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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 14, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARLIN A. STUTZMAN to act as a Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

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

PREVENTING IRAN FROM OBTAINING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, this week, the President travels to the Middle East on an important trip. It is a moment of great opportunity but also serious risk. As the U.S. pursues deeper partnerships across the gulf, we must remember that American leadership cannot rest on one-off deals or delusions of grand bargains. Our ambitions cannot outpace reality.

Most importantly, Iran lurks in the background of every conversation. Tehran is itching to play spoiler. Its nuclear ambitions and proxy networks remain the chief threat to regional stability, yet we have a rare moment of leverage. Iran's economy is in shambles. Its proxies are degraded, and its air defenses have been exposed.

That is why I introduced a resolution reaffirming that preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons is a non-negotiable American priority. It reinforces deterrence, clarifies expectations, and ensures congressional oversight, especially regarding any use of force.

We must not miss this moment. Iran continues to be a serious threat and the main detriment to peace in the Middle East.

COLLEGE SPORTS ARE BROKEN

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, there was welcomed news last week that President Trump is considering a Presidential commission on college athletics. I welcome the President's leadership because college sports are important, but college sports are also broken.

What used to be about school pride and student opportunity has turned into a chaotic, booster-fueled arms race. Regional conferences have been blown apart for television deals, Olympic sports are getting cut, and the balance between education and athletics is long gone.

This isn't the first time a President has had to step in. In 1905, it was Theodore Roosevelt who summoned the top schools to the White House to save college football from itself. He didn't kill the game; he saved it by demanding rules, safety, and common sense. We need that same leadership today, and that is why I am so pleased by President Trump's potential actions.

Let me be clear: College sports are a highly publicly subsidized enterprise. It runs on Federal exemptions, tuition

subsidies, land grants, student fees, and State dollars. Yet, as public dollars prop up the system, the money is ballooning and concentrating.

According to a 2023 report from the Knight Commission, annual revenues across all FBS athletic programs are expected to reach nearly \$21 billion by 2032. Here is the kicker: More than \$16 billion of that is concentrated in just 54 schools. While college sports are important to the entire country, roster spots across all sports are shrinking.

That is why I introduced the Restore College Sports Act to put common-sense guardrails back into place. It restores regional conferences so student athletes aren't crisscrossing the country for absurd TV contracts. It reestablishes competitive balance so the richest programs don't write all the rules. It creates the same transparent revenue-sharing model that protects Title IX, sustains Olympic sports, and keeps student athletes, not donors and agents, at the center of college sports. Mr. Speaker, I thank President Trump for considering this action, and I call on Congress to work together in a bipartisan fashion to save competitive college sports by restoring competitive balance across the landscape.

SUPPORTING THE WOMEN'S BUREAU AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn in the strongest terms the attack by DOGE on the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor, the only Federal agency representing women in the workforce.

Last week, Elon Musk's unelected, unqualified, inept team at DOGE canceled millions of dollars in grants funded through the Women's Bureau by calling them wasteful.

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These terminations decimated the important work of the Women's Bureau, including programs to support survivors of gender-based violence and Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations, which has successfully expanded pathways for women to enter the workforce and lead in all industries, including the trades.

A Department of Labor spokesperson claimed that the Women's Bureau funds discriminatory DEI experiments. I would like to know why exactly they think helping women enter and succeed in the workforce is a discriminatory DEI experiment. Canceling more than \$20 million in congressionally authorized funds is both illegal and unconstitutional, and we must hold DOGE and Secretary Chavez-DeRemer accountable.

Congress established the Women's Bureau 2 months before women officially gained the right to vote, 105 years ago this year. Instead of celebrating its achievements and recognizing the benefits of these grant programs, the Trump administration is trying to send us backward in time, harming millions of women in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I am not going back. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand with me in support of the Women's Bureau and the crucial opportunities and protections it provides for women in the workforce.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
AND SPRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate two high school teams on their recent co-championship win of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

Run by the Center for Civic Education, this competition tests the knowledge of high school students from around the country about the U.S. Constitution and American Government. Students display understanding about historical and contemporary constitutional issues, and their breadth of knowledge is incredibly impressive.

I am proud to report that both top teams are from public high schools in Oregon. Lincoln High School and Sprague High School won the national competition in Virginia after competing at the State level and then spending 3 days here in the D.C. metro area at the finals answering tough questions with confidence, intelligence, and grace.

Both teams showed deep knowledge of constitutional law and U.S. history, and this year we saw something amazing. The average team size is 21 students, but the Sprague team had only two. Impressively, the Lincoln team was mostly sophomores, but they all worked hard and it showed. A scoring anomaly resulted in both the Sprague and Lincoln teams earning the title of co-champions for the first time in the competition's history.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Center for Civic Education for making this oppor-

tunity available. I also thank the teachers and coaches who worked with the teams and these impressive students for giving us hope for the future at a time when it is desperately needed.

Please join me in congratulating Lincoln High School and Sprague High School on their co-championship win of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

HONORING SERGEANT MIKE
ANDERSON

(Mr. KILEY of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Police Week, I wish to recognize and honor Sergeant Mike Anderson of the Roseville Police Department for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Roseville community.

Sergeant Anderson has had an extraordinary 29-year career in law enforcement with 21 of those years dedicated to the Roseville Police Department. Throughout his tenure, he has held numerous roles, including assignments in patrol, the crime suppression unit, and SWAT. He has also served as investigations sergeant, patrol sergeant, and rangemaster and instructor. In addition to his daily responsibilities, Sergeant Anderson has been a cornerstone of the Roseville-Rocklin Regional SWAT team for over 20 years, with 15 of those years as SWAT team leader.

Sergeant Anderson is known for his expertise and for being a calm, capable leader in moments of crisis. He motivates through action, leads by example, and consistently places the well-being and performance of his team above all else.

Through his skillful training and leadership, the SWAT team has experienced two decades of success through many critical incidents. The caliber of guidance and mentorship he offers is so exceptional that many officers intentionally choose to remain on the night shifts that he oversees, despite challenging hours, to work and learn under his direction. His influence and the confidence that he inspires among others has shaped generations of officers who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

Sergeant Anderson has strengthened the Roseville Police force and our community is safer as a result of his commitment to the department.

Sergeant Anderson will soon be retiring as the senior, most serving sergeant in the outstanding Roseville Police Department, which is a testament to his dedication, integrity, professionalism, and leadership. It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Sergeant Mike Anderson.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Sergeant An-

derson for his nearly three decades of serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

(Ms. PEREZ of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the local law enforcement officers of southwest Washington who work around the clock to protect our community.

During my time in Congress, I have made it a priority to do ride-alongs and roundtables with local law enforcement and other first responders across the district to see firsthand their work and dedication.

These men and women don't have the luxury to view the fentanyl crisis in academic or sanitized terms. They see it in its most brutal, human scale.

I have also had the opportunity to see how we are training and supporting the next generation of officers. In August of last year, I toured the new law enforcement training center located in Clark County in my district. One of the first questions I asked the room was how many of them had children under the age of 5, and about half the room raised their hand. This makes sense, right, because they are at the beginning of their careers.

Before this new regional training center opened, these recruits would have to travel across the State, away from their families, for 5 months to complete the basic law enforcement training academy course. Now they can train closer to home, which is a game changer for recruits with new families.

The work done by law enforcement is exhausting and dangerous, yet absolutely critical. I am committed to ensuring Congress does its part to support our law enforcement partners, but it can't stop with Congress.

Law enforcement officers and their families make huge sacrifices to serve our communities and often feel like their work isn't respected or is intentionally vilified by some. You cannot substitute respect with another Federal grant or program or initiative. We need a cultural shift that values and respects the sacrifices these officers and their families make.

Mr. Speaker, I thank sincerely all of our law enforcement officers, their spouses, their families, and the communities that support them in this incredibly patriotic and challenging calling. I assure them that their work does not go unappreciated.

RECOGNIZING CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize corrections officers who have one of the most difficult and stressful roles in our law enforcement.

I made it a priority to tour jails in my district, and the corrections officers I have met are patriotic professionals who perform an unseen and often thankless job under incredibly stressful circumstances.

When I asked these COs what their priorities are, how can I be useful, the first five times I asked the question, they kept telling me what their detainees need, what would make life better for their detainees.

Every day corrections officers see firsthand the starkest crises of our society. They deal with the most violent offenders, our most difficult mental health challenges, inmates who have been caught up in the national fentanyl crisis, and people who have generally fallen through the cracks of society.

Every day they do the hard and necessary work that makes our judicial system function and receive little to no respect or gratitude from society. It should not surprise anyone, given all this, that they have a suicide rate seven times higher than the general population and an average life expectancy of only 59 years. This is an indictment against our country.

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Mr. Speaker, we must do more to support and recognize the role that corrections officers play in our communities. I, therefore, rise today to recognize and thank our corrections officers across my district for the difficult work they do and urge Congress and policymakers not to forget these law enforcement heroes.

RECOGNIZING SKAMANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the work that the Skamania County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team does in my community.

Skamania County is home to the Columbia River Gorge, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Mount St. Helens. Though the population of our rural county is only about 12,000, the natural beauty of my home county attracts recreational visitors from across the world.

Being in search and rescue is an unpredictable role, where you could get called to locate hikers who misread the map or relied on their phone or dig people out from an avalanche. Thus far, 2025 has been a record-setting year for search and rescue missions, with a 550 percent increase. Skamania Search and Rescue this year alone has saved an elderly woman with dementia who got lost wandering off the trail and a family with an infant who got stuck in the snow off-roading.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Skamania County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team for their dedication to ensure both residents and visitors of Skamania County are able to recreate safely in our beautiful country.

HONORING VANCOUVER POLICE OFFICER NICK
COPLEY

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recog-

nize Vancouver Police Officer Nick Copley. In addition to his service as a police officer, Nick Copley also served in the United States Navy.

When Officer Copley was deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of the two crane operators in his battalion. In this role, he was tasked with going to the areas where the Taliban had been pushed out, and his team would work to replace barriers with permanent concrete barriers around the base perimeter.

During his deployment, Officer Copley flew an American flag above a former Taliban base and flew that same flag from the base on September 11, 2010, and then brought it home with him. Three years later, on September 25, 2013, Officer Copley had the same American flag flown over the USS Arizona Memorial when he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Now a distinguished Naval officer, Officer Copley is retiring from the Navy. To recognize his service to this country, it is my honor to have that same American flag that he flew over the base in Afghanistan and Pearl Harbor flown over the U.S. Capitol.

I thank Officer Copley for dedicating himself to a career of service and representing what it means to serve his country and his community. I look forward to his continued service as a member of the Vancouver Police Department.

CONGRATULATING NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. PATRONIS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I wish a good morning to northwest Florida and rise to offer a special congratulations to the Northwest Florida State College women's basketball team.

On April 1, 2025—actually the same day that I was sworn into office—the Lady Raiders took on Alabama's Shelton State Buccaneers, and took home their third national championship in 5 years, with a final score of 62–53. Their overall record this season was 32–3, which is amazing, with a conference record of 10–2, and a proud 13–0 record at home.

It takes a lot of blood, sweat, and tears to make it to the top. Having a heart for the game and for your fellow teammates goes a very long way. I am very excited about the victory of this team and how they brought it home to northwest Florida.

Congratulations to Coach Bart Walker and his coaching staff for all their hard work and leading the team to victory and instilling in them the heart of champions. I congratulate the Northwest Florida State College State championship basketball team on a job very well done. Their incredible win is inspiring. They have made their community and the State of Florida very, very proud. God bless. Go Raiders.

REMEMBERING CAPTAIN ALLEN COLBY BRADY

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to represent more than 75,000 veterans that I represent in my district in northwest Florida. Florida serves as one of the most veteran-friendly States in the entire country.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow today that I acknowledge the passing and honor the memory of one of those great heroes, Captain Allen Colby Brady of Pensacola and his outstanding service to the United States.

Captain Brady lived as a resident of Pensacola off and on for nearly 50 years, becoming a permanent resident in 1994 after marrying his wife, Dianne, in 1994. Born in 1929 into a naval family, Captain Brady committed to attend the Naval Academy and become a pilot at just 8 years old. He fulfilled that vow after graduating from Annapolis in 1951 and earned his wings in Pensacola 2 years later.

He flew combat missions in Korea, survived nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific, participated in Cold War operations during the Taiwan Strait crisis, and then played a secret role in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He flew defense of freedom throughout the world.

However, his most harrowing test came in January 1967, when he was shot down over North Korea. Allen was captured and spent more than 6 years—that is 2,237 days—as a POW in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, enduring brutal torture, unimaginable conditions, and profound isolation. He never broke. He returned with honor.

After his release in 1973, Allen didn't retire quietly. He returned to Active Duty, ultimately commanding a major Navy training wing. Upon retiring in 1979, after 32 years of service, he set sail, literally, cruising the Florida coast, living out the promise that he and his fellow POWs made to embrace life fully if they ever got home.

However, Allen's service didn't stop there. In 1980, he made a daring, unauthorized voyage to Communist Cuba to rescue refugees during the Mariel boatlift, an act of moral courage that risked his freedom once again.

In later years, Allen became a speaker, mentor, and educator. He published a book of POW stories for schools, and he made personal classroom appearances. He also authored a memoir, "Witnessing the American Century," sharing insights from a life lived at the crossroads of world events.

Even in his nineties, Allen embraced new adventures as he continued to inspire students and veterans alike. Captain Brady exemplified the values of patriotism, courage, and honor.

In his words: "We will always need people who are willing to serve their country . . . willing to give their lives defending her." Allen Brady was not just such a person, he embodied that call.

God bless Captain Brady and his incredible life of service and sacrifice. Katie and I, all Floridians, and this Nation offer our thoughts and prayers to

the Brady family as they celebrate his life. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING LORIS GRISET ACADEMY

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, let me first rise to welcome today our own Anaheim Police Department officers seated in the gallery. Thank you, gentlemen, for protecting our community. Thank you for being here. Thank you for taking an interest in congressional affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lorin Griset Academy in Santa Ana for being recognized as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education.

Griset Academy helps prepare students to fulfill their potential both in class, as well as in future careers.

Join me in congratulating the dedicated staff and educators at Lorin Griset Academy for a great job in preparing Orange County's next generation of leaders.

HONORING SANTA ANA POLICE CHIEF ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Police Week by honoring my very good friend, Santa Ana Police Chief Robert Rodriguez.

Chief Rodriguez was brought to the United States when he was 4 years old as an undocumented immigrant. He got his opportunity at the American Dream thanks to former California Governor and Republican President Ronald Reagan. He then served our country in the marines for 6 years through two wars.

Today, Chief Rodriguez is our Santa Ana chief of police. He fulfilled a lifelong dream of being an American and serving his great country.

He inspires our community. I thank him for his hard work. God bless him and God bless Santa Ana.

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goodwill Industries of Orange County for 100 years of service to our community.

Reverend John Winterbourne founded Goodwill Industries in Orange County, California, in 1924. His own home became the first clothing repair shop that expanded to include an as-is lot that essentially created Goodwill Industries throughout the country.

Please join me in thanking Goodwill Industries for 100 years of service and dedication to our community and to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS OF MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students of Magnolia Science Academy in my district, who have achieved a tremendous milestone, qualifying for the VEX Robotics World Championship.

These students have shown that dedication and hard work does pay off.

They have earned the opportunity to compete on the international stage.

Join me in celebrating these remarkable young students as they prepare for the world championship in robotics.

RECOGNIZING BHARAT PATEL

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my very good friend, Mr. Bharat Patel, for his incredible career and contributions to our community.

In 1976, the Patel family purchased the original Peter Pan Motor Lodge in Anaheim, right across from Disneyland. Almost 50 years later, Mr. Patel's leadership has transformed this small hotel into the Castle Inn and Suites in Anaheim.

Mr. Patel is a business leader and philanthropist. He sits on the board of the California Lodging Industry Association, Visit Anaheim, and several colleges.

Bottom line, he is a Cal State Fullerton alumnus, a Titan, and I am proud of the positive changes Mr. Patel has brought to our community.

Recently, he was honored by Cypress College's Americana Awards as Citizen of the Year in Orange County. I thank Mr. Patel for his great work. He inspires and honors us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

CONGRATULATING SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of the Salem High School debate team, which recently claimed its second consecutive VHSL Class 4 State championship with a decisive 32-8 victory over Dominion High School. This victory marks the 20th State title for legendary Head Coach Mark Ingerson, 18 in speech and forensics and now 2 in debate.

Salem's dominance was on full display as the team captured individual State championships in three of four events. Senior captain Claire Rawlins led the way with a perfect 6-0 record in Lincoln-Douglas debate, tackling the timely question of artificial general intelligence. With four career State titles and a remarkable 29-3 record, Claire's leadership is unmatched.

In public forum, seniors U.V. Singh and Grayson Smith went undefeated, while sophomore Dylan Hancock earned Salem's first-ever congressional debate title with near-perfect speaker scores. Several other Spartans, including medalists Rebekah Steinweg, Luke Stovall, Kody Hinnant, and Abby Jones also delivered outstanding performances.

Also competing for Salem were Charlie Bain, 12th grade, and Nesa Garcia-Perez, 10th grade, in congressional debate, and Leah Johnson, 10th grade, and Ashley Toapanta, 10th grade, in

policy debate. Students London Basham, Harper Rocovich, and Caroline Loveday also competed admirably at the regional and State semifinal levels.

Special thanks go to Assistant Coach Rachel Wurster for her guidance and commitment to these students.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Salem High School debate team for their achievements, integrity, and the example they set for academic excellence in Virginia and beyond.

CONGRATULATING THE SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Skyline High School wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class 3 State wrestling championship, the first State title in the school's history.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Kyle Symons and Assistant Coaches Joe DiVello, Brian Scott, Alan Kroh, Jon DiVello, and Josiah Huston, Skyline's 13 wrestlers delivered a historic performance, scoring 218 points and sending six athletes to the finals.

Congratulations to individual State champions Paden Alyea, Parker Withers, and Josiah Sykes. In addition to the State champions, medalists also included Jacob Buffum, Vinny DiVello, Joey DiVello, D.J. Mabie, Cody Salomon, and Carter Huston, with strong performances from Cody Davis, Aiden Boyles, Ryan Williams, and Tytus Drake.

Skyline defeated two-time defending champion Staunton River by 39.5 points, a testament to their talent, teamwork, and resilience.

Thanks to Coach Symons, his staff, and the incredible Front Royal community, Skyline has made history. I am proud to honor their achievements today.

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Congratulating the Spotswood High School Boys' Basketball Team

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredibly special achievement of the Spotswood High School Boys' basketball team, which captured the State championship title for the first time in 32 years.

This remarkable victory is a testament to their talent, hard work, and perseverance. Under the leadership of Coach Edwards, rightfully named VHSL Class 3A Coach of the Year, these young men came mentally prepared and demonstrated the power of teamwork and determination to bring home the school's second State trophy.

Their success has united our community in pride and celebration. We congratulate the following team players: Cam Pacheco, senior guard named Player of the Year; Tyler Sprague, named first-team Class 3A all-State; Landon Davis; Rylan Baker; Reese Fisher; Will Parlee; Tsenat Tesfay; Cayden Price; Camden Langridge; Colin Regan; and Brenlyn Stobbs.

We congratulate the Spotswood Trailblazers on this historic win. They

have made Spottswood proud. We can't wait to see what they accomplish in the future.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the brave men and women in law enforcement who serve our communities, our Commonwealth, and our Nation with honor and courage.

These officers are our friends and neighbors, men and women who wake up each day, put on the badge, and willingly face danger to keep others safe.

Earlier this week, in Bridgewater, I joined members of local law enforcement and Commonwealth's Attorney Marsha Garst to honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since 1776, nearly 27,000 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, including 165 last year and 25 so far this year. Their service and their sacrifice must never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women of law enforcement represent the very best of our communities. We are safer because of their commitment, and we are grateful for their service. To every officer who serves, we thank them, support them, and will continue to stand with them.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, last week was National Small Business Week, a time to celebrate the millions of small businesses that form the foundation of our economy and our communities. These men and women aren't just entrepreneurs. They are job creators, innovators, and the embodiment of the American Dream.

House Republicans and President Trump are fighting to make sure they have the tools they need to thrive. That starts with making the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. Those tax cuts are critical for small businesses, with over 26 million relying on the 20 percent deduction to grow, invest, and hire.

I hope we keep working to ensure small businesses can continue driving American innovation and prosperity.

ENDING PAY-FOR-PLAY POLITICAL GIFTS

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump was elected with a mandate to improve the lives of hardworking Americans, to lower housing costs, to make groceries, childcare, and medicine more affordable, and to help our seniors get the care they need.

What has he done instead? He has used his position to inflate his own wealth and pad the pocketbooks of billionaire donors, all at the expense of the very people who elected him.

Unlike every single President before him, Donald Trump has refused to divest his business interests. He didn't

even put them in a blind trust. Instead, he handed them over to his family, who continues to profit.

In the past year alone, Donald Trump has doubled his fortune from \$2.3 billion to \$5.1 billion. He now has over \$5 billion. How is he doing that? By treating public office like a personal business opportunity.

Crypto investments make up \$2.9 billion of the Trump family's net worth. Just days after the inauguration, Trump announced a Trump meme coin used to funnel money into his and his family's pockets. Now, the Trump family crypto mining scheme is going public as their payouts grow larger.

This is more than a conflict of interest. It is blatant corruption. He is now considering accepting a \$400 million jet from Qatar dubbed a "palace in the sky." How is this even ethical? Even some of my Republican colleagues agree that not only is this wrong, but it is a national security risk.

As a Member of Congress, I can't even accept a gift of more than \$50, let alone \$400 million. It is a slap in the face of millions of people who work long hours just to put food on the table and afford the roofs over their heads.

He isn't looking out for the best interests of the American people. He is only looking for what is good for the Trump business.

While House Republicans are out here snatching SNAP benefits away from children, Trump is making sure his billionaire buddies get higher tax breaks.

While families stress over how to make ends meet with high costs, Trump is flaunting hotels and golf courses.

While House Republicans debate which critical funding to cut, Donald Trump is raking in the excess to expand his personal empire.

Donald Trump is making a mockery of public office by continuing to enrich himself at the taxpayers' expense. If a Democrat were in the White House, my friends across the aisle would be losing their minds right now. Wrong is still wrong, regardless of which party this President belongs to.

We need to put an end to Donald Trump's pay-for-play political gifts for the sake of our reputation, our democracy, and our future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DELIVERY ON HIS PROMISES

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here with you this morning to talk about the good news. Every day, I hear in so many newscasts that somehow the sky is falling. Let's get to the facts about what is actually happening in our economy and, most

importantly, how America is moving in the right direction.

