RECOGNIZING CAROL BRISBOIS**

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Carol Brisbois has made through her work with Metropolitan Ministries. Carol has been a dedicated volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries since 2016. Monday and Friday mornings at the Metro Welcome Center are lively and wel-

coming, thanks to this remarkable woman. She greets both new and returning volunteers with enthusiasm, ensuring newcomers feel comfortable and understand the importance of their roles. Her humor, empathy, and dedication ensure smooth operations across all areas, from kitchen prep to client shopping in the metro market. She welcomes everyone—volunteers, clients, residents, and community members—with warmth, compassion, and genuine joy in service. Carol is always ready to tackle any task that needs attention. Metropolitan Ministries relies heavily on her to keep Volunteer Services running smoothly, not just during the holidays but all year round. She embodies the four key values of Metro’s culture, including: Character, Chemistry, Competency, and Calling.

It is clear Carol Brisbois has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

**CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF METRA**

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a milestone in Illinois’ transportation history, the 40th anniversary of Metra, which has been an essential part of the fabric of our region’s transportation network.

Since its founding in 1984, Metra has provided reliable, safe, and efficient rail service for millions of residents and commuters throughout the Chicagoland area. Metra plays a crucial role in connecting neighborhoods, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that individuals can travel easily to work, school, and recreational activities.

As the second-largest commuter rail system in the United States, Metra has helped foster economic growth by supporting both suburban and urban development and providing a convenient and sustainable alternative to driving. With 243 stations and 11 routes spanning nearly 500 route miles, Metra connects communities across the six-county Chicago area. Serving over 300,000 riders on an average weekday, Metra is the backbone of the region’s transit system, enabling people to commute safely, reliably, and efficiently.

Over the last four decades, Metra has adapted to the evolving needs of its riders, weathered economic challenges, and embraced innovations in technology to enhance the rider experience. The agency’s leadership has embraced modern technologies, improved accessibility, and continuously enhanced customer service to meet the growing demands of its passengers. Whether through the expansion of services, improvements to stations, or the adoption of innovative rail solutions, Metra has remained dedicated to serving the people of Illinois with the highest standards of service.

Today, we recognize the hard work and dedication of Metra’s employees—from conductors to engineers, from planners to customer service representatives—whose efforts have helped ensure the continued success of this critical public transportation system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Metra and extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to its success. I look forward to continuing to work with Metra as it builds on its remarkable 40 years of safe and reliable commuter rail service in the Chicagoland area.

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RECOGNIZING MARJORIE CURTISS

**HON. TOM BARRETT**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly extraordinary American, Marjorie Ann Smith Curtiss, who is celebrating her 100th birthday today. Born in 1925, Marjorie has spent the past century as a proud Michiganian whose life has been defined by strength, service, and resilience.

In 1943, during the Second World War, Marjorie became one of the original “Rosies,” embodying the spirit of Rosie the Riveter and stepping up to support her Nation on the home front. Immediately after her high school graduation, Marjorie volunteered at the Chevrolet plant near her home in Flint, Michigan, where she worked on rehabilitating military trucks for the front lines. A few months later, Marjorie became an inspector, where she played a critical role in maintaining records on the Briggs & Stratton airplane engines being rebuilt at the facility until the operation closed in 1945.

Marjorie’s legacy, however, goes far beyond the factory floor. After marrying her husband John David Curtiss, she raised four children, put herself through nursing school, and achieved a career in the field. Today, she is the proud matriarch of a growing family that includes seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her legacy of love, perseverance, and hard work continues to shine through them.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Curtiss is an exceptional woman who answered the call to support her Nation in its darkest hour. Her story, which is woven into the fabric of our Nation, is nothing short of remarkable. I urge my colleagues to join me and all of Michigan’s Seventh Congressional District in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

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RECOGNIZING CAROL NOBLE

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Carol Noble has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Noble was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Carol Noble has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and

I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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COMMEMORATING NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS WEEK

**HON. SHARICE DAVIDS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate National Auctioneers Week, taking place this year between April 28 and May 3.

The National Auction Association, located in the Kansas Third District, is the centralized headquarters for all auctioneering businesses, and I thank them for their advocacy on this matter. Additionally, I would like to recognize Livestock Marketing Association and the National Auto Auction for their advocacy work on this.

An auction is one of the oldest methods of purchasing and selling goods and remains a prevalent practice in businesses throughout the country. And with rising prices, auctioneering remains a steady method of both purchasing and selling goods competitively. Auctions, and the auctioneers that run them, allow buyers an equal chance of receiving competitive prices for purchases and also allow the seller to receive the best possible return.