Gas prices are down. Inflation, despite all the worry of the last month, was held in check. Food prices are down. The border is secure. Enlistments are up. Respect is back around the world.

Look at the scenes we are seeing overseas and the respect the United States enjoys once again. Peace is on the horizon, both in Ukraine and, of course, now that we have negotiated a deal with India and Pakistan.

This is about promises kept and about leadership met. That is why I am so excited to see America back again.

When we look at a lot of these things, one of the things that is so refreshing, that so many people tell me about back at home, is that the President of the United States is finally talking directly to the American public. He actually talks to the press. He takes questions. He illuminates what he is working on and why he is pushing different policies.

This is what is called open government. For the last 4 years, we have seen behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Now, we see open government and not just in talk but in action.

I know there has been some criticism of DOGE, and nothing is ever perfect. Let's be candid here. Mr. Speaker, it is your money. You deserve to know where every single dollar is spent. That is all DOGE is doing, in addition to making recommendations on how we can actually save money.

In case everyone hasn't noticed, we are running a deficit of \$1 trillion, let alone over \$36 trillion in overall debt. When I hear the other side talk about these different adjustments that might be made, what solutions have they offered other than higher taxes, that we need more money? There is plenty of money here in Washington, D.C. Let's figure out how to spend it in a smarter way.

That is all DOGE is trying to say. One of the smartest people in the world is literally saying there are some alternatives we might want to take into consideration on how the real business world works, as opposed to what happens in Washington, D.C.

That is why a lot of us new folks ran for office. Back at home, we actually balanced budgets. We are forced to work with a balanced budget amendment. Here, money just flows. If we dare cut spending in any possible way, somehow we are seen as heartless. I don't buy that.

For years, they talked about prescription drug changes. Guess what? The President did it. He didn't talk about it. He acted, and it is such a refreshing change. Again, he kept promises made on the campaign trail as opposed to the bait and switch.

Mr. Speaker, this is what American Government should be all about and why I am proud to work with the President every single day, trying to figure out how we actually reduce the size

and scope of the government and how we reduce costs so you have more of your own money in your own pockets. You earned it, after all.

Here is the other refreshing thing. He talked about reducing Social Security taxes during the campaign. Guess what? If you make under \$75,000, you are going to have a nice tax cut if you are on Social Security. Let's remember that is on a tax you have already paid.

Second, he talked about the idea of no tax on tips. Again, this is in the proposal we are putting forth. That is not Elon Musk getting breaks. That is not some rich billionaire getting a break. These are everyday, working Americans who make this country operate every single day.

It is a welcome change to what we saw over the last 4 years, when they just kind of told people what they were doing behind the scenes but never actually addressed the public directly on it.

I want to say one last thing. I was here last night. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of serving in the chair where you are. For a long time, I heard a Member from the other side talk about tax cuts for the rich. Guess what? The tax rate for the rich is staying the same. It is 37 percent now. It is going to be 37 percent when we pass this bill.

That is not a tax cut. Get it straight. They are on the same level. They are in a situation where they are paying high taxes. Mr. Speaker, think about 37 percent. Thirty-seven percent of every hour and 37 percent of every dollar you earn goes to the government in that regard.

There is no tax cut for the rich. It is simply keeping the current tax rate. I wish the other side would recognize that. This is not a tax cut.

Finally, I will end with this, Mr. Speaker. The issue of China is very important. As we know, once they joined the WTO many years ago, they were supposed to play by the rules. We were all supposed to be on a level playing field. Instead, what they have done is abuse the privilege of being in the WTO, the World Trade Organization. They steal our technology. They pollute the world. They still have slave labor today. It is an unlevel playing field.

What does President Trump do? He put the pressure on them, and they capitulated right away. We brought down the rates, and we have a more logical agreement. I think that, with the good work of our Secretary of the Treasury, we will actually put it in order.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to address the American public about what is really going on in our economy.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ON DRUG PRICING

(Mr. KHANNA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce as legislation Presi-

dent Trump's executive order for the most-favored-nation status on drug pricing.

My legislation will codify President Trump's executive order, which basically says that Americans should not pay more for drugs than people in other countries and other parts of the world.

Right now, we are paying two to three times more for our drugs than people in other industrialized nations. This executive order, codified by the legislation, will allow our Cabinet Secretaries to put pressure on Big Pharma and make sure that they are not price gouging and will allow for the importation of cheaper drugs.

Why do we need the legislation? The reality is that Big Pharma will sue over the executive order, like they did in the previous Trump administration. In the previous administration, they managed to kill the executive order. The only way we can stand up to Big Pharma is to codify legislation, which the President wants to do in an executive order.

Here is the deal. If I can cross the aisle and support President Trump's executive order and legislation, every Republican should be willing to cross the aisle and support my legislation.

It is a pretty simple test. Are we going to stand in this body with the \$16 billion that Big Pharma spent on lobbying, or are we going to stand with the American people? We will know that answer based on how many cosponsors we get for my legislation that simply codifies Donald Trump's executive order.

OPPOSING MEDICAID AND NIH BUDGET CUTS

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the cruel budget cuts on Medicaid and NIH. I don't want to sensationalize. I just want to give some of the facts.

The Republican budget would cut \$715 billion from Medicaid. They are going to freeze this thing called a provider tax, which means that the Federal Government is going to give \$600 billion less to hospitals across this country.

That is going to mean, according to the independent Congressional Budget Office, that almost 8.6 million people will lose their insurance. It is going to mean that many hospitals won't be able to offer services in physical therapy and mental health counseling. It is going to mean, unfortunately, that rural hospitals close.

Don't take my word for it. Take the word of Senator JOSH HAWLEY, who represents the State of Missouri. He said that these Medicaid cuts would be a total betrayal by the President and the Republican Party of the working class.

I never thought I would be quoting JOSH HAWLEY, but everyone should read his op-ed. He was pretty clear that these cuts would be devastating for working families.

Look at the cuts to the NIH. A report released today by the Senate says

there is already a 31 percent decrease in cancer research in this country. The NIH has been decimated with 30 percent effectiveness and almost a 40 percent cut. This is money that goes not just into cancer research but into Alzheimer's research and Parkinson's research.

We used to have a bipartisan consensus in this country that we did not cut Medicaid, that we did not cut medical research, and that we did not give more tax breaks in my district in Silicon Valley, to the billionaires in my district, at the expense of medical research and the working class.

Mr. Speaker, I hope people in this body will reconsider the cruel cuts to Medicaid.

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I hope people in this body will reconsider the cruel cuts to Medicaid, the cruel cuts to NIH, and tax the billionaires in my district a little more so we don't have to cut these essential programs.

WINNERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce our winners today for our second annual Missouri's Fourth Congressional District speech competition for 2025. This is something we started last year here in this very Chamber, and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to maybe adopt this in their district to try to re-instill patriotism into our great Nation.

Our prompt this year is: What does it mean to stand for freedom here at home and abroad?

Our first winner is Taylor Olendorff who is in the 11th grade at Glasgow High School.

Taylor wrote this:

Standing for freedom means advocating for the inherent rights of individuals to live without oppression, pursue their dreams, and express themselves without fear.

In America, freedom is foundational, symbolized by democratic values like free speech, equality, and the pursuit of happiness.

At home, this means protecting civil liberties and ensuring justice for all, regardless of race, gender or background.

Abroad, America plays a critical role in promoting freedom by supporting democratic movements, opposing tyranny, and providing humanitarian aid.

The U.S. has historically used its influence to encourage the spread of human rights and liberty worldwide, embodying the belief that freedom is a universal right, not just an American ideal.

Our next winner is Grey Landreth, who is in the 11th grade at Waynesville High School.

Grey wrote:

A tall, stone lighthouse standing firm against turbulent waters, giving a path for sailors even in the most treacherous of storms, always steadfast.

This is what it means to stand for freedom, to be resolute in one's principles in the face of adversity.

America is the lighthouse of freedom and democracy is the unforgiving sea of the world.

Illuminating the path to the patriotic way of life for which the previous people of this country fought so hard.

Not only is it important for the lighthouse to point the way for smaller vessels on the water, but also to maintain its light, to maintain its freedom.

Before America can radio the path for other countries, it must first prioritize its own freedoms and make sure its lightbulb never flickers.

Our next winner is Lauryn Lercher, who is also an 11th grader at Waynesville High School.

Lauryn wrote:

Freedom isn't just a word; it is a responsibility. To stand for freedom means defending the rights of others, even when it is difficult.

At home, America strives to protect democracy, ensuring every voice is heard.

But freedom isn't just for us, it is a global value. The U.S. promotes human rights and stands against oppression worldwide through diplomacy, aid, and example.

However, authentic leadership means acknowledging our flaws and working to improve.

Standing for freedom isn't about power, it is about justice, equality, and courage.

If we truly believe in freedom, we must defend it everywhere, for everyone.

Because without freedom, we lose what makes us who we are.

I am extremely proud of these young people. They are talented, smart, and patriotic Americans who want our country to be better. Let us all strive in this body no matter what side of the aisle we are on to make that happen.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue at a later date with our remaining winners.

Again, I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to adopt the congressional speech contest to build patriotism among our young people in the United States of America.

PROTECT MEDICAID

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, as we speak, House Republicans are finalizing an extreme budget plan that includes the largest cut to Medicaid in our country's history.

This is an outright assault on the healthcare of nearly 14 million Americans, including over 370,000 people in my district, California's 29th.

Additionally, hospitals like Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar, where over 70 percent of patients rely on Medicaid, will suffer, and services at health centers throughout my district, including El Proyecto del Barrio and Northeast Valley Health Corporation will be cut.

Republicans' attacks on Medicaid means Americans, including millions who are already struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living, will be forced to pay more for healthcare.

Republicans continue to show that they have no plans to make life easier

for anyone who is not a billionaire. In fact, while the rest of the country gets sicker and poorer, Republicans are set to give their billionaire donors new tax breaks.

Protecting Medicaid is essential to our communities. That is why House Democrats and I are demanding an up-or-down vote to protect it.

I call on my Republican colleagues to join House Democrats in signing our discharge petition to protect Medicaid for their constituents and healthcare for children, seniors, and the disabled in their district.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, this week we should be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the National Science Foundation and the countless investments it has made to propel our country ahead in the technological race.

However, since the start of the Trump-Musk administration, the NSF has been in its crosshairs. In total, Elon Musk, DOGE, and this administration have terminated over 1,400 meritorious grants totaling more than \$1 billion in funds.

Some of the projects that these funds would have supported include giving middle school students opportunities to use math and design to address agricultural issues; identifying the use of deepfakes and curbing the spread of misinformation; and supporting and training the next generation of quantum technicians.

Cuts to these programs, and many more, came with no transparency, little communication, and zero accountability.

My colleagues on the Science Committee have repeatedly demanded that the administration answer for their actions, even as recently as this week. Each time we were met with radio silence.

This administration needs to answer for its unprecedented attack and how it wiped out decades of progress for science, including decades of progress for diversifying the STEM workforce.

This week, we should be celebrating the advancements NSF has contributed to over the past 75 years and looking forward to a bright and innovative 75 more years. Instead, we are fighting to save it from the chaotic, reckless, and destructive actions of this administration.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IN THE MIDDLE EAST

(Mr. STUTZMAN of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my thoughts on the dilemmas that we face here in Congress.

Watching what is happening not only here at home and here in Congress but also around the world, we have a great opportunity in front of us. We can be not only strong here at home, but we can also be strong abroad. President Trump is showing that as he travels today in the Middle East.

I just want to remind us all that we have threats around the world who are watching the United States on a daily basis.

I was recently over in Syria, and there was a great opportunity there that President Trump has addressed by lifting the sanctions on the Syrian people, but the Syrian people know that America can be trusted. Now, let's take that opportunity and help not only them, because that is going to help stabilize the region in the Middle East and it is going to help our ally, Israel, it is going to help our other allies who are participating in the Abraham Accords. I want to applaud President Trump for what he is doing.

However, to see how the people in the Middle East and others around the world who are there have respect for our President is refreshing, to know that they know he is going to do what he says he is going to do.

He is a strong leader. He is one who is willing to sit down and talk to anyone. He is not afraid to sit down and talk to anyone. He has the American people behind him. He has the American economy behind him.

Look at what he is doing with China right now, Mr. Speaker. We all know that China is the threat that we are concerned about the most. We also know that others around the world don't want to do business with China because of the way they operate. They manipulate their currency. They take advantage of their own people, and they don't respect the environmental standards that we do.

What President Trump is doing is truly remarkable. He is resetting the national stage, the global stage, for the United States of America and for the American people. The tariff policy that he has implemented is bringing people to the table.

People ask: Why are people wanting to talk to President Trump in the Middle East as he is there visiting?

They see how much they want to get his ear. It is because he has reset the table and said: The American people are going to be put first, no longer are we going to continue to supplement, subsidize, and let other countries take advantage of the American people.

So I applaud the President today.

THE BUDGET

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about our budget. We here in Congress have a greater opportunity and a responsibility to be sure that we move towards a balanced budget and reduce our debt and deficits.

I would encourage all of us, Republican and Democrats, to realize we are spending more money than what we make. Mr. Speaker, \$1 trillion goes towards our interest each year. That means \$1 trillion doesn't go towards helping the American people.

Also, we are in deficit spending. Trillions of dollars are going to the national debt. I was first elected to Congress in 2010. The debt was \$9 trillion. In 2017, I left for a period of time, it

was \$18 trillion. Now we are in 2025, and the national debt is \$36 trillion of debt. That is going to be put on the backs not only of our children and grandchildren, but it is going to be put on the backs of us as Americans today.

Hardworking Americans are watching what we are doing. They are working hard.

Are we working hard for them?

We need to come to the table with this reconciliation package. I want everybody—we should all be at the table and realize that our healthcare costs are out of control. President Trump is already showing leadership on this. If the healthcare industry can't get its act together and lower the costs, then we are going to have to address it. It is no longer a free market in healthcare.

So I believe that we, as Congress, are going to have to start taking measures to be sure that the cost isn't just continually passed on to the American people and driving our debt further and further.

I would challenge the healthcare industry: Start doing it now; start lowering the cost.

We know healthcare costs in this country are out of control. Medicaid is the one that is now paying for it, and more and more people have been forced on to Medicaid. This goes back to ObamaCare. We were told by the Democrats that ObamaCare was going to fix our healthcare problems. Look where we are at today, Mr. Speaker. It is worse today than what it was back in 2008 and 2009 when ObamaCare was passed.

This is our opportunity to realize we have to cut spending in Washington. Let's make sure we take care of our men and women in uniform, but let's address the healthcare costs that are truly subjugating our Federal budget.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Ms. GILLEN of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of National Police Week, and on behalf of New York's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to stand here today to honor our brave men and women in law enforcement. Every day, our officers are on the front lines of the most urgent public safety challenges in service to our community.

When disaster strikes and people are in need, our law enforcement officers are the first to respond. Despite the risks, the long hours, and the constant stress, hundreds of thousands of officers wake up each day, put on their badge, and answer the call. They do it for us, for our loved ones, and for our communities.

This week serves as a solemn reminder of the dangers that our officers face daily. Without law enforcement, we would not enjoy the security we often take for granted. With courage and with bravery, our officers run toward danger every day to keep us and our loved ones safe.

Today, we honor Nassau County's own who gave their lives in the line of duty. Among them are Officers Erick Contreras, Christopher Cizmarik, Kevin Canavan, and Philip Schifini of the Nassau County Police Department who bravely served our community on 9/11, one of the darkest days in American history.

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In the aftermath of the worst terrorist attack on American soil, they are among the brave first responders who ran toward danger, working tirelessly among the toxic rubble at Ground Zero. Years later, all four would tragically lose their lives caused by the toxins that they were exposed to in their heroic efforts. This is a painful reminder of the lasting cost of their selfless service.

Unfortunately, thousands of our heroic law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel who bravely answered the call on the darkest day in our Nation's history continue to suffer from life-threatening cancers, respiratory diseases, and other debilitating conditions from the toxins at Ground Zero.

That is why I was proud to help reintroduce the bipartisan 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act, which would permanently fix the current funding shortfalls in the World Trade Center Health Program.

We owe it to our 9/11 first responders to ensure that the programs they rely on will be fully funded and fully staffed.

In addition, last year, we also lost Officer Jonathan Diller who proudly served with the NYPD. Tragically, he was killed last year while conducting a routine traffic stop in Queens.

In just 3 years on the force, Detective Diller made over 70 arrests and was honored with three Excellent Police Duty medals. His colleagues remember him as a bright, positive presence, always eager to learn, deeply dedicated, and truly passionate about the job he loved.

The names I mentioned are not just names on a list. They were fathers, brothers, sons, and friends. They were pillars in their department and in their communities, whose courage will never be forgotten, and their sacrifice will never be in vain.

On behalf of all of Long Island, we will never forget those who laid down their lives in service to others. As we mark Police Week, may God bless the officers who gave up their lives to keep Americans safe and may He give their loved ones comfort.

Mr. Speaker, I thank, honor, and stand with all of our officers, past, present, and future.

SPEAKING TRUTH ABOUT POWER

(Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, unbought, unbossed, and unafraid.

Mr. Speaker, I rise, driven by conscience, to embrace the moral imperative to speak truth not only to power but to also speak truth about power.

I rise today to acknowledge, driven by conscience, what the world is witnessing as we see the collective punishment being imposed upon Palestinians in Gaza.

I rise to say that this level of punishment is something that is intolerable and has to be addressed.

I rise to say that not only is there collective punishment, there is ethnic cleansing taking place in Gaza.

I rise to say that, at some point, we in this Congress have to take a stand against the injustice being perpetrated against innocent Palestinian men, women, and especially children.

This level of injustice is something that this country has always stood against, but we find ourselves today standing with Mr. Netanyahu and the government that is bringing shame to the country of Israel. Israel should never do what it despises. I believe that the country of Israel would despise this level of punishment, this level of injustice being perpetrated upon another country. Yet, we find today, under Mr. Netanyahu's leadership, Israel is gaining a reputation as a pariah country.

Mr. Speaker, to add insult to this grave injury, the United States of America, by and through President Donald John Trump, is aiding and abetting by simply having him conclude that somehow Gaza should become a resort of a sort and that the Palestinians would be moved to some other place. That is a form of nouveau ethnic cleansing.

I do not support it, and I want the world to know that if in this bill, this big, beautiful bill that the President would have us sign off on that I am already antithetical to, if there is money in that bill to support the continued ethnic cleansing, the continued inhumanity that is taking place against the Palestinians, I cannot support that. I will not vote to send more money to see innocent men, women, and especially children slaughtered the way it is taking place right before our very eyes.

The unfortunate thing is there are too many among us who are afraid to speak up. I refuse to be among those who at this time are challenging controversy, who would sit and cower. I am going to take a stand not because it benefits me personally but because conscience says we cannot allow these injustices to go unpunished. I am driven by conscience to say that I won't be supporting sending any additional dollars to Israel, having already sent and voted for more than \$50 billion.

Nobody can accuse me of not being supportive of Israel. I have supported it, but I can't support the Netanyahu administration and what it is doing to the country of Israel. I can't support what is happening in my country as our President would embrace this ethnic cleansing.

This is the hour of decision. This is the time for every person of good will to make a decision. I stand for peace in Palestine and the two-state solution.

There are those who say that there is no plan for the interregnum, what we call the day after. Mr. Netanyahu does have a plan. It is to take all of Palestine. It is to take all of Gaza. It is to take the West Bank. He has a plan. Don't assume that because he is going in without our permission that he doesn't have a plan; he does.

My plan is to vote against any additional funds to the State of Israel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOSAR). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CELEBRATING HEAD START'S 60th BIRTHDAY

(Mrs. MCBATH of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, this weekend marks a very important anniversary in our Nation's history. On May 18, we celebrate the 60th birthday of Head Start. I take this time to acknowledge the leaders and advocates from the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia's largest Head Start provider.

Through the years, my office has developed an outstanding partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta as we work hand in hand to serve our children. Next week, the supporters of Head Start from across Metropolitan Atlanta will gather to wish a happy birthday to this critically important Federal program.

Mr. Speaker, 60 years ago, President Lyndon Baines Johnson spoke from the Rose Garden to announce the opening of 2,000 child development centers across the country.

Project Head Start was developed as a community-driven initiative to ensure that children born into poverty would not remain there for the rest of their lives. In order to get a good head start on the future, children would receive preschool training to get them ready for school. They would receive medical and dental care. Their parents would receive counseling on how to provide the best environments for them at home.

Mr. Speaker, 60 years later, Head Start's legacy continues to make America proud. This Federal program has served nearly 40 million American children. From classrooms to the kitchen table, Head Start walks alongside our families and their young children to serve them through the four pillars of every Head Start program, from education, health services, family involvement, and wraparound services.

The benefits of Head Start are clear. Children who attend Head Start are more likely to complete high school and more likely to enroll and complete college. They are less likely to have run-ins with the law, less likely to

enter foster care, and less likely to experience poor health.

I am proud to serve in Congress with notable Head Start alumni, such as my colleagues Representative TONY GONZALES, TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ, ANDRÉ CARSON, JAHANA HAYES, and of course, Georgia's very own Senator RAPHAEL WARNOCK.

Sadly, over the last 60 years, the transformational legacy of Project Head Start seems to have been forgotten and its future has faced recent threats by many of the Republican colleagues and the Trump administration. Just last month, a leaked Republican budget proposed a complete elimination of funding for Head Start. In Georgia alone, over 22,000 children would stand to lose out on the opportunity to participate in this life-changing and transformative program.

As a mother who fights for the safety and success of every child in America, I will not be silent in the face of these attacks. That is why I have been standing up and sounding the alarm, working to educate people back home about what these cuts would mean for our community, not only in Georgia but all across the Nation. Georgia is facing a childcare crisis. At a time when access to childcare is severely limited, cuts to Head Start would impact not just the lives of the children and their families but our entire communities.

Head Start is a core component of our local economy, and without access to this option, many parents would be forced out of their jobs. Head Start affords working families the peace of mind that their children will be safe, healthy, and well cared for during the day.

Just as President Johnson did, we are continuing to fight for investments and opportunities for our children so that they have the tools necessary to achieve their highest ambitions. Federal investment in the foundational development of our children must remain our national priority.

As we prepare to wish Head Start a happy 60th birthday, I call on all Georgians and all Americans across this country to take action and speak out in support of our children. What we do today matters a great deal for the future of our next generation.

It is my hope and my prayer that 60 years from now this body will be comprised of many more Head Start alumni, living proof that this program must continue.

LETTER TO SECRETARY NOEM AND SECRETARY RUBIO

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I recently wrote a letter to Secretary Noem and Secretary Rubio, which I will share with my colleagues.

"I write today to express my grave concern over the administration's apparent misuse of obscure provisions in

our Nation's immigration laws to deport or detain indefinitely individuals without due process. Independent of whether a noncitizen is guilty of what they are being accused, I fear these actions are setting a bad precedent that undermine the American justice system, runs contrary to the letter and the spirit of the U.S. law, and pose a risk to American citizens at home and abroad.

"The Fifth Amendment provides that all persons in the United States are entitled to due process of law, including, at minimum, notice, an opportunity to be heard, and a decision by a neutral decisionmaker. Contrary to this constitutional protection, the administration has decided to leverage exceptions in the law, such as invoking the foreign policy bar of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and/or the Enemies Alien Act of 1798 as its reasoning for detaining or deporting individuals without due process.

"The foreign policy bar of the INA states that if the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe an alien's entry, proposed activities, presence, or activities in the United States would have 'potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States, that person can be excluded or deported from the United States.'

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"Similarly, the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 permits summary deportations during times of war and was last invoked during World War II. These provisions now have novelly been used during peacetime as grounds to send Department of Homeland Security agents to the homes of individuals with varied alien status, including permanent residents and asylum seekers, arrest them, and either detain them indefinitely or forcibly deport them. Lawyers representing the subjects have been denied access to their clients as well as access to the warrants and other official documents. Judicial orders have been blatantly ignored and courts denied access to potentially evidentiary information.

"I am concerned these actions by the administration are simply a trial balloon to expand Presidential authority without judicial or legislative oversight in order to detain individuals at their will or discretion. The constitutional checks and balances and our Bill of Rights have been the envy of the free world and a warning to dictators everywhere that a nation can be strong and secure and at the same time show forbearance in the administration of justice. Seeing the erosion of these concepts in our own Nation is disheartening, to say the least, and a dangerous precedent to entertain for any free people.

"It is my responsibility to speak out, not because I agree with the affected individuals or sanction acts for which they are accused, but because if we wish to live in a democratic society, we

must defend the lawful rights of all, including those whose actions make them subject to the American justice system. The actions taken by the administration to arrest, detain, or deport without lawful due process sets a dangerous precedent for us all, even those who one day may count themselves among former holders of high office. Americans also now risk being subject to retaliatory treatment in other countries. Given the centuries-old protections granted by our Constitution, I urge the administration to rethink its actions in order to preserve the letter and the spirit of our American laws."

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIDSON) at noon.

PRAYER

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

What would You have us do today, O Lord?

What decisions would You have us make?

What words would You have us speak?

What actions would You have us take?

Teach us Your way this day, O Lord, that we may rely on Your faithfulness.

Then give us an undivided heart that when we are faced with challenges, we would rely on Your wisdom; when we are met with resistance, we would count on Your strength; when we face doubt, we would believe in Your eternal grace plan; when we are overwhelmed with fatigue, we would know Your everlasting arms will uphold us.

Great is Your love toward us, O God. May our lives this day reflect our faith in Your steadfast love.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr.

WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

TRUMP PROMOTES FREE SYRIA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Donald Trump has begun the first trade trip of his second term, announcing a historic agreement with Saudi Arabia and others to invest \$1.4 trillion in America, creating jobs.

More historic foreign policy wins are expected as President Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio continue their trip now to Qatar and then UAE.

Courageously, President Donald Trump announced yesterday he is lifting sanctions on Syria to provide the country a "chance at greatness." Sanctions were imposed on the murderous Assad dictatorship, which in November declared: I was an enemy of the state, and weeks later the dictator fled to Moscow.

Today was a historic meeting between President Trump and Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, as arranged by Saudi Arabia and Turkiye, with the opportunity to expel Russian bases from Syria.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, hosting murderous dictators.

MEDICAID BENEFITS ALL OF US

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

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in your defense and in defense of all of your fellow Medicaid beneficiaries.

Now before you say, wait a minute, Medicaid is for poor people, and I am not poor. Here is the thing: If you cut Medicaid, community health centers shut down, which means that instead of preventative care, folks go to emergency rooms. If you ever need urgent medical attention, and there is an ER bed available, you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

If you cut Medicaid, public school kids with special needs won't get the targeted resources that they need. If you are a kid or if you are the parent

of a kid who is getting help from a teacher who is not otherwise overwhelmed by their workload, then you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

If you cut Medicaid, a whole lot of hospitals will close. If you have an operating hospital within driving distance of your home, congratulations, you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

Medicaid benefits all of us. Yet, the Republican plan that they are debating would cut that program by \$700 billion, making us all sicker, more vulnerable, and making sure that people die. However, at least they can tell Donald Trump that they gave him a tax cut.

I hope they are proud of themselves because no one else is.

CONDEMNING ATTACKS ON KNOWLEDGE AND HISTORY

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn President Trump's attack on knowledge and on history.

Last week, he fired our beloved Librarian of Congress. He fired the head of the U.S. Copyright Office for perhaps writing a report that his tech billionaire backers didn't agree with. He has cut funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is cutting funding for important programs that tell our history, that tell our culture across the United States.

In New Mexico, we are proud of our diverse, and often conflicting and difficult, but always fascinating history and culture. I ask President Trump why is he afraid of the complexities and the brilliance of our history?

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2240, IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2243, LEOSA REFORM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2255, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVICE WEAPON PURCHASE ACT OF 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 405 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 405

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any bill specified in section 2 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such bill are waived. The respective amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in each such bill shall be considered as adopted. Each such bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions

in each such bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on each such bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. The bills referred to in the first section of this resolution are as follows:

(a) The bill (H.R. 2240) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

(b) The bill (H.R. 2243) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

(c) The bill (H.R. 2255) to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Last night, the Rules Committee met and produced a rule providing for consideration of three pieces of legislation—H.R. 2240, H.R. 2243, and H.R. 2255—which will all be considered under a closed rule, each with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Additionally, the rule provides each with a motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are here in Washington this week to continue to work on behalf of the American people. This is, in fact, Police Week, but we have been busy this year, this Congress delivering for the American people.

In this Congress so far, we have passed legislation to secure our elections, H.R. 222, the SAVE Act; hold rogue activist judges accountable, H.R. 1526; bring transparency to institutes of higher education, H.R. 1048; make changes to our border with the Laken Riley Act and the HALT Fentanyl Act; and to repeal the Biden-era harmful environmental regulations by passing what we call Congressional Review Acts to undo the damage of the Biden administration.

As Republicans continue to work on behalf of the American people and fi-

nalize the reconciliation products we are working on currently, we are also here to recognize National Police Week and the thousands of law enforcement officers who wake up every day to step on that thin blue line to defend and protect us.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

Yesterday, my staff and I got the opportunity to welcome police officers from New Braunfels, Texas, and hear about the challenges they face every day. I talk to the men and women in blue virtually every day in the district that I represent, as I know many of my colleagues do.

My grandfather was the chief of police of a small west Texas town called Sweetwater. I was blessed to work in the United States Attorney's office and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, working every day with law enforcement. What they do matters for the peace and security of our country. Our Republic depends on having security on our streets.

There are thousands of stories that I can share about the daily heroism of law enforcement officers across the country, hundreds I could share even in the district I represent.

On February 16, 2024, Austin Police Department officers Dalton Schroeder and Jason Wright responded to 4-year-old William Martinez Romero, who was choking. The officers quickly jumped into action. Body cam footage shows Officer Schroeder run to his cruiser to grab an antichoking device he bought with his own money to be prepared for situations just like this, while Officer Wright started supporting William with back blows. They saved his life that day.

We must also remember that Police Week honors fallen peace officers, including one officer who died in the line of duty, Austin Police Department Senior Officer Jorge Pastore died in action November 11, 2023, responding to a domestic violence call in South Austin. Hostages were held inside a home, and when officers attempted to enter, gunfire started to go off. The SWAT team was called in to help distract the suspect, one being Officer Pastore, who was trying to rescue the victims.

I know I speak for many of my colleagues when I say we couldn't be more excited to welcome tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the country to D.C. this week.

Let's be clear: House Republicans and President Trump are mobilized to restore order and sanity in the United States, something that had been lacking for years.

I remember the days, as I know my colleagues do, in 2020 when there were fires and destruction rampant across the country, as our cities were being burned to the ground and law enforcement was being targeted. It was unacceptable.

There are Members of this body, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, who were encouraging it. They were undermining our law enforcement officers, making it more difficult for them to carry out their jobs, who were challenging them. It was important that we stood by them, and it is important now that the President and Republicans are standing by our law enforcement officers.

Americans suffered due to the amplification of that extreme rhetoric against law enforcement. The homicide rates stayed significantly higher through 2022 after massively skyrocketing in the wake of 2020.

The rule before us today is another step in helping law enforcement officers across the Nation which, after 4 years of a Biden-run Department of Justice targeting police departments, should be a welcome relief to our men and women in blue.

This week we will consider three pieces of legislation to support our brothers and sisters in law enforcement. H.R. 2255, the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025, which would allow Federal law enforcement officers the opportunity to purchase the service weapons they used before obtaining a new one; H.R. 2243, the LEOSA Reform Act, which amends the Gun-Free School Zones Act to provide an exemption for law enforcement officers certified under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act to carry a concealed firearm in a gun-free school zone; and H.R. 2240, Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act, which would require the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress that includes data on attacks on law enforcement.

These bills are widely supported by law enforcement groups. The Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriffs of America, National Association of Police Organizations, National Narcotics Officers' Associations' Coalition, and Sergeants Benevolent Association of the NYPD sent a letter on March 25, 2025, to the House Judiciary Committee urging support of these bills and advancement to the House floor.

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

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Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today, as every day, I stand in honor of our police and our law enforcement. I often say to those who serve that to serve is an act of love. I recognize the love of those who step up to put their lives on the line and to put their lives in a place of danger to protect us. I honor that service and that love.

Today, like last night, I heard an outrageous lie about which party supports law enforcement. Let's look at

the facts. Republican President Donald Trump's proposed budget will slash funding for the ATF and Drug Enforcement Administration, fire FBI employees, wipe out community policing grants, and gut civil rights enforcement.

Trump's budget doesn't support local law enforcement. It hurts them.

In my rural district, local law enforcement actually needs more support. I am outraged when Republicans say Federal help is duplicative, which is what they said last night in the Rules Committee.

I have spoken with the police officers and sheriffs who traverse thousands of miles of bumpy rural roads in my district. Rio Arriba County, for example, is bigger than the State of Connecticut, yet it has fewer than two dozen police officers.

Mr. Speaker, do you know what helps a small, rural police department like Rio Arriba? Do you know what the sheriffs need? They need support from the FBI and Federal law enforcement. FBI comes in and helps them solve crimes.

Tribal law enforcement also relies on the FBI. Tribal leaders frequently describe the long wait times for police to arrive and the countless criminal investigations left unsolved because there aren't enough FBI agents.

Mr. Speaker, when you cut funding for the FBI, as Republican President Trump proposes in his budget, you are not cutting duplicative funding. You are cutting essential investigative services. It is a guarantee that crimes will go unsolved.

The partnership between law enforcement agencies at all levels is critical to keep our communities safe. From the sheriff in Rio Arriba to the Capitol Police officers right outside these doors, each plays an important role. Unfortunately, not everybody respects all of our law enforcement officers.

In this very building, January 6 insurrectionists brutally attacked the Capitol Police and law enforcement officers from multiple jurisdictions. More than 140 police suffered injuries and went to the hospital. Five officers died. Then, President Trump pardoned the violent thugs who battered those police officers. It is a shame.

Every day, we walk by our dedicated Capitol Police, yet very few Republicans have the courage to condemn the pardons of the violent thugs who beat the police. Last night during Rules, we couldn't even get a Republican who is a former prosecutor to condemn the pardons—more shame. If Republicans truly backed the blue, they would all denounce those pardons.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if my colleague from Texas condemned those pardons. Is he willing to do so now?

Mr. Speaker, I want to turn to what Americans are focused on right now and what the thousands of callers to congressional offices, Republican and Democratic, are worried about. It is Republican cuts to Medicaid.

This is a big week for Republicans. As reported in Punchbowl, it is their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cut Medicaid.

This week in the dead of night while America was sleeping, Republican committees took a sledgehammer to life-saving programs like Medicaid. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what is happening. Democrats fought all night to save 8.6 million Americans from losing access to Medicaid. That doesn't include the 4.2 million Americans who will start paying a whole lot more for their healthcare premiums so big corporations can get their tax deductions.

Republicans voted down every single amendment that Democrats offered to protect Medicaid. Let me remind everybody that in more than 25 districts, more than a third of the constituents rely on Medicaid. That includes Republican Nick Begich's and ROBERT BRESNAHAN's districts. Not a single Republican had the courage to stand up for their constituents.

The people are showing up in our offices to demand that Republicans listen to them. Some are protesting in their wheelchairs.

Yesterday, I spoke to a disabled woman named Julie outside the committee markup. Thirty-five years ago, Julie crawled up the House steps to demand that Congress pass the Americans with Disabilities Act. She is now back to beg for the bare minimum. She told me that she doesn't trust Republicans to protect her healthcare. Based on their votes, she is right.

Congress listened to her plea 35 years ago. Now, the wealthy interests and Trump's pressure are just too much. Republicans won't listen to a word from Julie or the 80 disabled advocates who came with her. She and other advocates are asking them to protect Medicaid and to protect the services they need. Even though they are in wheelchairs, they are not voiceless and will show up with their power. If that doesn't break our hearts, I don't know what will.

We have a broken system that prioritizes the wealthy, corruption, and loyalty to President Trump over the health and well-being of people like Julie. There are 8.6 million people who will suffer because Republicans took their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cut Medicaid.

Republicans may be gleeful, but Americans will be tearful. Remember, congressional Republicans will lie over and over and say this is about rooting out fraud. No, it is not. It is about giving permanent tax cuts to the oligarchs. In fact, the top 20 percent of income earners will get 68 percent of the benefits in their bill.

Make no mistake that people will die as a result of these cuts. Families will suffer. Many will go broke thanks to medical bills, while millionaires get money for more yachts. Do they really need any more yachts?

Mr. Speaker, getting back to law enforcement, do you know the other

things that sheriffs in my district need to respond to crime and to keep people alive? They need rural hospitals. When Republicans strip \$715 billion from Medicaid, no matter how they try to paint that pig, they will be eliminating rural hospitals and emergency rooms.

When they do that, police officers in rural areas in places like Chama, New Mexico, in my district will have to drive 1½ to 2 hours to the nearest emergency room. Ask any first responder: The quicker somebody gets to an emergency room, the more likely they are to survive. When life or death is a matter of minutes, what Republicans are doing this week is deadly.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are so concerned about crime in the country that the parting shot of Joe Biden on January 19 was to commute the sentences of 2,500 Federal defendants he claimed were "convicted of nonviolent drug offenses."

Let's look at that. We have a situation where he reduced the sentence of a Buffalo man, Lairon Graham, 67. In 2023, he was convicted of organizing and heading a drug conspiracy to sell fentanyl, crack cocaine, and heroin. When police raided his home, they found fentanyl, crack, and cash. He also possessed a firearm. In addition to heading up the drug gang, Graham was also convicted of sex trafficking by force or coercion from 2013 to 2021.

Of course, this is on top of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle wanting to defend a Maryland man for being sent overseas after the guy was clearly moving people illegally, beating his girlfriend and wife, violating our laws, and here illegally. That is who they want to defend.

There are numerous other examples. Jaron Ruth, another Buffalo native, pleaded guilty in 2019 to selling drugs over a period of 3 years and possessing firearms. He had been charged with shooting a man in the chest during a burglary of the victim's home.

These are the kind of folks that Joe Biden was commuting as he exited stage left. We had another situation where he commuted the sentence of a gentleman who left prison after Biden commuted his sentence in the killing of two FBI agents. Is that who my colleagues on the other side of the aisle think they ought to be defending?

Can they answer the question of commuting the sentences of these violent criminals and putting them out on the streets, just as they voted against every measure we put forward to defend our borders and to stop the death and destruction of American citizens like Laken Riley or like Jocelyn Nungaray or those who have died at the hands of dangerous criminal cartels and gangs in our country?

What President Trump is doing is restoring the rule of law. What Republicans are doing is standing up in defense of law enforcement because we stand up in defense of the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for the opportunity to speak today, and I think 4 minutes will turn out to be an appropriate amount of time.

My colleague on the other side talked about the nature of things being deadly. I would like to talk about that.

On April 17, less than 1 month ago, at 11:56 in the morning, a shooter carrying a gun walked onto the campus of Florida State University and began to shoot students and adults. It was a gun crime that we would all agree was horrific.

Mr. Speaker, I am new in this place. I only got elected here a month ago. What I will tell you of my observation of my first 4 weeks of being here is I hear a lot of canned speeches that don't actually address the bills and issues that the American people have sent us here to work on. I think it is why we may be held, to some degree, in such low regard.

During this shooting at 11:56 on April 17, seven people were shot. Fortunately, five were not killed. We only know one of them. She was a graduate student. The other names have not been released. In that shooting, two were killed.

Robert Morales was 57 years old and a dining coordinator at Florida State. Tiru Chabba was a vice president at the food service company at Florida State.

Why do I tell this story? Law enforcement at Florida State did everything right. They rushed to the scene. They subdued the shooter. Mr. Speaker, do you know how long it took them to do that? It took them 4 minutes, the amount of time that I will speak here today. In those 4 minutes, with law enforcement doing everything, seven people were shot, and two were killed.

H.R. 2243 would say that if any one of them were a retired or an off-duty law enforcement officer, they could have protected themselves.

When these horrific things happen, the fact of the matter is that it will take law enforcement time to get there. Mr. Speaker, the only way for you to defend yourself is for you to do it.

I am not saying that, had that bill passed, these seven people wouldn't have been shot. I don't know if there was retired law enforcement there. I don't know that any of these people were that.

I know that when shooters consider the places that they are going to go, one of the things they think about is what might be the response. When we tell people who have spent their entire careers and who are trained—not just anyone but someone who for their entire career gave themselves selflessly to protect us all, when we tell that per-

son because they are off-duty, because they are retired, all of that service is no longer useful, we needlessly put people at risk.

I don't want another shooting like we had at Florida State. God forbid, if there ever is another one, I want people there to respond. I am grateful to the law enforcement officers who took longer to get there than my speech will take, but I worry about what will happen next time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative BACON for bringing this bill forward. I thank Representative ROY for giving me the opportunity to speak. We were told we should stand up for our citizens in this process. When we stand up to keep them safe, that is exactly what we are doing.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am really wondering what kind of people they want to defend over there. Let's talk about those pardons. Let's talk about the fact that this isn't something that happened over there. This happened in this Capitol. Those violent offenders were violent before they got there.

Let me talk about a couple of them. Do my colleagues want to defend Steven Cappuccio? He was convicted of six felonies, including assaulting a police officer.

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Mr. Speaker, he was together with David Dempsey. David Dempsey was sentenced to 20 years. He stomped on a police officer's head, and he struck an officer in the head with a metal crutch.

This is the kind of person the Republicans want to defend.

Enrique Tarrio, a former national leader of the Proud Boys and a domestic terrorist, was pardoned by Donald Trump.

Guy Reffitt, somebody who brought a gun, zip ties, and body armor, was pardoned by Donald Trump.

Not only that, they have gone after their pardons, and they haven't stopped the criminal spree.

A Houston man was pardoned by Trump and then arrested on sex charges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article titled: "Houston man pardoned by Trump arrested on child sex charge."

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

There was no objection.

HOUSTON MAN PARDONED BY TRUMP
ARRESTED ON CHILD SEX CHARGE
(By Robert Downen, Feb. 6, 2025)

Andrew Taake received a six-year sentence for assaulting officers on Jan. 6. He was arrested Thursday on an outstanding charge of soliciting a minor.

A Houston man who was recently pardoned by President Donald Trump for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection has been arrested on an outstanding child sex crimes charge.

Andrew Taake, 36, was taken into custody on Thursday after spending more than two

weeks as a fugitive, the Harris County District Attorney's Office said. He had previously been charged with online solicitation of a minor stemming from a 2016 incident in which he allegedly sent sexually explicit messages to an undercover law enforcement officer who was posing as a 15-year-old girl.

Taake was among the roughly 1,600 people, including 120 Texans, who were charged for their roles in the U.S. Capitol riot, which ultimately resulted in five deaths, injuries to 140 police officers, at least \$2.8 million in damage and roughly 1,575 federal criminal cases.

Federal prosecutors said Taake used bear spray and a metal whip to assault officers, and that he was caught after bragging about the incident to a woman he met on an online dating app. Screenshots of his messages to the woman, who later alerted law enforcement, show that he sent a selfie of himself to the woman that he said was taken "about 30 minutes" after the incident, according to court records.

In June, he was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty in 2023, but was released from federal prison in Colorado following Trump's sweeping Jan. 20 pardon of those charged for partaking in the melee.

Taake's release was condemned by Harris County District Attorney Sean Teare, who said that his office had faxed a copy of Taake's outstanding warrant to the Federal Bureau of Prisons five days before he was pardoned. After about two weeks on the lam, Taake was located and arrested at a residence in Leon County, Texas, the Harris County DA said Thursday.

Trump has referred to Jan. 6 defendants as "patriots" and "hostages," and said his mass pardon ends a "grave national injustice that has been perpetrated upon the American people." He and other Republicans have sought to frame the riot as a peaceful protest, and those charged for their roles as political prisoners.

But many—including at least 37 Texans—were charged with assault or other violent crimes. Others were members of extremist groups or militias, including Stewart Rhodes, the former Granbury resident and leader of the OathKeepers militia who was sentenced to 18 years in federal prison after a jury found him guilty of seditious conspiracy. Dozens more, including Taake, had prior convictions or pending charges for crimes such as rape, sexual abuse of a minor, domestic violence or production of child sexual abuse material, NPR reported last month.

Of the nearly 1,575 people charged in the riot, two-thirds pleaded guilty and roughly 250 were convicted by a judge or jury, according to NPR. Only four defendants were acquitted of all charges, and fourteen had their cases dismissed.

Texans played key roles in the insurrection. They helped craft Trump's attempts to overturn election results and were crucial to mainstreaming baseless election fraud conspiracies. On Jan. 6, a Texan was the first person to break into the Capitol, and Texas lawmakers have been among the loudest defenders of the riot and those involved in it.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. This happens over and over again. They seem unwilling to stand up for the Capitol Police whom they walk by every day.

They refuse to put up the plaque that is, by law, honoring them.

I wonder if they ever even say: I am sorry. I am sorry that President Trump pardoned the people who beat you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FROST).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I think it is really interesting that one of my colleagues from Florida just brought up a

terrible mass shooting that happened at Florida State University, which is horrible. Part of the reason I ran for Congress is to end gun violence.