The hardworking auctioneers that spend their time coordinating with clients and holding these events deserve recognition, and so I heartily support National Auctioneers Week.

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HONORING PASTOR VICTOR HARDY

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Pastor Victor Hardy, a beloved community leader, committed advocate, and upstanding citizen of the City of Chandler. Victor passed away on March 22, 2025, at the age of 63, after a lifetime of faith, friendship and service. Chandler—and all of Arizona—is a kinder, more just place for his presence among us.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Victor attended neighboring Norfolk State University where he studied music and performance. There, he met his beloved wife of 40 years, Cynthia. His lifelong devotion to serving God and his country was clear early in his life. After graduation, he served in the Virginia Army National Guard and the United State Air Force and pursued another degree in religious studies at Liberty University.

The Chandler Community was blessed nearly 26 years ago, when Victor moved his family to their new home in Arizona. He volunteered tirelessly with the school districts, the city, Chandler Tullamore Sister Cities organizations, East Valley NAACP, and many other local organizations and nonprofits. His particular focus was to uplift African American men in our community. Over a decade ago, Victor founded the Chandler Men of Action, a

profoundly impactful organization that empowers African American youth and honors the many contributions of African American men to Arizona. He became the first and only African American to hold the title of Executive Director at For Our City Chandler, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting collaboration and compassion in Chandler. In 2022, the Chandler City Council honored Victor with the MLK Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize his service to our community, which has helped to realize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream of a better, more just Nation.

Pastor Victor Hardy was ordained in 2012. Just three years later, he became the first African American solo pastor at the Congregational Church of the Valley. Victor built a welcoming and inviting space for congregants, and his congregation described him as a dedicated pastor—and as a friend and mentor. He challenged his members to deepen their connection to their community and was a vocal champion of public servants, like our teachers and law enforcement officers—he even led a First Respondents Blessing each September.

Pastor Victor Hardy’s love of music steered his service as well. Coming from three generations of African Methodist Episcopal church leaders, Victor’s musicality was fostered in church growing up. He founded and directed the Chandler Centennial Celebration Choir in 2012, created the Chandler High School Gospel Choir Club, and emceed the Chandler Symphony Orchestra Gala. Under his leadership, the Chandler High School Gospel Choir went on to perform at a number of high-profile shows.

Pastor Victor Hardy’s dedication to the Chandler community is remarkable and deeply appreciated by the city’s residents. My prayers are with his family, including Cynthia and his sons, David, Julian and Patrick. Victor will be deeply missed by his congregation and all of those committed to justice and societal change. His compassionate legacy of service will be felt for generations to come—Arizona owes him a debt of gratitude. I thank Victor, and Godspeed.

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RECOGNIZING CAROL SMITH

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Carol Smith has made to our community through her work with New Beginnings Youth Shelter, which serves homeless kids aged 10–17 who are between foster homes, abandoned, or homeless. The whole team jumps in to take care of the kids that have no one else looking out for them. They teach kids structure, respect, understanding and so much more in a loving environment. The team really cares, and each member is deeply invested in the kids’ long-term success.

It is clear Carol Smith has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

## CELEBRATING BASIL PIAZZA

**HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Basil Piazza, a dedicated public servant and long-time resident of Williamsville, New York whose tireless contributions to his community and his country have left a long lasting impact. Mr. Piazza's legacy spans decades of leadership, service, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of the Village of Williamsville.

A native of North Buffalo, Mr. Piazza graduated from Canisius University in 1965 with a degree in English. After relocating in 1968 to the Village of Williamsville with his family, he began a successful teaching career for 36 years throughout Western New York. His commitment to education and mentorship, even while serving in local government, speaks to his selflessness and passion for helping others succeed.

Mr. Piazza has dedicated nearly three decades of public service to the Village of Williamsville, including the roles of Village Trustee, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor. His leadership has shaped the growth and development of Williamsville, as he worked tirelessly to improve his community. His dedication to enhancing the quality of life for residents, fostering community engagement, and promoting the arts and culture within the village has left an inedible mark on the area.

Mr. Piazza's legacy extends beyond his years of service as a public servant and educator. He has made profound contributions to the United States by serving in the Army Reserve for 26 years while remaining devoted to his family as a husband and father—later becoming a loving grandparent, and great-grandparent. His legacy stands as a foundation for the community values he worked to uphold throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, today we recognize Mr. Basil Piazza for his steadfast commitment to public service and his outstanding contributions to the Village of Williamsville. His dedication continues to inspire all who had the privilege of working with him, and his legacy is certain to live on for generations.