When he brought up the shooting, I thought it was interesting because he left out one of the most important parts. He brought up that he never wants to see one of these shootings happen again, but he left out how the shooter got his gun.

The shooter got his gun from his stepmother, and it was a retired service weapon that was not kept in a safe way. He stole the gun, the retired service weapon, from his stepmother, and then he went to Florida State University and murdered two people and wounded six others.

Mr. Speaker, I bet you that that same gentleman who talked about that shooting is going to vote "yes" later on H.R. 2255 which I deeply oppose.

Just 1 month later, after this former service weapon was used to carry out a mass shooting and kill people at Florida State University, Republicans here in Congress are pushing the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act, which would flood the gun market with even more former service weapons without any additional precautions, zero safe storage and zero background checks. In every State, a police officer would be able to purchase an older gun from their department at a discounted price.

House Republicans would not even consider my amendment to encourage caution by letting people hold law enforcement agencies accountable with what is done with the weapon. The United States already has the highest number of mass shootings in the world, and gun violence is the leading cause of death for children in this country.

So I am glad that one of my Republican colleagues from Florida wants to make sure that the shootings don't happen again.

Let's start by ensuring that we block this bill, H.R. 2255, so that way police officers don't even have to respond to a mass shooting in the first place. I am done with talking about how we are going to handle these things after they happen. Let's talk about how we are going to prevent these shootings from happening in the first place.

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

What I would notice, Mr. Speaker, is that the gentleman complained about not having the amendment considered, but he offered the amendment about 1 hour before the Rules Committee met. So spare me the concern about whether or not we are considering amendments when we don't have the time to look at the amendment.

I would also note that when we are talking about these kinds of people, I went through a list of folks whom President Biden had commuted.

Here is another one. A Lubbock man, granted clemency by Biden, was arrested. The sheriff was absolutely angry about the former administra-

tion's decisions. The sheriff said that he felt angry after he found out a convicted criminal was being released back on the Lubbock streets early, that a convicted criminal is now back in law enforcement custody after violating his supervised release.

These are the kinds of folks whom we are putting back out on the streets, and we are having to arrest again the very people that President Biden put back out.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. McGUIRE).

Mr. McGUIRE. I thank my friend, the gentleman from Texas, for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule and the three bills it provides consideration for.

Since 2020 respect for law enforcement around our country has been on the decline, and we have seen the effects this has had in our communities.

We all know the best way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. In Chicago, criminals do not care about gun laws. They have the strictest gun laws and the most gun violence by criminals who don't care about gun laws. We need more good guys with guns on the street, mostly because Biden's open-border policy brought more illegal criminals into our country who are robbing, raping, and killing the American people.

In November the American people responded to this lack of respect in the polls. They elected the Republican majority in the House, the Senate, and the President in the White House who truly believes in law and order.

The three bills that the rule provides consideration for are commonsense bills. If we entrust law enforcement officers to uphold the laws of our Nation and risk their lives daily, then we should be able to entrust them to carry their weapons unrestricted off duty and to purchase their former service weapons.

Like many of my colleagues, I agree that we would not have a nation without those we entrust in uniform, whether they serve in the military, as first responders, or as law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, these men and women aren't honorable because of the badge they wear. They make the badge honorable because of the lives they live.

Every time I return to my district, I meet with the sheriffs of the 24 counties, cities, and towns I represent and hear directly from them about the troubles they face in the line of duty.

If we want to see safer streets and communities in our country, then we must ensure that we give law enforcement every tool possible so that they can make it through the day and return home safely.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I express my strong support for the rule and the underlying bills that it allows consideration for.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H. Con. Res. 33.

This measure will ensure that the plaque honoring the brave police officers who defended us on January 6 is hung in the Capitol as required by law.

Mr. Speaker, you know it is Police Week, but Republicans for some reason refuse to put up the plaque honoring the heroic efforts by U.S. Capitol Police and other local and Federal law officers who defended us and our democracy on January 6.

It is not a scary thing. The plaque looks like this.

Don't you agree, Mr. Speaker?

It is lovely. It recognizes their heroic efforts, and it is the law. It was signed into law by the President that this plaque goes up.

What are they afraid of?

Why don't they want to honor the Capitol Police and other law enforcement officers who were beaten and battered?

Why is their support for police conditional?

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CROW), to speak more to this resolution.

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Police Week, I join my colleagues in honoring law enforcement around the country and back home in Colorado.

On Capitol Hill, the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police protect us and the seat of our democracy. I personally owe a great debt of gratitude to these officers who responded to the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Many of my colleagues and I were trapped right up there in the House gallery that day as an insurrectionist mob converged on the Capitol. Officers from the Capitol Police, Metropolitan Police Department, and numerous other departments risked their lives to protect us and our democracy.

As seen here, these officers were brutally assaulted with flag poles, bear spray, stun guns, knives, and bats. Over 140 officers were wounded and sustained injuries from the attack. Many still deal with the mental and physical trauma from that day.

There were numerous officers who died from their injuries after the attack: Officer Brian Sicknick, Officer Howard Liebengood, Officer Jeffrey Smith, Officer Gunther Hashida, and Officer Kyle DeFreytag.

Congress, on a bipartisan basis, took a step to honor their extraordinary bravery when we passed a law in 2022 directing the placement of a plaque at the Capitol.

The plaque is complete. It is done. It has been sitting somewhere in storage in the Capitol, and it is way past time that we display this for America to see.

This Police Week let's honor the men and women who bravely risked everything to do their duty to protect this House and to protect this Capitol and our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in doing the right thing. It is time to display this plaque so Americans around the country who visit the seat of this democracy will see and be able to join us in honoring the bravery of those men and women from January 6, 2021.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would note that as we are considering this Police Week and we are talking about the safety and security of our streets, I would just note that two of our most dangerous States as measured by violent crime and property crime rates are the States of New Mexico and Colorado, which also happen to have Democrats controlling all levels of power.

I would note that last summer, the good people of Aurora, Colorado, were dealing with Tren de Aragua, who were engaging in violent activities in apartment complexes and demonstrating the violence that has led to the death of Americans, and the trafficking of dangerous narcotics and fentanyl. They literally took over their homes. I met with and talked to Cindy Romero from Aurora about what happened to her in her home and that my Democratic colleagues weren't even acknowledging that it was happening. They were just ignoring it.

Then Tren de Aragua moved to San Antonio and other places across the country. I want to give a shout-out to the Texas Department of Public Safety and all the great local law enforcement in Hays County, Texas. That is because just literally last week they converged together with the FBI to go identify and stop 47 individuals. Probably 14 of whom were a part of Tren de Aragua from all over the country. They had come into Austin to coordinate. They had drugs, narcotics, and children in a home near where I live in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Thanks to law enforcement we now have removed at least four of those individuals and are prosecuting others because we now have a law enforcement community who knows that the President of the United States is backing them, and a Republican House and a Republican Senate are backing them.

Local law enforcement are being backed instead of having leftist judges who are dismissing the crimes and putting dangerous criminals on the streets. When Joe Biden commutes sentences and puts dangerous criminals on the streets, the American people know who is actually standing up for law enforcement.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I find it incredibly ironic when my colleague talks about President Trump backing law enforcement.

Last night in the Rules Committee, their Republican colleague, Mr. KNOTT,

noted that Republicans have not increased or passed legislation for law enforcement in the 119th Congress.

When Republicans back law enforcement, they should actually be passing the funding to support State law enforcement, to support that collaboration and coordination. At the same time we are seeing that Republicans are not saying a peep about the fact that President Trump is cutting existing resources.

Not only does he plan to cut the budget for law enforcement, he is cutting resources today. He has terminated \$820 million worth of grants for public safety. He has cut \$169 million in funding for community safety and violence reduction programs. He has cut \$71.7 million in grants to policing and prosecution programs, including longstanding efforts to address violent crimes and acts of targeted violence.

It doesn't terminate there. The Trump administration terminated grants for policing and prosecution, for victim services, for juvenile justice and child protection, for substance abuse and mental health treatment, for correction, and for protecting and serving the women who have been raped and the children who have been abused. He has cut that funding.

I have spoken to the women who are administering those programs and who have called me in tears because the children they serve will not be receiving those Federal grants.

Mr. Speaker, I want to get back to this issue of the pardons that my colleague has referred to.

Once again, let's go back and think about how they have not objected to the pardons of the January 6, nor have they called for putting up the plaque to honor the law enforcement who served us that day.

□ 1245

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, which I will propose if the previous question is denied, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT), the chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, to discuss our proposal.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, both Democrats and Republicans should be forever grateful to the police officers who protected this Capitol as an angry, racist, violent mob came in. We will forever remember the 140 officers who were injured and the five officers who lost their lives as a result, including Brian Sicknick, a Capitol Police Officer; Howard Liebengood, a Capitol Police Officer; and Metropolitan Police Department Officers Jeffrey Smith, Gunther Hashida, and Kyle DeFreitag.

I am also grateful to those officers that testified in front of the January 6th Committee, including Michael Fanone, Officer Harry Dunn, Police Sergeant Aquilino Gonell, and Officer Daniel Hodges.

It has been more than 2 years, Mr. Speaker—take a look at this plaque—that the other side has failed to properly honor police officers. Yet, they stand here and want to dictate to us how supportive they are of the men and women in police departments across this country. They have failed to put this plaque up to properly honor those men and women that protected our lives as an angry, racist mob came into this building and chanted: “hang Mike Pence.” Let's kill NANCY PELOSI. That is what they intended to do, and you failed to recognize the police officers that protected all of us, Democrat and Republican.

As the ranking member of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee, I am more than willing to work with the Architect of the Capitol and Republican leadership to make sure that we honor our police officers, and this Police Week it is important that we do that.

What do we get from the White House? We get a pardon of very violent people that wanted to hurt all of us.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I am compelled to say to the Republican leadership that they must honor police officers in the proper way, particularly those of them that gave their lives for us and the American public. Let's do this. It has been years now since they refused to do this, and yet they call themselves the party of law and order.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, a vote on the previous question is a vote to protect the police.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

If we talk about standing up in defense of police, how can my colleagues on the other side of the aisle say with a straight face that that is what they want to do when we had one Democrat from New York who said: I am not in favor of more police; I am actually in favor of defunding the police. We had another Congresswoman from New York who said: Defunding police means defunding police. I can go back, and the RECORD is replete with examples of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle calling for defunding the police. In fact, one of my colleagues from Texas was literally serving on the Austin City Council when they cut \$150 million out of the Austin Police Department's budget, leaving their academy decimated, leaving them unable to field 911 calls, leaving violent crimes skyrocketing in the city of Austin, because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were patently clear about their desire to defund the police and

side with violent mobs in the summer of 2020, when our cities were burning across the country.

Yes, we are standing up for the men and women in blue. Yes, we will defend them, but, no, we are not going to blindly support grants that are being used by NGOs to undermine the very police they are saying they are trying to support. For example, one grant to an NGO that was promoting prostitution and open borders, this is the kind of stuff that the American people sent us here to stop. This is the kind of stuff that they are proud of the President for using DOGE to identify and stop.

Yes, we are trying to defund those particularly bad grant programs, while we try to make sure that our local jurisdictions can fund police properly and have judges that will actually put bad guys in jail instead of letting them on the streets and a President that won't commute the sentences of 2,500 people, dozens or hundreds of whom were violent criminals and are now back out on the streets.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my colleague has mentioned all kinds of words and ideas, and he is putting all kinds of stuff out there, but he has not once mentioned the plaque.

The previous question is: Will you honor the police who defended us in this Chamber by doing a simple thing? That is putting up this plaque.

Mr. Speaker, what counts on the floor of this House is your vote. Let's look at what those votes have resulted in. Those votes say we should honor the police who suffered when the insurrectionists beat them, that we should honor the police who protected our democracy and indeed protected every single one of us. Whether you are Republican or Democrat, a House Member or a Senator, you were protected by the police.

Are you willing to vote for this? If you vote against the previous question, you are saying we will not do this simple act of respect.

Now, let's get to the idea of what did you actually vote on.

Democrats have the receipts. For fiscal year 2023, the last year that Democrats wrote the appropriations bill, we increased funding for grants to State and local law enforcement by \$506 billion. All but nine House Republicans voted against that bill.

Remember, it is not what you say. It is what you do. What did you vote for? Democrats put forward bills to increase funding, and Republicans voted against it.

We also increased funding for the FBI by half a billion dollars. I already went through how important the FBI is for Tribal law enforcement; how much our rural and local officers rely on them to do the investigation. They have access to technology that our sheriffs do not. The FBI supports law enforcement in Indian country.

We need these resources, and I am incredibly insulted when the gentleman, my good friend from Texas, my neighbor, actually says of local law enforcement that these programs are a waste. Go and talk to the people who rely on them. They are not duplicative. They are not a waste. They are essential.

Let me do just one last little fact check on that. When you look at who has the most homicides and some of the highest crime rates, it is indeed Republican States. Yes, it is unfortunate, and it is something we need to work on. Democrats raise this issue all the time, but the highest levels of crime and homicides are—let me go through those States—Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, sadly, New Mexico, Missouri, Arkansas, South Carolina. See a little trend there? It is actually Republicans. Don't come and talk to us about that. It is dangerous to live and work in many Republican-led States.

Let's get back to what we do to honor and respect law enforcement on this Police Week.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

We have heard a lot of claims today, but here is what remains true. Democrats support law enforcement, not just with words, but with action, with our votes. We back them with funding, with resources, and, importantly, with respect.

That is why, under Democratic leadership, we increased funding for local and Federal law enforcement, including the very FBI that solves crimes in our rural and Tribal communities.

We don't just say these things. We show up for law enforcement. We stand with the Capitol Police who defended our democracy and our lives on January 6. We honor their courage. We mourn those who died, and we refuse to excuse the violent criminals who attacked them.

Unfortunately, too many of our Republican colleagues have chosen loyalty to Donald Trump over loyalty to the truth and over loyalty to the officers who keep us safe. You cannot say you support and respect law enforcement and stay silent as Trump pardons the violent criminals who battered the police on January 6. You can't say you support law enforcement when you refuse to do something as simple as hanging a plaque to honor their sacrifices.

While Republicans hold up empty slogans, Democrats fight for the health and dignity of the American people. We fought all night long to protect 8.6 million Americans from losing Medicaid, for the mother caring for a child with disabilities. We fought to protect the senior in rural New Mexico who has to drive hours just to see a doctor and will have to drive hours more when their Medicaid cuts destroy our world healthcare system. Why? So Repub-

licans can hand out tax cuts to billionaires.

Do the millionaires and billionaires you are protecting really need more? They already have so much. They will drown and bury the veteran, the pregnant mother, the disabled worker with paperwork while they will just give away a bigger tax cut to the wealthiest among us. That just doesn't seem fair.

Mr. Speaker, I say that this is about values. This is about who do you value and what will you do when it actually comes down to vote?

Democrats value and choose to protect people like Julie, who crawled up these Capitol steps 35 years ago to demand dignity and now returns to beg us not to be forgotten. We are not forgetting her, and Democrats will not stop fighting for her and for millions more.

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

Mr. ROY. May I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 11½ minutes remaining.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of my Republican colleagues for bringing forward legislation in support of our law enforcement community.

I am proud of the fact that, in fact, this President is trying to focus resources where it will best provide security and safety on our streets and back our law enforcement community to actually target criminals, not fund ridiculous grants, not fund NGOs that are undermining our security, the very NGOs that are perpetuating the open borders; that are putting gangs in our communities, like TDA and MS-13, that lead directly to the death of Americans, death of Americans like Jocelyn Nungaray, like Laken Riley, like Rachel Morin, like Kayla Hamilton; Americans that are no longer with us because of the policies of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, because of wide-open borders, and because of tolerance of violent criminals, because of a Democrat President who has let violent criminals out on the street and commuted their sentences; because of radical leftist judges promoted by those that fund my colleagues on the other side of the aisle; like George Soros who have funded DAS that are letting criminals out on the streets in cities like San Antonio and Austin that I represent; like my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that have defunded the police time and time again and have defended that position.

For example, one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle said that the defund the police movement is one of reimagining the current police system to build an entity that does not violate us, while relocating funds to invest in community services.

Another colleague said that the defund movement isn't new. Folks are just finally listening.

Defund the police, said a Democrat colleague.

Defunding the police isn't radical. It is real, said a former Democrat colleague and, as I said before, a colleague that literally voted on the Austin City Council to strip \$150 million out of the police budget, leaving the Austin Police stranded, unable to do their job and the people of Austin unable to get the services that they deserve and pay taxes for, while their streets are made more violent and while criminals are allowed to roam free under the very aforementioned Soros DAs that refused to prosecute the criminals.

□ 1300

Everybody in America knows what is going on. Everybody in America gets the joke. They saw their cities burning in the summer of 2020. They saw the reality of what happens when you allow these radical Democratic policies to take root, and they want it to end.

They want common sense back. They want a President who will enforce the law and an FBI that will target criminals instead of the American people. They don't want to have a Federal Government that is weaponized against them. They don't want them to be targeted.

They want violent criminals off the streets. They want violent gangs off the streets. They want our borders to be secure. They want TDA out. They want MS-13 out. They want fentanyl off their streets.

The only way you can do that is to actually back up the people trying to enforce the law and actually stand with them in the enforcement of the law, not turn around and let all the criminals back out on the streets. Yet, that is what my colleagues perpetually want to do.

The fact of the matter is, the American people understand that this President, this Republican House, this Republican Senate, and Republican jurisdictions across the country stand for law enforcement. They stand for order. That is what they want. That is what they sent us here for.

We put together some bills this week that are focused on wishes of the people, the men and women in blue, like my grandfather, who served as chief of police in Sweetwater, Texas, and the many law enforcement I was proud to serve with and alongside in the Office of the Attorney General of Texas and in the United States Attorney's Office. We work with them on a regular basis.

When you talk to them, they cannot do their jobs if the radical leftist policies of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are allowed to continue to be perpetuated. You can't combat crime if you put the criminals back on the streets. You can't combat crime if you import criminals from dangerous prisons. You can't combat crime if your law enforcement agencies are targeting American citizens for political retribution rather than taking dangerous, violent criminals off the streets.

I rise in support of these bills. I rise in support of the rule. The legislation that we put forward will provide the value for our men and women in uniform that they have asked for. They have asked for the ability to keep the weapons that they had in service.

Why does that matter? I will tell you why it matters. My grandfather that I mentioned before died in 1949 of cancer. When my dad, a 7-year-old, had polio and my grandmother was a single mom in west Texas raising him and did all the tough things, didn't ask for any handouts, took two jobs, helped my dad go on to be the first to go to college—my dad is 82 years old. He is still alive. He is 82 and still manages to walk, barely.

My dad talks about his dad as a cop, and he pulls out his old .38, the .38 revolver that my grandfather had in service. That means something to the people who serve. It means something for them to be able to carry that with them and take it with them. It is no small thing.

Some of my colleagues dismiss it as not being important. I can tell you it is important to the people who are out there serving because they devote their lives to this cause.

When I take that .38 out of the safe and show it to my son, he is holding the .38 that his great-grandfather held and carried with him when he was policing the streets. I think that is a good thing.

The material previously referred to by Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 405 OFFERED BY
Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ OF NEW MEXICO

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC 3. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 33) directing the Architect of the Capitol to install at a permanent location on the western front of the United States Capitol an honorific plaque listing the names of all of the officers of the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and protective entities who responded to the violence that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. All points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution are waived. The concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration or their respective designees.

SEC 4. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 33.

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

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

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WITTMAN) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2215;

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 405; and

Adoption of House Resolution 405, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SALEM MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK REDESIGNATION AND BOUNDARY STUDY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2215) to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the "Salem Maritime National Historical Park", and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 31, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 125]

YEAS—382

Adams	Amo	Babin
Aderholt	Amodei (NV)	Bacon
Aguilar	Ansari	Baird
Alford	Arrington	Balderson
Allen	Auchincloss	Balint

Barr	Friedman	Malliotakis	Sherman	Sykes	Vargas	amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2255) to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.
Barragán	Frost	Maloy	Shreve	Takano	Vasquez	
Barrett	Fry	Mann	Shreve	Taylor	Veasey	
Baumgartner	Garbarino	Mannion	Simpson	Tenney	Velazquez	
Beatty	Garcia (CA)	Mast	Smith (MO)	Thanedar	Vindman	
Begich	Garcia (IL)	Matsui	Smith (NE)	Thompson (CA)	Wagner	
Bell	Garcia (TX)	McBath	Smith (NJ)	Thompson (MS)	Walberg	
Bentz	Gillen	McBride	Smith (WA)	Thompson (PA)	Wasserman	
Bera	Gimenez	McCaul	Smucker	Tiffany	Schultz	
Bergman	Golden (ME)	McClain	Sorensen	Timmons	Waters	
Bice	Goldman (NY)	McClain Delaney	Soto	Titus	Watson Coleman	
Bilirakis	Goldman (TX)	McClellan	Spartz	Tlaib	Weber (TX)	
Bonamici	Gomez	McClintock	Stansbury	Tokuda	Webster (FL)	
Bost	Gonzales, Tony	McCollum	Stanton	Tonko	Westerman	
Boyle (PA)	Golden, V.	McDonald Rivet	Staubert	Torres (CA)	Whitesides	
Bresnahan	Gooden	McDowell	Stefanik	Torres (NY)	Wied	
Brown	Goodlander	McGarvey	Steil	Trahan	Williams (GA)	
Brownley	Gottheimer	McGovern	Stevens	Tran	Williams (TX)	
Buchanan	Graves	McIver	Strickland	Turner (OH)	Wilson (FL)	
Budzinski	Gray	Meeks	Strong	Underwood	Wilson (SC)	
Bynum	Green, Al (TX)	Menendez	Stutzman	Valadao	Wittman	
Calvert	Griffith	Meng	Subramanyam	Van Drew	Womack	
Carbajal	Grothman	Messmer	Suozi	Van Dyne	Yakym	
Carey	Guest	Meuser	Swalwell	Van Orden	Zinke	
Carson	Guthrie	Mfume				
Carter (GA)	Hageman	Miller (IL)	Bean (FL)	Fulcher	McCormick	
Carter (LA)	Hamadeh (AZ)	Miller (OH)	Biggs (AZ)	Gosar	McGuire	
Carter (TX)	Harder (CA)	Miller (WV)	Biggs (SC)	Green (TN)	Mills	
Casar	Haridopolos	Miller-Meeks	Boebert	Greene (GA)	Moore (AL)	
Casten	Harshbarger	Min	Brecheen	Harrigan	Ogles	
Castor (FL)	Hayes	Moolenaar	Burchett	Harris (MD)	Perry	
Castro (TX)	Hern (OK)	Moore (NC)	Cammack	Harris (NC)	Roy	
Cherfilus-	Hill (AR)	Moore (UT)	Cloud	Higgins (LA)	Self	
McCormick	Himes	Moore (WI)	Clyde	Joyce (PA)	Steube	
Chu	Hinson	Moore (WV)	Crane	Kennedy (UT)		
Ciscomani	Horsford	Moran	Crank	Massie		
Cisneros	Houchin	Morelle				
Clark (MA)	Houlahan	Morrison				
Clarke (NY)	Hoyer	Moskowitz				
Cleaver	Hoyle (OR)	Moulton	Beyer	Dean (PA)	Norcross	
Cline	Hudson	Mrvan	Bishop	Donalds	Norman	
Clyburn	Huffman	Mullin	Burlison	Evans (PA)	Pettersen	
Cohen	Huizenga	Murphy	Case	Garamendi	Scanlon	
Cole	Hunt	Nadler	Connolly	Gill (TX)	Sherrill	
Collins	Hurd (CO)	Neal	Davis (IL)	LaHood		
Comer	Issa	Neguse	De La Cruz	Larson (CT)		
Conaway	Ivey	Nehls				
Correa	Jack	Newhouse				
Costa	Jackson (IL)	Nunn (IA)				
Courtney	Jackson (TX)	Obernolte				
Craig	Jacobs	Ocasio-Cortez				
Crawford	James	Olshewski				
Crenshaw	Jayapal	Omar				
Crockett	Jeffries	Onder				
Crow	Johnson (GA)	Owens				
Cuellar	Johnson (SD)	Pallone				
Dauids (KS)	Johnson (TX)	Palmer				
Davidson	Jordan	Panetta				
Davis (NC)	Joyce (OH)	Pappas				
DeGette	Kamlager-Dove	Patronis				
DeLauro	Kaptur	Pelosi				
DeBene	Kean	Perez				
Deluzio	Keating	Peters				
DeSaulnier	Kelly (IL)	Pfuger				
DesJarlais	Kelly (MS)	Pingree				
Dexter	Kelly (PA)	Pocan				
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (NY)	Pou				
Dingell	Khanna	Pressley				
Doggett	Kiggans (VA)	Quigley				
Downing	Kiley (CA)	Ramirez				
Dunn (FL)	Kim	Randall				
Edwards	Knott	Raskin				
Elfreth	Krishnamoorthi	Reschenthaler				
Ellzey	Kustoff	Riley (NY)				
Emmer	LaLota	Rivas				
Escobar	LaMalfa	Rogers (AL)				
Espallat	Landsman	Rogers (KY)				
Estes	Langworthy	Rose				
Evans (CO)	Larsen (WA)	Ross				
Ezell	Latimer	Rouzer				
Fallon	Latta	Ruiz				
Fedorchak	Lawler	Rulli				
Feenstra	Lee (FL)	Rutherford				
Fields	Lee (NV)	Ryan				
Figures	Lee (PA)	Salazar				
Fine	Leger Fernandez	Salinas				
Finstad	Letlow	Sánchez				
Fischbach	Levin	Scalise				
Fitzgerald	Liccardo	Schakowsky				
Fitzpatrick	Lieu	Schmidt				
Fleischmann	Lofgren	Schneider				
Fletcher	Loudermilk	Scholten				
Flood	Lucas	Schrier				
Fong	Luna	Schweikert				
Foster	Luttrell	Scott (VA)				
Foushee	Lynch	Scott, Austin				
Fox	Mace	Scott, David				
Frankel, Lois	Mackenzie	Sessions				
Franklin, Scott	Magaziner	Sewell				

NAYS—31

Bean (FL)	Fulcher	McCormick
Biggs (AZ)	Gosar	McGuire
Biggs (SC)	Green (TN)	Mills
Boebert	Greene (GA)	Moore (AL)
Brecheen	Harrigan	Ogles
Burchett	Harris (MD)	Perry
Cammack	Harris (NC)	Roy
Cloud	Higgins (LA)	Self
Clyde	Joyce (PA)	Steube
Crane	Kennedy (UT)	
Crank	Massie	

NOT VOTING—19

Beyer	Dean (PA)	Norcross
Bishop	Donalds	Norman
Burlison	Evans (PA)	Pettersen
Case	Garamendi	Scanlon
Connolly	Gill (TX)	Sherrill
Davis (IL)	LaHood	
De La Cruz	Larson (CT)	

□ 1354

Messrs. KENNEDY of Utah, HIGGINS of Louisiana, OGLES, MASSIE, HARRIS of North Carolina, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. MCCOLLUM, Messrs. GOLDMAN of New York, HIMES, GARCÍA of Illinois, and KEATING changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2240, IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2243, LEOSA REFORM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2255, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVICE WEAPON PURCHASE ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 405) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2240) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2243) to

amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2255) to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 204, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 126]

YEAS—216

Aderholt	Garbarino	McGuire
Alford	Gimenez	Messmer
Allen	Goldman (TX)	Meuser
Amodei (NV)	Gonzales, Tony	Miller (IL)
Arrington	Gooden	Miller (OH)
Babin	Gosar	Miller (WV)
Bacon	Graves	Miller-Meeks
Baird	Green (TN)	Mills
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Moolenaar
Barr	Griffith	Moore (AL)
Barrett	Grothman	Moore (NC)
Baumgartner	Guest	Moore (UT)
Bean (FL)	Guthrie	Moore (WV)
Begich	Hageman	Moran
Bentz	Hamadeh (AZ)	Murphy
Bergman	Haridopolos	Nehls
Bice	Harrigan	Newhouse
Biggs (AZ)	Harris (MD)	Nunn (IA)
Biggs (SC)	Harris (NC)	Obernolte
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Ogles
Boebert	Hern (OK)	Onder
Bost	Higgins (LA)	Owens
Brecheen	Hill (AR)	Palmer
Bresnahan	Hinson	Patronis
Buchanan	Houchin	Perry
Burchett	Hudson	Pfuger
Burlison	Huizenga	Reschenthaler
Calvert	Hunt	Rogers (AL)
Cammack	Hurd (CO)	Rogers (KY)
Carey	Issa	Rose
Carter (GA)	Jack	Rouzer
Carter (TX)	Jackson (TX)	Roy
Ciscomani	James	Rulli
Cline	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford
Cloud	Johnson (SD)	Salazar
Clyde	Jordan	Scalise
Cole	Joyce (OH)	Schmidt
Collins	Joyce (PA)	Schweikert
Comer	Kean	Scott, Austin
Crane	Kelly (MS)	Self
Crank	Kelly (PA)	Sessions
Crawford	Kennedy (UT)	Shreve
Crenshaw	Kiggans (VA)	Simpson
Davidson	Kiley (CA)	Smith (MO)
De La Cruz	Kim	Smith (NE)
DesJarlais	Knott	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Kustoff	Smucker
Downing	LaLota	Spartz
Dunn (FL)	LaMalfa	Staubert
Edwards	Langworthy	Stefanik
Ellzey	Latta	Steil
Emmer	Lawler	Steube
Estes	Lee (FL)	Strong
Evans (CO)	Letlow	Stutzman
Ezell	Loudermilk	Taylor
Fallon	Lucas	Tenney
Fedorchak	Luna	Thompson (PA)
Feenstra	Luttrell	Tiffany
Fine	Mace	Timmons
Finstad	Mackenzie	Turner (OH)
Fischbach	Malliotakis	Valadao
Fitzgerald	Maloy	Van Drew
Fitzpatrick	Mann	Van Dyne
Fleischmann	Massie	Van Orden
Flood	Mast	Wagner
Fong	McCaul	Walberg
Fox	McClain	Weber (TX)
Franklin, Scott	McClintock	Webster (FL)
Fry	McCormick	Westerman
Fulcher	McDowell	Wied

Williams (TX)	Wittman	Yakym
Wilson (SC)	Womack	Zinke
NAYS—204		
Adams	Goldman (NY)	Omar
Aguilar	Gomez	Pallone
Amo	Gonzalez, V.	Panetta
Ansari	Goodlander	Pappas
Auchincloss	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Balint	Gray	Perez
Barragán	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
Beatty	Harder (CA)	Pingree
Bell	Hayes	Pocan
Bera	Himes	Pou
Bonamici	Horsford	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Houlihan	Quigley
Brown	Hoyer	Ramirez
Brownley	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Budzinski	Huffman	Raskin
Bynum	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Carbajal	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Carson	Jacobs	Ross
Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Ruiz
Casar	Jeffries	Ryan
Case	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Sánchez
Castor (FL)	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Cherfilus-	Keating	Schneider
McCormick	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Chu	Kennedy (NY)	Schrier
Cisneros	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Sewell
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Clyburn	Latimer	Simon
Cohen	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Conaway	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Correa	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Costa	Levin	Stansbury
Courtney	Liccardo	Stanton
Craig	Lieu	Stevens
Crockett	Lofgren	Strickland
Crow	Lynch	Subramanyam
Cuellar	Magaziner	Suoizzi
Davids (KS)	Mannion	Swalwell
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Takano
Davis (NC)	McBath	Tanedar
Dean (PA)	McBride	Thompson (CA)
DeGette	McClain Delaney	Thompson (MS)
DeLauro	McClellan	Titus
DelBene	McCollum	Tlaib
Deluzio	McDonald Rivet	Tokuda
DeSaulnier	McGarvey	Torres (CA)
Dexter	McGovern	Torres (NY)
Dingell	McIver	Trahan
Doggett	Meeks	Tran
Elfreth	Menendez	Underwood
Escobar	Meng	Vargas
Espallat	Mfume	Vasquez
Fields	Min	Veasey
Figures	Moore (WI)	Velázquez
Fletcher	Morelle	Vindman
Foster	Morrison	Wasserman
Foushee	Moskowitz	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Waters
Friedman	Mrvan	Watson Coleman
Frost	Mullin	Peters
Garcia (CA)	Nadler	Williams (GA)
Garcia (IL)	Neal	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (TX)	Neguse	
Gillen	Ocasio-Cortez	
Golden (ME)	Olszewski	
NOT VOTING—13		
Beyer	Garamendi	Norman
Bishop	Gill (TX)	Petterson
Connolly	LaHood	Sherrill
Donalds	Larson (CT)	
Evans (PA)	Norcross	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1401

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 216, noes 203, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 127]		
AYES—216		
Aderholt	Goldman (TX)	Miller (OH)
Alford	Gonzales, Tony	Miller (WV)
Allen	Gooden	Miller-Meeks
Amodei (NV)	Gosar	Mills
Arrington	Graves	Moolenaar
Babin	Green (TN)	Moore (AL)
Carson	Greene (GA)	Moore (NC)
Baird	Griffith	Moore (UT)
Balderson	Grothman	Moore (WV)
Barr	Guest	Moran
Barrett	Guthrie	Murphy
Baumgartner	Hageman	Nehls
Bean (FL)	Hamadeh (AZ)	Newhouse
Begich	Haridopolos	Norman
Bentz	Harrigan	Nunn (IA)
Bergman	Harris (MD)	Obernolte
Bice	Harris (NC)	Ogles
Biggs (AZ)	Harshbarger	Onder
Biggs (SC)	Hern (OK)	Owens
Billakis	Higgins (LA)	Palmer
Boebert	Hill (AR)	Patronis
Bost	Hinson	Perry
Brecheen	Houchin	Pfleger
Bresnahan	Hudson	Reschenthaler
Buchanan	Huizenga	Rogers (AL)
Burchett	Hunt	Rogers (KY)
Burlison	Hurd (CO)	Rose
Calvert	Issa	Rouzer
Cammack	Jack	Roy
Carey	Jackson (TX)	Rulli
Carter (GA)	James	Rutherford
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Ciscomani	Johnson (SD)	Schmidt
Cline	Jordan	Schweikert
Cloud	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Clyde	Joyce (PA)	Self
Cole	Kean	Sessions
Collins	Kelly (MS)	Shreve
Comer	Kelly (PA)	Simpson
Crane	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (MO)
Crane	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Kiley (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Kim	Smucker
Davidson	Knott	Spartz
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DesJarlais	LaLota	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	LaMalfa	Steil
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Dunn (FL)	Latta	Strong
Edwards	Lawler	Stutzman
Elizpey	Lee (FL)	Taylor
Emmer	Letlow	Tenney
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Evans (CO)	Lucas	Tiffany
Ezell	Luna	Timmons
Fallon	Luttrell	Turner (OH)
Fedorchak	Mace	Valadao
Feenstra	Mackenzie	Van Drew
Fine	Malliotakis	Van Dwyne
Finstad	Maloy	Van Orden
Fischbach	Mann	Wagner
Fitzgerald	Massie	Walberg
Fitzpatrick	Mast	Weber (TX)
Fleischmann	McCaul	Webster (FL)
Flood	McClain	Westerman
Fong	McClintock	Wied
Fox	McCormick	Williams (TX)
Franklin, Scott	McDowell	Wilson (SC)
Fry	McGuire	Wittman
Fulcher	Messmer	Womack
Garbarino	Meuser	Yakym
Gimenez	Miller (IL)	Zinke
NOES—203		

Adams	Bonamici	Case
Aguilar	Boyle (PA)	Casten
Amo	Brown	Castor (FL)
Ansari	Brownley	Castro (TX)
Auchincloss	Budzinski	Cherfilus-
Balint	Bynum	McCormick
Barragán	Carbajal	Chu
Beatty	Carson	Cisneros
Bell	Carter (LA)	Clark (MA)
Bera	Casar	Clarke (NY)

Cleaver	Johnson (GA)	Quigley
Clyburn	Johnson (TX)	Ramirez
Cohen	Kamlager-Dove	Randall
Conaway	Kaptur	Raskin
Correa	Keating	Riley (NY)
Costa	Kelly (IL)	Rivas
Courtney	Kennedy (NY)	Ross
Craig	Khanna	Ruiz
Crockett	Krishnamoorthi	Ryan
Crow	Landsman	Salinas
Cuellar	Larsen (WA)	Sánchez
Davids (KS)	Latimer	Scanlon
Davis (IL)	Lee (NV)	Schakowsky
Davis (NC)	Lee (PA)	Schneider
Dean (PA)	Leger Fernandez	Scholten
DeGette	Levin	Schrier
DeLauro	Liccardo	Scott (VA)
DelBene	Lieu	Scott, David
Deluzio	Lofgren	Sewell
DeSaulnier	Lynch	Sherman
Dexter	Magaziner	Simon
Dingell	Mannion	Smith (WA)
Doggett	Matsui	Sorensen
Elfreth	McBath	Soto
Escobar	McBride	Stansbury
Espallat	McClain Delaney	Stanton
Fields	McClellan	Stevens
Figures	McCollum	Strickland
Fletcher	McDonald Rivet	Subramanyam
Foster	McGarvey	Suoizzi
Foushee	McGovern	Swalwell
Frankel, Lois	McIver	Sykes
Friedman	Menendez	Takano
Frost	Meng	Thanedar
Garcia (CA)	Mfume	Thompson (CA)
Garcia (IL)	Min	Thompson (MS)
Garcia (TX)	Moore (WI)	Titus
Gillen	Morelle	Tlaib
Golden (ME)	Morrison	Tokuda
Goldman (NY)	Moskowitz	Tonko
Gomez	Moulton	Torres (CA)
Gonzalez, V.	Mrvan	Torres (NY)
Goodlander	Mullin	Trahan
Gottheimer	Nadler	Tran
Gray	Neal	Underwood
Green, Al (TX)	Neguse	Vargas
Harder (CA)	Ocasio-Cortez	Vasquez
Hayes	Olszewski	Veasey
Himes	Omar	Velázquez
Horsford	Pallone	Vindman
Houlihan	Panetta	Wasserman
Hoyer	Pappas	Schultz
Hoyle (OR)	Pelosi	Waters
Huffman	Perez	Watson Coleman
Ivey	Peters	Whitesides
Jackson (IL)	Pingree	Williams (GA)
Jacobs	Pocan	Wilson (FL)
Jayapal	Pou	
Jeffries	Pressley	

NOT VOTING—14

Beyer	Garamendi	Norcross
Bishop	Gill (TX)	Petterson
Connolly	LaHood	Salazar
Donalds	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Evans (PA)	Meeks	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1408

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I regrettably missed votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 125, NAY on Roll Call No. 126, and NO on Roll Call No. 127.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H. CON. RES. 33, INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO VIOLENCE AT THE CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 33, a bill directing the Architect of the Capitol to install at a permanent location on the western front of the United States Capitol an honorific plaque listing the names of all of the officers of the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and protective entities who responded to the violence that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by the successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week pursuant to Public Law 87-726, enacted on October 1, 1962, National Police Week here in the United States Congress, where Congress honors the courage, the bravery, the service, the sacrifice, and the heroism of members of law enforcement. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, a further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, do the House rules require compliance with the 2022 Public Law 117-103, signed by the President at the time, that requires a plaque listing the names of all police officers who defended the Capitol on January 6 to be placed on the western front of the Capitol Building?

Do the House rules require compliance with that public law?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not respond to an inquiry regarding the general application of the rules of the House to a matter not currently pending before the House.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, a further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, we appear to be in violation of the House rules, given that the law that was passed in 2022 required that a plaque honoring those heroic police officers be placed on the western front of the Capitol Building no later than March 15, 2023, but 791 days have passed, and this Republican Congress has refused to comply with the law.

It is time to honor those heroic officers. It is unconscionable. It is unpatriotic. It is unfathomable. It is unacceptable. It is un-American. You need to honor those officers and treat them with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a parliamentary inquiry.

□ 1415

LEOSA REFORM ACT

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 405, I call up the bill (H.R. 2243) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINE). Pursuant to House Resolution 405, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 2243

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "LEOSA Reform Act".

SEC. 2. CONFORMING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY ACT AND THE GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES ACT OF 1990.

Section 922(q)(2)(B) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking "or" at the end of clause (vi);*
- (2) by striking the period at the end of clause (vii) and inserting "; or"; and*
- (3) by adding at the end the following:*

"(viii) by an individual authorized by section 926B or 926C to carry a concealed firearm."

SEC. 3. MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY ACT.

(a) Each of sections 926B(a) and 926C(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or any other provision of Federal law, or any regulation prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior pertaining to a unit of the National Park System" after "thereof".

(b) Each of sections 926B(b) and 926C(b) of such title are amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting " , except to the extent that the laws apply on property used by a common or contract carrier to transport people or property by land, rail, or water or on property open to the public (whether or not a fee is charged to enter the property)" before the semicolon; and*
- (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting " , except to the extent that the laws apply on property used*

by a common or contract carrier to transport people or property by land, rail, or water or on property open to the public (whether or not a fee is charged to enter the property)" before the period.

(c) Each of sections 926B(e)(2) and 926C(e)(1)(B) of such title is amended by inserting "any magazine and" after "includes".

(d) Section 926C(c)(4) of such title is amended to read as follows:

"(4) has met the standards for qualification in firearms training during the most recent period of 12 months (or, at the option of the State in which the individual resides, a greater number of months, not exceeding 36 months), and for purposes of this paragraph, the term 'standards for qualification in firearms training' means—

"(A) the standards for active duty law enforcement officers as established by the former agency of the individual;

"(B) the standards for active duty law enforcement officers as established by the State in which the individual resides;

"(C) the standards for active duty law enforcement officers employed by any law enforcement agency in the State in which the individual resides; or

"(D) any standard for active duty law enforcement officers for firearms qualification conducted by any certified firearms instructor within the State in which the individual resides;"

(e) Section 926C(d) of such title is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by striking "not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the agency to meet the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training as established by the agency to carry" and inserting "met the standards for qualification in firearms training required by subsection (c)(4) for"; and*
- (2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:*

"(B) a certification issued by the former agency of the individual, the State in which the individual resides, any law enforcement agency within the State in which the individual resides, or any certified firearms instructor within the State in which the individual resides that indicates that the individual has met the standards for qualification in firearms training required by subsection (c)(4)."

SEC. 4. PERMITTING QUALIFIED CURRENT AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO CARRY FIREARMS IN CERTAIN FEDERAL FACILITIES.

Section 930 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "or" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting "or"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) the possession of a firearm or ammunition in a Facility Security Level I or II civilian public access facility by a qualified law enforcement officer (as defined in section 926B(c)) or a qualified retired law enforcement officer (as defined in section 926C(c))."; and

(2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the following:

"(4) The term 'Facility Security Level' means a security risk assessment level assigned to a Federal facility by the security agency of the facility in accordance with the biannually issued Interagency Security Committee Standard.

"(5) The term 'civilian public access facility' means a facility open to the general public."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee of the Judiciary, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT) and the gentleman from

Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2243.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2243, the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Reform Act, which reforms the LEOSA, makes important updates to the existing LEOSA program.

In 2004, President George W. Bush signed LEOSA into law. The law exempts certain active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms.

In order to qualify under LEOSA, active law enforcement officers must meet several important requirements. For example, they must be authorized to carry a firearm by their agency. They cannot be subject to disciplinary actions by the agency that could result in the loss of their police power. They must meet certain firearms qualification standards. They cannot be under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances, and they must not be prohibited by Federal law from possessing a firearm.

Retired law enforcement officers must also meet several requirements in order to qualify under LEOSA. For example, they must have separated from service in good standing and served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more. They also are required to meet certain firearms training standards and must not be prohibited by Federal law from possessing a firearm.

The LEOSA Reform Act will allow these officers to carry a concealed firearm in the same manner many licensed citizens carry a firearm in their State.

For example, the LEOSA Reform Act will allow law enforcement officers qualified under LEOSA to carry concealed firearms in national parks, certain Federal facilities that are open to the public, on public transportation, in school zones, and in other areas.

The bill also reduces the frequency that qualified retired law enforcement officers are required to meet certain qualification standards.

Many States allow State licensed concealed carry permit holders to carry a concealed firearm in gun-free school zones and on public transportation in the State in which they are licensed. This bill affords qualified law enforcement officers the same privilege.

This legislation improves public safety as our officers face increasingly

greater dangers, and current restrictions hinder their ability to carry firearms and protect themselves and others.

At a time when violent crime continues to plague our Nation, we must support our active and retired law enforcement officers and ensure they are able to protect themselves and to protect others no matter where they are in the United States.

This legislation is supported by the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Major County Sheriffs of America, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Narcotics Officers' Associations' Coalition, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this is Police Week. In colloquial terms, it is Law Enforcement Week. Traditionally, we do two things in Law Enforcement Week. One, we recognize the valor, the sacrifices, and the commitment of the police officers who serve our communities, who serve us in Congress, and who serve across the country.

Two, we try to think of ways we actually can assist them in doing their jobs better so we can make their work more effective and safer, and we can make the police function generally more efficacious for the American people.

Unfortunately, with this bill, we are not doing either. In fact, the majority is really falling down on the job in terms of both of those major objectives.