## HONORING FORMER WOODRIDGE VILLAGE MAYOR WILLIAM F. MURPHY

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary life and leadership of the late Mayor William F. Murphy, a public servant who dedicated his career to the betterment of Woodridge and its neighboring communities.

Mayor Murphy's 41 years of leadership, as Village Trustee from 1972 until 1981 and then Mayor from 1981 until 2013, was paramount to the growth of Woodridge into the thriving village we see today. His negotiations brought water from Lake Michigan to DuPage County and sustained Argonne National Laboratory's research capabilities. He served in countless organizations, including as president of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and the Illinois Municipal League, demonstrating Murphy's aspiration to use local government to uplift the community.

Mayor Murphy remained deeply thoughtful and responsive to his residents' challenges. He consistently listened to their feedback and worked towards addressing their needs. Mayor Murphy also championed the ProLogis Fund, providing college scholarships and non-profit grants to empower the next generation of leaders and advocates. In addition, Mayor Murphy had a distinguished career as an educator, principal and Assistant Superintendent for 29 years for Woodridge School District 68, even having a local school named for him upon his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have represented such a dedicated leader who governed with the utmost humility. I ask you all to join me in honoring his legacy through the Woodridge Village Hall renaming. May the "William F. Murphy Village Hall" serve as a lasting reminder of his service to our community.

## RECOGNIZING ANDREA READ

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Andrea Read has made to our community as a volunteer for Brooksville Main Street. Andrea

embodies the true spirit of a Local Hero through her unwavering dedication to historic preservation, volunteerism, and community service. Her passion for preserving the cultural and architectural heritage of our town has left an indelible mark, ensuring that future generations can appreciate and learn from the past. For many years, Andrea has been a champion of historic preservation, tirelessly advocating for the restoration and conservation of our town's most treasured landmarks. She has played a crucial role in securing grants and funding for preservation projects, working closely with local government and historical societies to ensure that our community's history remains intact. Her leadership in restoration initiatives has not only beautified our town but has also increased public awareness about the importance of preserving our collective heritage. Through her efforts, several historic buildings that were once in danger of demolition have been revitalized, contributing to the town's unique character and charm. Beyond her work in historic preservation, Andrea is a dedicated volunteer who has given countless hours to various community projects. She has been instrumental in organizing events that celebrate our local heritage, including historical walking tours, educational workshops, and town-wide clean-up efforts. Her ability to bring people together and inspire civic pride has strengthened the community's appreciation for its past while fostering a sense of unity and belonging among its residents. Andrea's service extends beyond preservation efforts. Andrea consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to the well-being of others. Her selflessness and drive to create positive change make her a role model for all who know her. Her leadership and generosity have earned her the admiration of both peers and community members. Andrea is not one to seek recognition for her contributions; she simply believes in making a difference. Her work has inspired many to take an active role in preserving the town's history and engaging in volunteerism, creating a ripple effect that will be felt for years to come. Andrea Read's tireless efforts in historic preservation, her unwavering dedication to volunteerism, and her commitment to community service make her a truly deserving recipient of the Local Hero Award. Her passion for preserving the past, coupled with her devotion to improving the present, has left a lasting legacy in Brooksville.

It is clear Andrea Read has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 10:00:02 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:35 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 2983–3028; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 344–352, were introduced. **Pages H1622–24**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1625–26**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2482, to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–63);

H.R. 2480, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production (H. Rept. 119–64);

H.R. 2458, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–65);

H.R. 1402, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–66);

H.R. 1442, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–67);

H.R. 2444, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–68);

H.R. 617, to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–69);

H.R. 1664, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to take actions necessary and appropriate to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–70);

H.R. 1479, to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–71);

H.R. 859, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices (H. Rept. 119–72);

H.R. 906, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–73);

H.R. 2449, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force to be known as

the “6G Task Force”, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–74);

H.R. 866, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–75);

H.R. 1721, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–76);

H.R. 973, to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries (H. Rept. 119–77); and

H.R. 2399, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding (H. Rept. 119–78). **Page H1622**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1621**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Vincent De Rosa, Archdiocese of Washington, Washington, DC. **Page H1621**

**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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”; H.J. Res. 78, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt”; H.J. Res. 87, providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”; H.J. Res. 88, providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”; and H.J. Res. 89, providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The ‘Omnibus’ Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
3 p.m., Monday, April 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
12 noon, Monday, April 28

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, with a vote on the motion to invoke closure thereon at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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