In 2022, on March 15, we passed H.R. 2471, to post in the Capitol on the west side of the Capitol a plaque in honor of the hundreds of police officers who nobly served us on January 6, 2021 when our institution, when our democracy, came under attack by Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and other violent extremists who stormed the Capitol, drove Members of the House of Representatives out of our Chamber, drove Members of the Senate out of their Chamber, and attempted to overthrow a Presidential election.

Now, the new administration has seen fit to pardon more than 1,500 rioters and violent insurrectionists who attempted to overthrow our constitutional form of government on that day, and they succeeded in bloodying, wounding, injuring, and hospitalizing more than 140 police officers on January 6. Several officers died in the subsequent weeks, and several people died on that day.

Now, we have passed a law, not a recommendation, not an idle promise, and not a suggestion in a suggestion box, we passed a law to post this plaque in

the U.S. Capitol. Yet Speaker Johnson has done absolutely nothing to post this plaque.

I know that some of my colleagues think that they are being most effective when they are doing nothing. This is a Congress that is getting a reputation for being perhaps the greatest do-nothing Congress in the history of the United States. Here is one thing that this Congress can do, which is to post this plaque which reads: "On behalf of a grateful Congress, this plaque honors the extraordinary individuals who bravely protected and defended this symbol of democracy on January 6, 2021. Their heroism will never be forgotten."

What extraordinary irony that is. Their heroism is already being forgotten, or at least there are some people who would like us to forget their heroism. That is on the symbolic front, because everybody wants to pay lip service to the police, and everybody wants to say that we honor them. Let's really honor them.

Let's put up a permanent plaque for future generations of Americans to see that these officers risked their lives for the people in this Chamber, for the Members of the House and the Senate, for the leadership of the House and the Senate, for the staff who work here, and for the reporters who work here.

We have many officers who have had to leave the police service because they have been wounded and disfigured permanently by the injuries they suffered at the hands of these people. This is the very least we can do at a time when the President of the United States says that he wants to create a fund for January 6, not a fund for Michael Fanone who had a heart attack and had to beg for his life; not a fund for Sergeant Gonell who was forced out of the force because of permanent injuries and now is living on a fraction of the salary he had before trying to support his family; not a fund for Officer Hodges who was tortured in the eyes of the world, who got caught in the doorway while the insurrectionists beat him with all of their weapons that they brought back that day.

No, it is not a fund for them that President Trump is suggesting. He wants a fund for the rioters. He wants a fund for the families of the insurrectionists.

As Sergeant Gonell said recently, it seems like he believes that the rioters and the insurrectionists were the ones defending the Capitol on that day.

Let's get this plaque up. We voted for it on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis.

I appeal to Speaker JOHNSON to enforce the law even if he doesn't like it anymore and even if he changed his mind about the plaque. This is the law. Let's get it up there.

Now, secondly, we should be talking about how we could actually aid, abet, and assist law enforcement officers in their work. Unfortunately, we have not had from the majority a single bill that

they are willing to bring to the floor to increase any funding for local law enforcement. On the contrary, the emissaries from DOGE—and here I don't necessarily hold my colleagues accountable for this because they didn't seem to know about it any more than we did—but the functionaries of DOGE slashed more than \$500 million that the Department of Justice was giving to local police departments across the country, community safety groups, and organizations assisting victims of rape and sexual assault.

As far as we can tell, one person in DOGE, one unelected, midnight bureaucrat whose career was made with Elon Musk, who seems to have skipped town now, that guy cut out hundreds of millions of dollars of aid to local law enforcement and community safety groups across America.

I introduced an amendment in the budget reconciliation process in the Judiciary Committee to restore all of that money. Not a single Member, neither a Democrat nor a Republican, spoke against it, and my Republican colleagues did not say a word, but they all voted against it. They voted to uphold that nasty handiwork of DOGE slashing hundreds of millions of dollars, which we appropriated on a bipartisan basis in the House, in the Senate, and it was signed by the President, programmed by the Department of Justice and awarded to their communities, my community, your communities, communities across the country, and one young person, a midnight computer hacker from DOGE, Elon Musk's emissary, destroyed all of it, more than 300 grants.

Now they come forward with a budget for next year that would cut more than \$1 billion out of law enforcement: FBI, Department of Justice, and ATF, you name it, Mr. Speaker, right down the line. I will have some more to say about that after.

So what do we have?

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill. In 2004, Congress passed LEOSA, a law that allows both off-duty and retired officers to carry concealed firearms irrespective of State law. It compelled all States to allow off-duty and retired officers to carry concealed firearms under the terms set by Congress overriding the rules of the State.

Now, when Congress debated it 20 years ago, members of the Judiciary Committee on both sides of the aisle expressed anxiety about the bill trespassing on the rights of the States to decide on gun laws for themselves. The Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee at the time, Congressman Sensenbrenner, opposed LEOSA for the reason of federalism and State rights. He voted against it. Several police groups opposed the legislation expressing concerns about how it would affect officer safety, how it would create confusion in the event of an active shooter, how it might expose their agencies to more liability, and the insufficiency of training requirements for retired officers.

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Despite all of that, LEOSA became the law after Congress legislated some important limits on it and imposed commonsense training requirements on the former officers. Those have been in place for more than 20 years.

Now, H.R. 2243 would terminate the realm of discretion that States have to limit when and where individuals may carry their concealed firearms under LEOSA. It would force States to allow off-duty and retired officers to carry concealed firearms onto all private property open to the public, including restaurants, bars, parks, national parks, and playgrounds. It would also force States to allow off-duty and retired officers to carry concealed firearms on buses, trains, and subways. It would even force States to allow for the concealed carry of firearms in gun-free school zones. It also allows the off-duty and retired officers to completely disregard State laws prohibiting high-capacity magazines.

This legislation not only supersedes the considered policy judgments of the States, but it threatens the safety and security of Federal agencies by forcing them to allow concealed carry in many Federal buildings. Forcing Federal offices and buildings to allow concealed carry is a completely unnecessary and dangerous risk.

The legislation also weakens training standards. Under current law, a person carrying a firearm must meet State training requirements every year, but this bill would allow individuals to do concealed carry with training certifications obtained every 3 years. This is troubling given that the bill extends nationwide concealed carry to retired officers who are no longer receiving the training that accompanies their old employment.

Our colleagues have different reasons that they advance for this, which I think are pretty refutable. In the big picture, this bill does nothing for existing police officers right now. It does nothing to enhance public safety, and our friends have completely missed the mark I think in terms of what law enforcement week should be all about.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, a law enforcement officer does not cease being a law enforcement officer merely because he is off duty or because of where he goes, or she goes. Upon retirement, the scars of service, including the animosities built up with many people who do not care for law enforcement officers because they have been subject to the enforcement of the law over the course of a career, upon retirement those old animosities often linger.

Those of us who support this measure and support it strongly understand and argue that it is essential to the safety of our existing officers and to the safety of our retired officers that we recognize that ongoing risk and burden that

they have taken on and that they continue to carry and allow them to continue to carry the means to defend themselves and others in reasonable locations, as in many States ordinary civilian concealed carry permit holders may do.

We think it is commonsense legislation, and I would just point out in response to some of the comments of my colleague from Maryland, I wasn't here in 2004 during the debates that he cited over the original LEOSA. I have no reason to doubt the accuracy of what he said, but I would say this: It is now 20 years later, and I think that history has shown us that many of the concerns presented in 2004 were not, in fact, realized by LEOSA's enactment, nor will they be realized as a result of enactment of this strengthening of that underlying statute for our officers.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my distinguished colleague's suggestion that I may have the wisdom of somebody who has been here for 21 years, but actually I wasn't here either. I got it just from the books myself.

I was here, I should say, in 2021, when the Chamber was stormed, and that is a day I will never forget. Forgive my passion on the point of getting that plaque up. I wish our colleagues would just help us convince the Speaker of the House that this is something that is simple, and it should be done. It is not a partisan issue.

On that day, we were not Democrats or Republicans. We were Americans, and we were legislators together being hounded and chased out of this Chamber by people who did not accept the constitutional rules of the game.

To me, it is a matter of great regret and melancholy that somehow it has become politicized to the point where people can't even acknowledge what they were saying at the time. We had Republican leaders who were describing it as terrorism and saying it was absolutely inexcusable and indefensible. Now, all of a sudden, we have the majority which will not even follow the law by posting a plaque in honor of the officers who gave blood and sweat and tears on that day.

One of them, Officer Hodges got caught in the doorway. The whole world saw him screaming to high heaven for probably—I don't know if it was 45 seconds or maybe it was up to 90 seconds, as he was being beaten and pummeled, and he was being crushed in the doorway. When they finally dislodged him, they took him back where they were taking the officers. We were very short-handed. They wanted to tell him to just stay there and wash his eyes out. He took about 5 to 10 minutes while they were pouring water in his eyes, and he got up. Do you know what he did? He went back outside, and he rejoined the battle because he said he

knew that they needed him. We were outmanned, and we were outflanked by the forces of violence that came down on us on that day.

That is the kind of bravery that we should be at least acknowledging, if not praising. I know at the time we thanked them for saving our lives, and people did die that day. Again, there were more than 140 officers who were wounded and brutalized and injured, and many still have the physical injuries and scars that they are dealing with, as well as the mental scars, because there is a lot of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Several of the officers who were there had been in the Iraq war, and they had been in the Afghan war. They testified before the January 6th Select Committee, and several of them testified they had never seen violence as brutal and as bloody as what took place on January 6, 2021, with the various extremist groups that came and led the attack on the Chamber and then gave bloody instructions to the rest of the mob about how to treat police officers in their effort to go and “hang Mike Pence.” That was the chant. I can still hear in my mind, ringing off the walls of the Capitol: “Hang Mike Pence.” “Hang Mike Pence.” “Where’s Nancy?” “Where’s Nancy?”

We are not going to allow this to be buried into some kind of Orwellian memory hall. We have got a law requiring that that plaque go up, and we are going to see that that plaque goes up and that the law is enforced.

As for the LEOSA reform, again, it doesn’t even purport to do anything for police and law enforcement. Today, it would, I suppose, increase some of the mobility of retired officers, off-duty officers to go to places like restaurants, bars, public parks, national parks, metros and buses, and so on, if they are police. I think that that should be decided by our communities, whether people are doing concealed carry there.

I thought that a belief in federalism was something that unifies us. That is something that the State governments can decide in cooperation with the local governments. The Congress of the United States does not need to be making decisions about restaurants in Charleston, South Carolina, or bars in El Paso, Texas, or what have you. Why don’t we let the people of the States and the localities make those decisions.

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

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his excellent presentation of the bill. I wish it were one that we could be together on, but I think it just goes way too far in terms of trespassing on States’ rights and States’ powers. We have a nice equilibrium and stasis in terms of where the law has been for the

last two decades, and this seems unnecessary. It does seem to me like a diversion from the things we actually could be doing to be making the lives of police officers safer.

The reason why so many police organizations are with 90 percent of the American people in supporting a universal violent criminal background check is because nobody should be accessing guns, any kind of gun, if they are not able to pass the Brady background check. That background check has saved countless lives since it was instituted. The reason the vast majority of the people support it is because we need to close those loopholes. You should not be able to skip a background check by finding a gun online. You should not be able to skip a background check by going to a private gun show or engaging in a so-called private sale or transfer.

We need a universal violent criminal background check. That will do far more than anything we are looking at today to make the lives of police officers better, to make their jobs easier, because they are on the frontlines of these killing fields across the country.

America’s rates of gun violence are completely out of control when compared to the nations in the European Union or Canada, our next-door neighbor. We are losing 5, 10, or 20 times the number of people that the residents of those countries are losing because our gun laws are like Swiss cheese. They are filled with holes. Let’s close those loopholes. It doesn’t diminish anybody’s Second Amendment rights.

Justice Scalise said it himself in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. You can have criminal background checks to make sure that only the right people are getting guns and not the wrong people are getting guns. There are things we can do to improve public safety and to assist police officers, and we should be working on those.

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

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished ranking member for his argument and advocacy today.

I would just point out to the body that while my distinguished colleague speaks with his usual passion on many subjects, the only subject before us today is whether or not this body is going to pass, to enact, to approve H.R. 2243, the LEOSA Reform Act. That is the sole question in front of us.

That measure is critically important to the safety of many law enforcement officers retired to many law enforcement officers off duty. The bad guys don’t stop looking for them just because the cop is out of uniform and at a restaurant or taking his family to a national park or otherwise visiting a location where today the law may preclude him or her from carrying the means of defending himself, his family, his colleagues, or the stranger standing next to him.

We trust those officers to do exactly that while they are on duty and in

service, and we should trust them to do exactly that under the reasonably expanded scope contemplated by this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of this bill and to send it to the Senate.

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

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 405, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CALLING ON ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS TO COUNTER ANTISEMITISM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JEWISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 352) calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 352

Whereas “Jewish American Heritage Month” has its origins in 1980, when Congress enacted a Joint Resolution entitled “joint resolution to authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating April 21 through April 28, 1980, as ‘Jewish Heritage Week’”, approved April 24, 1980 (Public Law 96-237; 94 Stat. 338);

Whereas, on April 24, 1980, President Carter issued the proclamation for “Jewish Heritage Week”, and in that proclamation, President Carter spoke about the bountiful contributions made by the Jewish people to the culture and history of the United States;

Whereas Congress has played a central role in recognizing “Jewish American Heritage Month” since the House of Representatives and Senate passed resolutions in 2005 and 2006, respectively, urging the President to proclaim the national observation of a month recognizing the Jewish-American community;

Whereas, since 2006, Presidents Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden have all issued proclamations for “Jewish American Heritage Month”, which celebrates Jewish Americans and encourages all people of the United States to learn more about Jewish heritage and the contributions of Jewish people throughout the history of the United States;

Whereas, since Hamas’ deadly attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, antisemitism in the United States has reached record highs with incidents targeting Jews and those who are perceived as Jewish;

Whereas, according to the American Jewish Committee, 77 percent of American Jews say they feel less safe as a Jewish person in the United States because of the October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist attacks;

Whereas, according to the American Jewish Committee, almost 70 percent of Jewish adults report experiencing antisemitism online, including on social media;

Whereas, according to Hillel International, 83 percent of Jewish college students have experienced or witnessed some form of antisemitism since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks on Israel;

Whereas one of the most effective ways to combat antisemitism and hate is through education and awareness of the contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States through the arts, entertainment, science and technology, military, government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields;

Whereas there are many Jewish American inventors that have impacted the everyday lives of Americans for the better;

Whereas Irving Naxon invented and patented the slow cooker, taking inspiration from Jewish cooking traditions in Europe;

Whereas Sylvan Goldman invented the shopping cart;

Whereas Evelyn Berezin invented the first true word-processing computer and automated airline reservation system;

Whereas Ralph Baer invented the “Brown Box”, a prototype for the first multiplayer, multiprogram video game system;

Whereas Ruth Handler founded the toy company Mattel and invented the Barbie doll;

Whereas Emile Berliner invented the gramophone record and the microphone that became part of the first Bell telephone;

Whereas Edwin Land invented the Polaroid instant camera;

Whereas Hedy Lamarr invented the concept of “frequency hopping” which made possible a wide range of wireless communications technologies, including Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth; and

Whereas, to counter the rise of antisemitism, it is critical to increase awareness of Jewish-American contributions to the success of America: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn and counter all acts of antisemitism;

(2) calls on the executive branch and State and local leaders to educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish-American community and uplift Jewish stories and voices; and

(3) takes all possible steps to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of American Jews in all aspects of their lives, including

the workplace, college and university campuses, synagogues, and at home.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 352.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this month, we celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month. First proclaimed by President George W. Bush and by each President since, this month recognizes the contributions of the Jewish community to our country. We celebrate this month amidst a persistent increase in anti-Semitism in our country.

Since the October 7, 2023, attacks by Hamas on Israel, incidents of anti-Semitic attacks and harassment have skyrocketed. The American Jewish Committee found that 77 percent of American Jews say they feel less safe in the United States since the October 7 attacks. Hillel International found that 83 percent of Jewish college students have experienced or witnessed some form of anti-Semitism since the October 7 attacks.

In April, Harvard released a report examining anti-Semitism on its campus with stark findings. One Israeli student said: “My friend has been told that others would not attend social gatherings if I was present, as they couldn’t risk the social consequences of being seen with an Israeli.”

Another student said: “I am tired of fighting. It is the same group of students whose sole objective seems to be to harass and intimidate Jewish students. Despite reaching out to every office, everyone says it is not their problem.”

Mr. Speaker, this is unacceptable. It is all of our problem, and it cannot continue. This House, elected officials at the State and local levels, faith leaders, community leaders, and university administrators all have an obligation to confront anti-Semitism.

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding and for his stalwart and unyielding support for the Jewish community, for his leadership as a member of the Jewish community, and for his decades of work to support Jewish community values.

I rise in strong support of my resolution, H. Res. 352, to recognize Jewish American Heritage Month and highlight the enduring contributions of Jewish Americans to our country.

I proudly sponsored this bill when I was a freshman Member of Congress, and it was the first piece of legislation that I passed as a freshman 20 years ago. I thank my co-leads, Representative TROY CARTER, Congresswoman MILLER-MEEKS, and Congressman FITZPATRICK, for joining me in co-leading this resolution. It is a resolution that highlights the enduring contributions of Jewish Americans to our country.

Every May, we come together to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, also known as JAHM, and the generations of Jewish Americans who are integral parts of the rich mosaic of people and the heritages that make up these great United States.

While we joyfully celebrate this month, it is the second JAHM that we commemorate under the shadow of Hamas’ October 7 attack on Israel. This was the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.

Since that fateful day, the United States has witnessed a historic rise in anti-Semitism, which was already explosive prior to October 7, with an absolute explosion of online hate.

In 2024, the ADL tracked 9,354 anti-Semitic incidents across America. That marked a 344 percent increase over the past 5 years, and it was the highest number on record since these instances of hate were first tracked in 1979.

It is so disheartening that every year a new record is set of anti-Jewish incidents, but it also demonstrates that we have a lot of work to do together.

According to the American Jewish Committee, in 2024, one-third of American Jews had been the personal target of anti-Semitism over the past year, and sadly, one-third of Jewish college students felt uncomfortable or unsafe on campus due to their Jewish identity.

While we must take steps to protect Jewish students on college campuses, we cannot allow anti-Semitism to be used as a vehicle to take away the rights of others. Make no mistake, anti-Semitism is a canary in the coal mine. Attacks on Jewish students in any school setting are unacceptable, and there should be serious consequences.

By investing in policies that protect Jewish students, like fully funding the Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights to fund investigations and hold colleges and universities—and, quite frankly, schools across the country and secondary schools—tolerating anti-Semitism accountable, we can support all students’ ability to live and study in places that value and respect their heritage.

While there is no simple solution to end this extremist hate, we all can take steps to end this violence.

In the Biden administration's national strategy to counter anti-Semitism, the U.S.' first-ever blueprint, it called on all aspects of society to commemorate JAHM and use it as a tool to fight hate. That is because we need Jews and non-Jews alike to learn about all the remarkable Jewish Americans who served in government or the military, or who won Nobel prizes, for example, and how Jewish Americans lead universities and make lifesaving medical discoveries that we all count on today.

However, the significant contributions Jewish Americans have made and continue to make toward America's success are not widely known, so today's resolution highlights Jewish American inventors who created services and products that all Americans rely on each and every day.

For instance, Mr. Speaker, Irving Naxon invented the slow cooker. He took inspiration from Jewish cooking traditions in Europe to allow Jewish communities to have fresh and hot meals on Shabbat.

Sylvan Goldman invented the shopping cart, transforming the ease with which people are able to shop for their families.

When Hedy Lamarr, the famous and accomplished actress, was not acting in films, she invented the concept of frequency hopping, which opened the door to a wide range of wireless communications technologies, including Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth.

There are a whole lot of gamers who would love that Ralph Baer invented the Brown Box, a prototype for the first multiplayer, multiprogram video game system.

These are just a few of the innovative contributions that American Jews brought to all of our lives. As Jews, we have a longstanding commitment to *tikkun olam*, a commitment to repair the world. We take great pride regarding the impact we have made on so many generations of Americans.

As we celebrate the 20th year of Jewish American Heritage Month, we have made progress toward the goals of JAHM to educate Americans by celebrating Jewish contributions, which promotes understanding and reduces bigotry.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone on both sides of the aisle for helping shine a light on this important moment in time, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this resolution.

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers on our side, so I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I thank the gentlewoman for her eloquence and lucidity in those remarks and for sponsoring this legislation.

I speak very strongly in favor of Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ's resolution, which recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month and the important contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our country, and I thank her

for her continuing leadership within Congress and also within the American Jewish community.

The resolution calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn and counter all acts of anti-Semitism.

I also want to salute Mr. SCHMIDT, the distinguished Member from Kansas, for his powerful endorsement of this idea.

The resolution also goes on to urge the House to take "all possible steps to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of American Jews in all aspects of their lives." We are called upon to condemn anti-Semitism and to ensure the safety of the Jewish community, along with everyone else. The appeal is appropriate and timely.

We have to do everything in our power to counter the poison of anti-Semitism, racism, and other forms of bigotry, which are really the gateway to destruction of liberal democracy in our country.

That obligation means fighting anti-Semitism, even when, perhaps especially when, it is expressed and endorsed by officials of the United States Government.

Last week, President Trump finally withdrew the nomination of Ed Martin to serve as the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. Mr. Martin's confirmation in the Senate faced many insuperable obstacles. It was doomed.

First of all, he had no prosecutorial experience and no administrative experience running a prosecutor's office.

Secondly, he had shown an extraordinary devotion to the extremists who participated in the violent insurrection against the Capitol and against Congress on January 6, 2021. He represented many of them as a defense lawyer, but he championed the cause of a great number more in not just legal but in political and civil contexts.

He also failed to disclose that he had appeared more than 150 times on Russian state propaganda networks, like Russia Today and Sputnik, when he was nominated to be the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. These are networks that were forced to register as foreign agents of Vladimir Putin's government.

The truth is that his nomination was doomed, regardless. I would say that all of these disqualifications by themselves pale in comparison to Mr. Martin's long and troubling relationship with a Hitler-loving neo-Nazi named Timothy Hale-Cusanelli, who was sentenced to 4 years in prison for breaching the Capitol during the January 6 attack.

Hale-Cusanelli is an outspoken anti-Semite who proudly wears a Hitler mustache, advocates killing the disabled at birth, and told coworkers that Hitler should have finished the job. At his sentencing, a Trump-appointed Federal judge warned him that his actions and statements make everyone, including Jewish people, less safe in our country.

How did Ed Martin, President Trump's pick for one of the most important jobs in the American criminal justice system, react to all the extraordinary statements and the lawless actions of Mr. Hale-Cusanelli? He invited him to go on his podcast multiple times to spout his fascist propaganda. He presented him with an award before a big audience. He praised him as an extraordinary man and an extraordinary leader.

By attending President Trump's inauguration with his good friend, he continued to promote him in establishment political circles, and he headlined a fundraiser together with Mr. Hale-Cusanelli in Florida last year.

By pretending not to know that he was a vicious anti-Semite, even after he clearly had evidence that he was, Mr. Martin continued to legitimize and validate the views of this man.

Mr. Martin's weak protests that he didn't know anything about what his views really were were debunked not only by National Public Radio but by the record of Martin's involvement with other extremists.

For example, Mr. Martin has also praised Jack Posobiec, an anti-Semitic conspiracy theorist with links to the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers, and several other white nationalist organizations.

Mr. Martin frequently praises Mr. Posobiec online and calls his anti-Semitic insights valuable and incredible. Mr. Martin's own views are saturated with deranged analogies that dilute the meaning of Nazism and Fascism.

In one episode about the 2024 election, he compared President Joe Biden to Adolf Hitler, which either means that Biden committed genocide or that Hitler was just a regular old politician. In another episode about the election, he repeated the defamatory lie that Jewish people who vote for Democrats are somehow less Jewish than those who vote for Donald Trump.

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How did President Trump treat this disturbed individual after his nomination just collapsed across the hallway in the U.S. Senate in the face of this mountain of evidence of his extremism? It was not by cutting him loose, as he should have, but by appointing him to serve in a senior role in the Department of Justice that does not require confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

President Trump named him to be the U.S. pardon attorney, and he named him to be director of a task force on the weaponization of government. This was a perfect assignment, perhaps, for a man who writes vituperative threat letters to Democrats when he hears them say things that he doesn't like.

Mr. Speaker, it makes me wonder why President Trump would put up with this and would insist upon placing him in a position of such critical importance in the Department of Justice. President Trump saw very fine people

on both sides of the anti-Semitic riot that took place in Charlottesville. We know that he had Nicholas Fuentes to his house, another neo-Nazi Holocaust revisionist.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is a matter of fundamental importance, that both Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate demand that Ed Martin not have a role in the U.S. Government, given his close association with all of these extremists and his very damning statements in the past, not to mention the fact that he had more than 150 appearances on Russian propaganda state networks.

We should be rejecting anti-Semitism wherever it appears: on the left, on the right, or in the center. It doesn't matter what you call yourself. If you align with hatred against any group, you are a danger to American constitutional democracy, and we should not allow it to gain a foothold in the Government of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, let us adhere to the spirit of President George Washington, who said in his famous letter in 1790 to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, that "the Government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

If these words are to mean something in our day in the 21st century, we must insist that men like Ed Martin and his anti-Semitic associates and friends have no place representing the people of the United States in our government.

We must pay more than lipservice to the idea of fighting anti-Semitism. We must fight anti-Semitism when we see it in the Government of the United States itself and even amongst our friends.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Let's put the words and the spirit of this resolution into practice.

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

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, we have another colleague on our side who now seeks recognition. I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I was not intending to speak. I had the privilege of just standing in the Speaker's rostrum a few minutes ago and witnessing this debate on an issue that has been important to me ever since I got into public service. I think it is no small coincidence as I was able to wear my kippah up there. I am not sure whether that has happened before as a debate like this happened.

I thank Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for bringing this forward and saying that we should stand together on anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that I am new, but a resolution like this that says that people should care about these issues is not the time for people to go and make partisan potshots about anti-Semitism. It is not produc-

tive. It is divisive. It is not helpful, particularly in a world where folks on our side could go through a long list and a litany of problems on the other side of the aisle, including the people who actually serve in this room.

This is a problem that, while I appreciate that Democrats want to work on and while I appreciate that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to help on it, I can say from personal experience that the folks who are on my side, from President Trump on down, are committed.

Mr. Speaker, are there bad people? Something I often say in Florida—as my colleagues work with me, they will find this—anti-Semitism doesn't have a monopoly on either party. Both have it. My side does, too. Yet, where we fight together to take it on and not take shots, we actually begin to solve the problem.

Commentary like that about President Trump is just not helpful because I can say that I have seen it in my State where we don't have many of the problems that we find in other parts of the country because we have tackled these issues, largely in a bipartisan way, including with people who serve here in Congress on the Democratic side.

Mr. Speaker, I say, moving forward, while I am grateful for the desire and the belief to tackle anti-Semitism, there is a time and a place for those kinds of arguments. This was not one.

I thank my colleagues for the resolution and letting us focus on the importance of celebrating achievements that I was not aware of. I will now share with my family where the slow cooker came from. I didn't know. It makes sense given the kind of food that we eat at home.

Yet, I ask us as we tackle this issue to be focused on solving the problem and not making it worse by trying to come up with things that will divide us all.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have not had the good fortune to meet our new colleague from Florida, and I will be sure to come over to introduce myself right after. I am glad the gentleman is in support of the resolution.

The very first sentence of it says: "The House of Representatives calls on elected officials," which presumably includes us, "faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn and counter all acts of anti-Semitism."

If a discussion of anti-Semitism and the contributions of Jewish Americans is not an appropriate time to talk about anti-Semitism in the government, I wonder what is.

I would be very happy to pursue with my new colleague the subject of Ed Martin. I don't know exactly where he stands on Ed Martin, whether he opposed the President's withdrawal of his nomination after it came out about his close association with a neo-Nazi.

The story behind it, if the gentleman is really interested in it, is National

Public Radio confronted him with all the evidence of Hale-Cusanelli's Nazi statements, including: "Hitler should have finished the job."

Hale-Cusanelli was also associated with statements like he was right about disabled people and when babies are born disabled, they should be put to death immediately, and so on.

They presented him with a complete litany of it, and Ed Martin's response to it was that National Public Radio is a propaganda network paid for by the government, and he had nothing of substance to say about his good friend's, this "extraordinary leader," anti-Semitic remarks.

It seems that for some people, there is never an opportunity to actually repudiate and denounce anti-Semitism when it actually appears. When it came out that he did know about it, they were forced to withdraw the nomination.

Mr. Speaker, imagine everyone's surprise when Donald Trump decided to then make him the United States pardon attorney overseeing a large office of people considering pardon applications from across the country.

Is that someone that I think can be trusted to deal fairly in terms of minority groups, such as Jewish Americans, African Americans, and Hispanic Americans? I don't think so.

I am sorry the gentleman doesn't think it is appropriate to talk about anti-Semitism when we see it. We just have an honest difference of opinion about that, but if the gentleman is interested in pursuing it some other time, I would love to discuss it with him.

I think my colleague will come to find that we use the floor of the House of Representatives to talk about a lot of things going on. My Republican colleague might be able to stick narrowly to one particular topic. Good for him if that is what he would like to do, but we like to talk about all of our legislation in context here.

This is a matter that is actually called for directly in the very first sentence of the resolution that we are all about to approve.

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

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, the distinguished Representative from Florida, for being such a great leader in opposing not just anti-Semitism but all forms of racism, bigotry, and anti-Semitism. One could say it was the original form of racism. It goes back millennia, and it mutates and appears in different guises and different forms and at different periods in history.

Mr. Speaker, anti-Semitism and racism are the gateway to destruction of liberal democracy, so we need to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Jewish Americans, along with

the extraordinary accomplishments of members of other groups, and to fight and resist bigotry of all forms, as George Washington talked about.

Mr. Speaker, let us continue to fight for an America that is going to be open to the contributions of everybody, and I appreciate Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ' ability to bring before us again the Jewish American Heritage Month resolution. I am delighted to support it, and I urge all Members of the body to vote for it.

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

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of our colleagues who have engaged in this discussion today on both sides of the aisle for their remarks. This is an issue that, although we go off on particulars from time to time where we strongly disagree, at its core, it is an issue where all of us agree as Americans, regardless of our philosophy, regardless of our faith, and regardless of our geography, that there is no space for anti-Semitism in American public life. I come from the State of Kansas. It was one of our favorite sons, Dwight Eisenhower, who was the Supreme Allied Commander at the end of the Second World War who entered the camps, saw the horrors, and ordered that videographers record what was seen so that people would believe because Ike was sure that it was so far beyond the pale and experience of most people what had occurred in the camps and to the Jewish people and others during the war at the hands of the Nazi regime that, without seeing, they would not believe.

I can actually still find those films on some of the streaming services. I commend them to those who have an interest in seeing that moment in history and perhaps feeling just a little piece of what those who saw it in person understood.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is true—I know it was a few years ago—that there are still fewer Jewish people alive today than there were at the start of the Holocaust, that the roughly 6 million who were killed, it has taken all this time to sort of get back numerically to that starting line.

This is not just another issue. Nobody has done it here today, but when we hear people out and about who will compare our current politics to the Nazis or to Hitler, I hope we all will remind them that it is not the same. There are moments to have vigorous debates, but it is not the same. Perhaps when those terms are used, it cheapens a bit of the experience that some of our fellow Americans lived through.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everybody for joining together on this. I encourage all of our colleagues on both sides to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCGUIRE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from

Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 352.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1630

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. AMODEI) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, the Speaker designates this as the time for the offering of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. THANEDAR).

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 2243; and

The motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 352.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as 5-minute vote.

LEOSA REFORM ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfin-

ished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 2243) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 229, nays 193, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 128]

YEAS—229

Alford	Goldman (TX)	Miller (IL)
Allen	Gonzales, Tony	Miller (OH)
Amodei (NV)	Gonzalez, V.	Miller (WV)
Arrington	Gooden	Miller-Meeks
Babin	Gosar	Mills
Bacon	Graves	Min
Baird	Gray	Moolenaar
Balderson	Green (TN)	Moore (AL)
Barr	Greene (GA)	Moore (NC)
Barrett	Griffith	Moore (UT)
Baumgartner	Grothman	Moore (WV)
Bean (FL)	Guest	Moran
Begich	Guthrie	Murphy
Bentz	Hageman	Nehls
Bergman	Hamadeh (AZ)	Newhouse
Bice	Harder (CA)	Norman
Biggs (AZ)	Haridopolos	Nunn (IA)
Biggs (SC)	Harrigan	Oberholte
Bilirakis	Harris (MD)	Ogles
Boebert	Harris (NC)	Onder
Bost	Harshbarger	Owens
Brecheen	Hern (OK)	Palmer
Bresnahan	Higgins (LA)	Patronis
Buchanan	Hill (AR)	Perez
Budzinski	Hinson	Perry
Burchett	Houchin	Pfuger
Burlison	Hudson	Reschenthaler
Calvert	Huizenga	Rogers (AL)
Cammack	Hunt	Rogers (KY)
Carey	Hurd (CO)	Rose
Carter (GA)	Issa	Rouzer
Carter (LA)	Jack	Roy
Carter (TX)	Jackson (TX)	Rulli
Ciscomani	James	Rutherford
Cline	Johnson (LA)	Salazar
Cloud	Johnson (SD)	Scalise
Clyde	Jordan	Schmidt
Cole	Joyce (OH)	Schweikert
Collins	Joyce (PA)	Scott, Austin
Comer	Kaptur	Self
Craig	Kean	Sessions
Crane	Kelly (MS)	Shreve
Crank	Kelly (PA)	Simpson
Crawford	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (MO)
Crenshaw	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NE)
Cuellar	Kiley (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Davidson	Kim	Smucker
Davis (NC)	Knott	Spartz
De La Cruz	Kustoff	Staubert
DesJarlais	LaHood	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Steil
Donalds	LaMalfa	Steube
Downing	Landsman	Strong
Dunn (FL)	Langworthy	Stutzman
Edwards	Latta	Taylor
Ellzey	Lawler	Tenney
Emmer	Lee (FL)	Thompson (PA)
Estes	Letlow	Tiffany
Evans (CO)	Loudermilk	Timmons
Ezell	Lucas	Turner (OH)
Fallon	Luna	Valadao
Fedorchak	Luttrell	Van Drew
Feenstra	Mace	Van Dwyne
Fine	Mackenzie	Van Orden
Finstad	Malliotakis	Wagner
Fischbach	Maloy	Walberg
Fitzgerald	Mann	Weber (TX)
Fleischmann	Massie	Webster (FL)
Flood	Mast	Westerman
Fong	McClain	Wied
Fox	McClintock	Williams (TX)
Franklin, Scott	McCormick	Wilson (SC)
Fry	McDonald Rivet	Womack
Fulcher	McDowell	Yakym
Garbarino	McGuire	Zinke
Gimenez	Messmer	
Golden (ME)	Meuser	

NAYS—193

Adams	Goldman (NY)	Panetta
Aguiar	Gomez	Pappas
Amo	Goodlander	Pelosi
Ansari	Gottheimer	Peters
Auchincloss	Green, Al (TX)	Pingree
Balint	Hayes	Pocan
Barragán	Himes	Pou
Beatty	Horsford	Pressley
Bell	Houlihan	Quigley
Bera	Hoyer	Ramirez
Beyer	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Bishop	Huffman	Raskin
Bonamici	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Boyle (PA)	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Brown	Jacobs	Ross
Brownley	Jayapal	Ruiz
Bynum	Jeffries	Ryan
Carbajal	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Carson	Johnson (TX)	Sánchez
Casar	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Case	Keating	Schakowsky
Casten	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Castor (FL)	Kennedy (NY)	Scholten
Castro (TX)	Khanna	Schrier
Cherfilus-	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
McCormick	Larsen (WA)	Scott, David
Chu	Larson (CT)	Sewell
Cisneros	Latimer	Sherman
Clark (MA)	Lee (NV)	Sherrill
Clarke (NY)	Lee (PA)	Simon
Cleaver	Leger Fernandez	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Levin	Sorensen
Cohen	Liccardo	Soto
Conaway	Lieu	Stansbury
Correa	Lofgren	Stanton
Costa	Lynch	Stevens
Courtney	Magaziner	Strickland
Crockett	Mannion	Subramanyam
Crow	Matsui	Suozi
Davids (KS)	McBath	Swalwell
Davis (IL)	McBride	Sykes
Dean (PA)	McClain Delaney	Takano
DeGette	McClellan	Thanedar
DeLauro	McCollum	Thompson (CA)
DelBene	McGarvey	Thompson (MS)
Deluzio	McGovern	Titus
DeSaulnier	McIver	Tlaib
Dexter	Meeks	Tokuda
Dingell	Menendez	Tonko
Doggett	Meng	Torres (CA)
Elfreth	Mfume	Torres (NY)
Escobar	Moore (WI)	Tran
Espallat	Morelle	Underwood
Fields	Morrison	Vargas
Figures	Moskowitz	Vasquez
Fletcher	Moulton	Veasey
Foster	Mrvan	Velázquez
Foushee	Mullin	Vindman
Frankel, Lois	Nadler	Wasserman
Friedman	Neal	Schultz
Frost	Neguse	Waters
Garcia (CA)	Ocasio-Cortez	Watson Coleman
Garcia (IL)	Olzewski	Whitesides
Garcia (TX)	Omar	Williams (GA)
Gillen	Pallone	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—11

Aderholt	Garamendi	Pettersen
Connolly	Gill (TX)	Trahan
Evans (PA)	McCaul	Wittman
Fitzpatrick	Norcross	

□ 1727

Messrs. **VASQUEZ, KRISHNAMOORTHY, MAGAZINER, and PALLONE** changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 128.

CALLING ON ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS TO COUNTER ANTISEMITISM AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JEWISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 352) calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 1, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 129]

YEAS—421

Adams	Cisneros	Fitzpatrick
Aderholt	Clark (MA)	Fleischmann
Aguiar	Clarke (NY)	Fletcher
Alford	Cleaver	Flood
Allen	Cline	Fong
Amo	Cloud	Foster
Amodei (NV)	Clyburn	Foushee
Ansari	Clyde	Fox
Arrington	Cohen	Frankel, Lois
Auchincloss	Cole	Franklin, Scott
Babin	Collins	Friedman
Bacon	Comer	Frost
Balderson	Conaway	Fry
Balint	Correa	Fulcher
Barr	Costa	Garbarino
Barragán	Courtney	Garcia (CA)
Barrett	Craig	Garcia (IL)
Baumgartner	Crane	Garcia (TX)
Bean (FL)	Crank	Gillen
Beatty	Crawford	Gimenez
Begich	Crenshaw	Golden (ME)
Bell	Crockett	Goldman (NY)
Bentz	Crow	Goldman (TX)
Bera	Cuellar	Gomez
Bergman	Davids (KS)	Gonzales, Tony
Beyer	Davidson	Gonzalez, V.
Bice	Davis (IL)	Gooden
Biggs (AZ)	Davis (NC)	Goodlander
Biggs (SC)	De La Cruz	Gosar
Bilirakis	Dean (PA)	Gottheimer
Bishop	DeGette	Graves
Boebert	DeLauro	Gray
Bonamici	DelBene	Green (TN)
Bost	Deluzio	Green, Al (TX)
Boyle (PA)	DeSaulnier	Griffith
Brecheen	DesJarlais	Grothman
Bresnahan	Dexter	Guest
Brown	Diaz-Balart	Guthrie
Brownley	Dingell	Hageman
Buchanan	Doggett	Hamadeh (AZ)
Budzinski	Donalds	Harder (CA)
Burchett	Downing	Haridopolos
Burlison	Dunn (FL)	Harrigan
Bynum	Edwards	Harris (MD)
Calvert	Elfreth	Harris (NC)
Cammack	Ellzey	Harshbarger
Carbajal	Emmer	Hayes
Carey	Escobar	Hern (OK)
Carson	Espallat	Higgins (LA)
Carter (GA)	Estes	Hill (AR)
Carter (LA)	Evans (CO)	Himes
Carter (TX)	Ezell	Hinson
Casar	Fallon	Horsford
Case	Fedorchak	Houchin
Casten	Feenstra	Houlihan
Castor (FL)	Fields	Hoyer
Castro (TX)	Figures	Hoyle (OR)
Cherfilus-	Fine	Hudson
McCormick	Finstad	Huffman
Chu	Fischbach	Hunt
Ciscomani	Fitzgerald	Hurd (CO)

Issa	Meeks	Schrier
Ivey	Menendez	Schweikert
Jack	Meng	Scott (VA)
Jackson (IL)	Messmer	Scott, Austin
Jackson (TX)	Meuser	Scott, David
Jacobs	Mfume	Self
James	Miller (IL)	Sessions
Jayapal	Miller (OH)	Sewell
Jeffries	Miller (WV)	Sherman
Johnson (GA)	Miller-Meeks	Sherrill
Johnson (LA)	Mills	Shreve
Johnson (SD)	Min	Simon
Johnson (TX)	Moolenaar	Simpson
Jordan	Moore (AL)	Smith (MO)
Joyce (OH)	Moore (NC)	Smith (NE)
Joyce (PA)	Moore (UT)	Smith (NJ)
Kamlager-Dove	Moore (WI)	Smith (WA)
Kaptur	Moore (WV)	Smucker
Kean	Moran	Sorensen
Keating	Morelle	Soto
Kelly (IL)	Morrison	Spartz
Kelly (MS)	Moskowitz	Stansbury
Kelly (PA)	Moulton	Stanton
Kennedy (NY)	Mrvan	Stauber
Kennedy (UT)	Mullin	Stefanik
Khanna	Murphy	Steil
Kiggans (VA)	Nadler	Steube
Kiley (CA)	Neal	Stevens
Kim	Neguse	Strickland
Knott	Nehls	Strong
Krishnamoorthi	Newhouse	Stutzman
Kustoff	Norman	Subramanyam
LaHood	Nunn (IA)	Suozi
LaLota	Obenolte	Swalwell
LaMalfa	Ocasio-Cortez	Sykes
Landsman	Ogles	Takano
Langworthy	Olzewski	Taylor
Larsen (WA)	Omar	Tenney
Larson (CT)	Onder	Thanedar
Latimer	Owens	Thompson (CA)
Latta	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Lawler	Palmer	Thompson (PA)
Lee (FL)	Panetta	Tiffany
Lee (NV)	Pappas	Timmons
Lee (PA)	Patronis	Titus
Leger Fernandez	Pelosi	Tlaib
Letlow	Perez	Tokuda
Levin	Perry	Tonko
Liccardo	Peters	Torres (CA)
Lieu	Pfluger	Torres (NY)
Lofgren	Pingree	Tran
Loudermilk	Pocan	Turner (OH)
Lucas	Pou	Underwood
Luna	Pressley	Valadao
Luttrell	Quigley	Van DREW
Lynch	Ramirez	Van Dyne
Mace	Randall	Van Orden
Mackenzie	Raskin	Vargas
Magaziner	Reschenthaler	Vasquez
Malliotakis	Riley (NY)	Veasey
Maloy	Rivas	Velázquez
Mann	Rogers (AL)	Vindman
Mannion	Rogers (KY)	Wagner
Mast	Rose	Walberg
Matsui	Ross	Wasserman
McBath	Rouzer	Schultz
McBride	Roy	Waters
McCaul	Ruiz	Watson Coleman
McClain	Rulli	Weber (TX)
McClain Delaney	Rutherford	Webster (FL)
McClellan	Ryan	Westerman
McClintock	Salazar	Whitesides
McCollum	Salinas	Wied
McCormick	Sánchez	Williams (GA)
McDonald Rivet	Scalise	Williams (TX)
McDowell	Scanlon	Wilson (FL)
McGarvey	Schakowsky	Wilson (SC)
McGovern	Schmidt	Womack
McGuire	Schneider	Yakym
McIver	Scholten	Zinke

NAYS—1

Massie

NOT VOTING—11

Baird	Gill (TX)	Pettersen
Connolly	Greene (GA)	Trahan
Evans (PA)	Huizenga	Wittman
Garamendi	Norcross	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1734

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 129.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 24, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOWNING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 24

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on June 8, 2025, for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the event described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 119th Congress:

Mr. BENTZ, Oregon
Mr. CLINE, Virginia
Mrs. FEDORCHAK, North Dakota
Mrs. KIM, California
Mr. MANN, Kansas
Mr. OWENS, Utah
Mr. ROSE, Tennessee
Mr. ROUZER, North Carolina
Mr. TAYLOR, Ohio
Mr. YAKYM, Indiana

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE MILLARD ALLEN, JR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of George Millard Allen, Jr., a veteran, a devoted public servant, and a cherished member of the Brunswick, Georgia, community.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he proudly served our Nation in the United States Navy, exemplifying self-sacrifice and patriotism.

After his military service, Mr. Allen continued to serve his community in various capacities, including involvement in local education as a Glynn County School Board member.

Mr. Allen's legacy is characterized by his unwavering commitment to service, both in uniform and in civilian life. He leaves a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of knowing him.

As we remember Mr. Allen, let us celebrate a life well lived and commit to continuing his example of selfless service.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3321

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) as cosponsor of H.R. 3321.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to highlight the heroism of a number of police officers in the Newport Beach Police Department in my district. This, of course, is National Police Week. The heroism of these officers is worth noting.

Just earlier this year, Officer Ragan Grego, Officer Roberto Salcedo, and Officer Jonathan Sunshine valiantly saved the life of a man who was pulled from the ocean after going into cardiac arrest.

On July 4, Officer Kyle Cameron, Officer Michael Querry, Officer Bernadette Sanchez, and Officer Heather Thomson helped save a man's life after he was injured in a violent stabbing.

Sergeant Ricardo Adame, Officer Tony Gallegos, Detective Joshua Granger, Officer Jack McMannis, and Officer Salvador Torres rescued an unconscious woman by pulling her from her vehicle, which was partially submerged in the ocean.

Each of these brave and quick-thinking decisions reflects the fearlessness

and ingenuity of the law enforcement officers in Orange County, which I represent.

I am proud to represent such courageous law enforcement officers who tirelessly work to keep our community safe, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN SPILLANE

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I stand on a bipartisan basis with one of my fellow colleagues, LLOYD DOGGETT, from Travis County, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, today, we became the beneficiaries of seeing the Corps of Engineers from the Fort Worth District visit us to talk about the water needs and the infrastructure of our water programs in Texas.

Today, I rise to recognize Kathleen Spillane, chief of the Civil Works Branch for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District.

In this role, Kathy oversees a comprehensive portfolio of critical water resources development projects in Texas, including flood risks, management, water supply, and operations.

Kathy manages a civil works program valued at over \$1 billion, supervising a team that takes input from not only Members of Congress but also communities throughout Texas. Under her direction, the Fort Worth District's 25 reservoirs, which provide over one-third of Texas' surface drinking water, are effectively managed.

I am very proud of the years Kathy has spent not only with the Corps but in service to the people of the United States of America and, in particular, Texas.

Kathy has done a great job. I am very proud of her. May God be with her as she travels back home to our home State of Texas.

□ 1745

THREATS TO SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with grave concern about the threat that the Trump administration poses to Social Security.

In February, Elon Musk called the program the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time. Then a few weeks later, he referred to Social Security as the big one to eliminate.

These are not empty comments. They are real threats. Under this administration, we are seeing mass firings at Social Security offices, hours-long wait times, delayed checks, websites crashing, and field offices closing.

My district office in Raleigh, North Carolina, has received panicked calls from seniors whose checks didn't arrive on time for the first time ever.

Seniors' benefits are under attack, and Donald Trump is to blame. We will not be silent while Trump and his cronies try to slash the benefits that our seniors have earned over a lifetime of hard work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTELLE WILLIAMS MCKISSICK

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from nursery rhymes to classroom wisdom, Mother Goose told stories that shaped childhood, while Mother McKissick shaped minds that built futures.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life of Estelle Williams McKissick, affectionately known to everybody as "Mother McKissick," a devoted educator, church leader, and pillar in the Jacksonville, Florida, community.

For 50 years, Mother McKissick poured her heart into the Duval County public school system as a teacher and principal, where she touched the lives of thousands of kids with her passion for learning.

Mother McKissick was a faithful servant of the Bethel Baptist Church where for 47 years she led along with her husband Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr.

Together they launched the B.E.S.T. Academy to help struggling students.

Although we mourn her passing, Mr. Speaker, let us carry forward her mission to educate with passion and to serve with love.

Godspeed, Mother McKissick.

HONORING OFFICER MATTHEW BOWEN OF THE VACAVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Matthew Bowen of the Vacaville Police Department.

Officer Bowen joined the Vacaville Police Department in 2023 and was celebrated by his friends, family, and colleagues for his kindness, humor, work ethic, and unwavering calm under pressure.

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Officer Bowen was initiating a traffic stop when he was struck by a vehicle, tragically losing his life in the line of duty.

His selfless dedication to protecting others, even in the face of danger, is a testament to his courage and commitment to public service.

Officer Bowen is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and their two young sons,

Mason and Everett. It was my privilege to name him my district's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in 2025.

Mr. Speaker, this Police Week, I am honored to recognize Officer Matthew Bowen's legacy of courage and sacrifice. May he rest in peace.

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, The Nation's Report Card recently showed that our education system is in a state of crisis. There has been a steady and alarming decline. However, right now, we have an opportunity to turn the tide by catalyzing a revolution in school choice across the country.

One-half of the equation is the Educational Choice for Children Act which will expand private school choice to 2 million kids and has been included in the text of the reconciliation bill.

However, the other one-half, the High-Quality Charter School Act, and a tax provision contained therein, would triple the number of kids in charter schools across the country remains missing still.

I am encouraging my colleagues to ensure that we provide support for charter school families in equal measure in a way that will expand opportunity across the country. Together with universal school choice, we will be able to begin a new era of educational excellence in this country.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING MELVIN LEE "KIP" HOLDEN

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

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Mayor Melvin Lee "Kip" Holden of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Kip was a remarkable leader who committed his career to the people of Baton Rouge, serving as their city councilman from 1984 to 1988, and then their State representative from 1988 to 2004. He then served as mayor for three terms from 2005 to 2016.

As the first African American to lead the city-parish, he broke barriers and built bridges, always putting the people first. Mayor Holden was a trailblazer, a history maker, and a dedicated public servant.

His contributions have left a lasting mark on Baton Rouge and beyond. My prayers are with his family, friends, and all those whom he touched with his leadership.

Mr. Speaker at this time, I request a moment of silence.

CALIFORNIA'S CAP-AND-TRADE SCHEME

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in California, they are going at it again. Gavin Newsom and the legislature want to extend California's cap-and-trade tax for another 15 years.

This is a tax that was created by really creating a fake currency of selling the right to make CO₂ for manufacturing plants and power plants in California.

All this does is jack up the price for fuel, electricity, et cetera, and pass it along to families who have to pay for these things.

What will this go for?

A portion will go for at least a guaranteed \$1 billion per year for the boondoggle in California known as the high-speed rail. I call it the high-cost fail because it has been failing for many, many years and is projected to be probably 25 or 30 years late if it ever gets completed. It has wasted many billions of dollars so far with nothing to show for it.

He wants to lock in this cap-and-trade funding through 2045, all while Californians are paying more and more to keep their lights on and keep gas in their car. It is projected by some of these actions to be as much as \$8.43 per gallon according to a USC report.

Get that, Mr. Speaker, \$8.50 per gallon for these schemes. We need to fix roads and do a lot of other things besides high-speed rail and sticking taxes on more people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL BALLTON

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend and a beloved champion for south Los Angeles, the late Carl Ballton.

I met Carl through my work at Crystal Stairs where he served on the board for over 20 years, including a decade as chair. Under his leadership, Crystal Stairs grew into a respected institution serving thousands of children and families.

Carl cared deeply about social justice and the Los Angeles community. That passion guided his service beyond Crystal Stairs. He led the Union Bank Foundation and served on the boards of the LA Urban League, United Negro College Fund, Habitat for Humanity, and many other organizations.

Carl and his beloved wife, Lula, used their power for good, especially within the Black community.

His passing is a deep loss for us all, but his legacy lives on in the countless lives he has touched and the institutions he helped build.

He will be deeply missed.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise during National Police Week to honor the brave men and women in law enforcement who served across eastern North Carolina and our Nation.

From Granville County to Currituck County, Northampton County to Lenoir County and everywhere in between, our officers protect our families and communities daily.

They are there during natural disasters. They are taking a bite out of crime. They keep us safe at our favorite local festivals and parades.

Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge the Elizabeth City State University Police Department for working so hard to keep our students safe. I recognize our K-9s.

We must also pause to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their courage reminds us of the true cost of public safety, and their memories live on in the communities they serve so faithfully.

We are forever grateful to every officer and their families for their service, sacrifice, and strength.

May God watch over them as they stand guard watching over us.

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAMS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the University of Akron Zips Women's Lacrosse team and their coach, Elaine Jones, as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

For the first time ever, this lacrosse team won the Mid-American Conference Lacrosse Championship when they took down Robert Morris University in an overtime thriller to secure their first ever championship.

With just 14 seconds left during overtime, a golden goal from Jaelyn Clinkscales propelled the Akron Zips Women's lacrosse team to victory.

The odds were stacked against this team as they were picked to finish last this season in the MAC Preseason Coaches Poll, but they persevered and beat the odds coming in as the champions.

This historic season was led by Coach Elaine Jones, who also won the MAC Coach of the Year Award.

Congratulations again to the Akron Zips Women's lacrosse team for this outstanding victory. This team is a shining example of why this community is known as the birthplace of

champions. I look forward to cheering them on next season.

Go Zips.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and there are so many groups in Virginia that do incredible work for our community in this space.

One I want to recognize today is Loudoun Serenity House which champions affordable, peer-based services for people living with mental health conditions or who are on the road to recovery from substance abuse.

Serenity House started as a shared dream of two sisters, Melissa and Rachel Hinton, and they established their first recovery house in October of 2020. It has since expanded to serve so many people in our community.

This past weekend, I had the honor of joining them for their annual 5K race. I didn't run, but I did shoot the starting gun. Most importantly, we raised a lot of money, and it was a beautiful day.

We must remember that nearly one in four American adults live with mental health conditions, yet the majority do not receive the care they need. Peer-based programs have been really successful. They are a very affordable way of getting that care.

Happy Mental Health Awareness Month to everyone, and I am grateful for groups like Loudoun Serenity House.

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ATTACKS ON LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, President Trump fired the Librarian of Congress just 1 year shy of completing her 10-year term. He also fired the head of the U.S. Copyright Office, replacing them with his former lawyers and current DOJ appointees. While the President may get to appoint the Librarian, these offices are under the jurisdiction of Congress, and we should be consulted.

I have raised concerns about troubling patterns that we have seen emerging in our country, patterns that echo tactics of regimes in Hungary, North Korea, and Venezuela. These are not governments we admire. Yet, this latest move fits that mold.

The Library of Congress is the world's largest library and a symbol of our commitment to free thought. We have seen growing attacks on libraries and books nationwide. Now it seems

even the Library of Congress is not off limits.

While personnel were fired, this is about power, who controls what Americans read, learn, and dream. When you limit access to knowledge, you limit freedom. You send a clear message that questioning authority is no longer welcome.

The slide away from democracy continues.

EDESIA

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the ninth time to call on the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

Mr. Speaker, 11 seconds, every 11 seconds a child dies because of malnutrition. By the time I finish this speech, five more children will have lost their lives.

Their lives could be saved with access to this, Plumpy'Nut, a nutritional supplement manufactured in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, at Edesia Nutrition.

Prior to the Trump administration, Edesia received USAID funding to ship Plumpy'Nut to more than 64 countries. They have the capacity to produce 800 metric tons per week, which would serve 100,000 children.

The Trump administration had said that they plan to continue this funding. They just haven't done so yet. I am calling them once again, for the ninth time, to honor their word to restore funding for emergency food aid so that no child's lives are unnecessarily cut short.

RIISING COSTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, as a former small business owner, I would like to spend a moment talking about the consequences of the administration's policies, both tariffs and the erratic behavior, that have an impact on people like myself, people who owned restaurants for decades, and the thin margins they operate under.

Mr. Speaker, recent surveys have said, 42 percent of small businesses reported increased costs due to the administration's policies, both tariffs and otherwise. I don't think they realized or thought through the effect of these policies on Main Street America.

Over 45 percent of Americans are employed by small business. They are the backbone of Main Street and our economy.

The administration and my colleagues on the other side have to think through the consequences of this erratic behavior on Main Street America.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have five legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, again, it has been quite a week for the House Republicans with the long and late committee hearings as we move forward on our reconciliation package and deliver substantial wins for the American people. Like I mentioned, they were overnight, so anybody that might have got caught snoozing for a few seconds here or there, we don't want to be too hard on them since it was an all-nighter, and we are not in college anymore.

It is significant what we have accomplished. The Energy and Commerce Committee just finished up, and the House Ways and Means Committee earlier. We have got 11 or so committees that have contributed to the one big, beautiful bill, the reconciliation package. We want to see this thing get advanced as we continue to make it into law as the process plays out. We are going to move this conservative and effective agenda.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to be a part of this process and for the work my colleagues here are putting into this, as well.

In addition to the reconciliation work, House Republicans are honored to recognize Police Week and highlight the important work of our law enforcement officers that they do each day.

I just was walking through the Capitol rotunda, and I saw a few police officers here taking a tour of this special place. It is such a great opportunity for us to be able to celebrate the work that they do. They put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe. They support local programs, mentor our youth, and respond to crisis.

They are our trusted partners and neighbors, and House Republicans are continuing to pass legislation to support and equip our law enforcement officers to best serve our families and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for joining me tonight to talk about these important topics.

To do that, I will kick it off right by yielding to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS), my good colleague and close friend from the great State of Utah.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Blake for the time.

Mr. Speaker, this week, we honor the brave men and women who wear the

badge, those who serve with courage, professionalism, and heart to keep our communities safe.

National Police Week is a time to give thanks and to reaffirm our support for the law enforcement officers, from Utah to D.C., who put their lives on the line every single day.

These officers aren't just responding to emergencies. They are neighbors, trusted members of our communities, and our role models.

Today, I also want to honor a fallen hero from my home State of Utah, Sergeant Bill Hooser of the Santaquin Police Department. Sergeant Hooser gave his life in the line of duty, and this week his name is being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the Hooser family. May He continue to comfort them and be with them always. We will never forget Bill's service or sacrifice.

House Republicans are taking action to support those who serve. This week we are advancing commonsense legislation that equips, respects, and protects our law enforcement community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank every officer, every family who has lost a hero in the line of duty. Their service matters. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. We back the blue. We trust our officers, and we will fight to protect those who protect us.

God bless our law enforcement community. God bless the Hooser family, and may God continue to bless our great Nation.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from the greatest State in the country. I appreciate his willingness to be here to support this week and his message on this really important Police Week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN), my good colleague and veteran, an all-around great legislator from the great State of Florida.

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank my well-rested friend and colleague from Utah for the time.

Mr. Speaker, this evening as we recognize National Police Week, I rise to honor the brave men and women in uniform who serve with courage, integrity, and selflessness.

Every day, law enforcement officers put themselves in harm's way to protect our communities and uphold the rule of law. They respond without hesitation, often under dangerous and unpredictable circumstances.

A recent incident in my district highlights what that commitment looks like. Last month, in Bartow, Florida, a man who had brutally assaulted and held his own parents hostage later opened fire on responding officers during an intense confrontation at a local shopping center. Despite the danger, members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Bartow Police Department responded swiftly to protect innocent lives.

During the confrontation, Deputy Edwin Alexander was shot in the arm, and Officer Mark Sills was shot in the chest, his body armor likely saving his life.

Thanks to their training and resilience and the grace of God, both are expected to fully recover. Their actions are a powerful reminder of the bravery shown by those who serve. They stepped in to shield others, knowing full well the risks they faced. Their story reminds us why we pause this week to honor law enforcement.

National Police Week is not only a time to honor those who were killed in the line of duty, but also to thank those who continue to answer the call with distinction.

These officers, along with thousands of others across the country, deserve not only our gratitude but our unwavering support. May God bless them, their families, and all who protect and defend our communities.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CRANK), who is a new member this term. He took over for a good friend of mine. We have a very common district. I represent Hill Air Force Base, and he represents the Colorado Springs area, which we all know is where the Air Force Academy is located. With a lot of shared connection to the Colorado Springs area and his district in Colorado and Utah first, both being strong Air Force communities, I am thrilled to be working with such a great new member of the Conference.

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today on National Police Week to honor the great men and women who protect us every single day, who wear the badge, and who protect our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank specifically our El Paso County Sheriff's Office and our Colorado Springs Police Department and all of the local law enforcement in Colorado. They put themselves on the front lines every single day.

I have had the pleasure of doing ride-alongs with our sheriff's office and our Colorado Springs Police Department. I say to my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that if you haven't stood in their shoes, don't be critical of the job that they do because if you take the time to go do it—and many times we have people who come and want to shadow a Member of Congress for a day—it is a great opportunity to do that. Take a minute and shadow a police officer for a day. Go on a ride-along and learn what they do. I have, as I said, had the privilege to do that many times.

I recall being on a ride-along in the middle of the night, total darkness, walking up on a car. The police officer has a flashlight, and had I not been there, that police officer would have been there by themselves, and essentially they were there by themselves. I

wasn't armed. Imagine doing that for a living day in and day out. Imagine pulling a car over on the side of the road and not knowing if it is just a lady or a man who had a little bit of a lead foot or whether it is an escaped killer who is going to gun you down.

That is the danger that the men and women of law enforcement face each and every day.

It is easy for us to come here to Washington, D.C., and to the Capitol every day and cast our votes. Why? Because we have police who protect us each and every day, back in our home communities, but also right here at the U.S. Capitol.

In my former life, I was a talk show host. I did many other things, but as a talk show host, in my community one time, there was a shooting. It was unfortunate. It was a young man who got pulled over. Police were questioning this young man, and as he was talking to the police, he turned and started to run. As he turned and started to run, he reached into his shorts, and he started to pull out a gun. By the way, they had been told before a description of this young man and that he had a gun. As he turned to run, he was fired upon by the police officer, one shot, and it killed the young man, sadly. There was another man with him who didn't resist. By the way, he survived and did well.

There were some members of my community who stood up and wanted to make an issue out of that, and I kept reiterating the fact that unless you stood in their shoes, what would you do? What would you do if you were the person who had to make that split-second decision about whether or not you were going to fire to save your life or to take the life of another person?

I also met, by the way, with that police officer after that. He was very emotional, and he told me that he had spent nearly 20 years patrolling that community, 20 years sitting with young girls who had been sexually assaulted as victims and with their families and helping them through that, 20 years dealing with someone in that community who had been murdered. He was their advocate. He was their protector for 20 years.

All of a sudden, when his life was threatened and a gun was pulled on him, there were some in the community that didn't support him.

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We don't ever want that to be the case in the United States of America. For me, unless you stand in their shoes, you can't be critical.

They protect our communities, and I want to emphasize that our local law enforcement in Colorado Springs, in El Paso County, in southern Colorado, choose to work with Federal authorities. They are not ICE agents, but they go to a lot of places. They work with our Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to root out people who are breaking the law. They help protect our communities.

That same police officer who you complain about when you get pulled over because you had a lead foot, Mr. Speaker, that same police officer is the police officer who you call in the middle of the night when you hear a noise in the backyard and something at the door.

We have to protect the rule of law, and we only do that through protecting our men and women of law enforcement.

A few weeks ago in Colorado Springs, we had a raid by the DEA of a nightclub where over 100 people were detained and arrested for criminal activity. There was trafficking of adults and trafficking of children. There were drugs. There was all sorts of illicit behavior there.

The men and women of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Springs Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and many others worked hand in hand to make sure that the citizens of my community stayed safe through that all.

I also thank the men and women of the United States Capitol Police, whom I walk past every day. Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member, as they go past our police officers, not to grumpily look at them, not to pass by and act like they don't exist, but to take a moment to shake their hand, tell them thank you, and look them in the eye and tell them how much you appreciate them.

We couldn't conduct our business, the business of the United States Government, in this Capitol Building if we didn't have those men and women who stand watch for us each and every day, and we need to be very thankful for them, as well.

I will continue to support the police as long as I serve here in the people's House. It is important to me, to my community, and, most importantly, to the rule of law. If we don't respect the rule of law, we will lose everything in the United States of America.

We have to have a system that our Founders established that allows us to know that we will be treated fairly. We pass the laws, and those laws are then carried out by law enforcement all across the country. We expect them to be carried out in the traditions of our Founding Fathers, in the tradition that people are treated fairly, that if they get pulled over for speeding, they will be treated the same way.

We have the protections of our Constitution that our police abide by. We are so fortunate in America to have the men and women who protect us each and every day, and we must continue to protect them and stand with them.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for his comments and anecdotes on his support for the police. It is very important.

I thank my colleagues for being here tonight to show their support for law enforcement and recognize the sacrifices that these officers and their families make on a daily basis.

National Police Week is a great opportunity to stop to thank our local police officers, but we really should be committing to do this throughout the year.

I started a little tradition. I actually did it on the walk over from the parking lot to the University of Utah Huntsman Center basketball game. There are always a few police officers there directing traffic for the few hours of that. I had four boys under the age of 10 at the time. I was trying to help get them out of their shell, talk to other adults, and be a little bit more engaging with folks. I have kind of forced this on them, and now they have taken it on their own. When we see a police officer, we walk up and look them in the eye, he or she, and say thank you.

I shared this with the local police force back home, and it is just one of those things that, as they do the big things for our community, we should be able to do the small things.

Teaching my boys to say thank you to police officers, the most basic, simple, fundamental elements of being a dad, in my opinion, shouldn't be a question of whether you do it. Watching them walk over to a complete stranger, but they are in uniform, and they look up at them in the eyes—they regularly don't look at folks in the eyes. It is always a little awkward for them to learn that interaction—and they just say, "Thank you, Officer." It is a neat experience and something that I am glad I started.

The smallest thing is very much appreciated by those in our community who do the greatest and biggest things for us. We always feel they are one phone call away. They are ubiquitous in our community.

The police officers whom I serve, their chiefs and their leadership are some of the best in our community, and I could go county by county and talk about them. Their sacrifice is very much appreciated, and they do the good work that is needed in Utah.

I appreciate the gentleman from Colorado for highlighting the Capitol Police, as well as the D.C. Metropolitan Police, as we spend a lot of our time back here, as well. They do an exceptional and professional job.

They also beat us in the Congressional Football Game for Charity that we do each year. I am nursing an injury from the soccer charity game. I have turned 45 this year, and I think I have finally realized that I am no longer 18. This has been a very important lesson to learn. I am no longer invincible, and I need to act my age when it comes to some of these intramural types of sports.

The Capitol Police always play the Members of Congress in an annual charity match that goes to supporting some of their priorities, and since I have been in Congress, they have always beaten us. They are quite the athletes.

Over the last few weeks, we have been talking a lot about the big, beautiful bill, as it has been named. This morning, the Ways and Means Committee adjourned from our markup after 18 straight hours. We went through the night. Other committees did that as well. The Energy and Commerce Committee recently finished up, just a few hours ago.

I want to express how proud I am of the work that went into this, the countless amendments that the Democrats also put up to create an opportunity to dialogue, to create an opportunity to debate. That is important.

When we are in the minority, Republicans put up amendments to constant legislation that the Democrats are doing, and it does create opportunities for dialogue. I think once we go through that, there is obviously a lot of posturing and messaging going on, but there is real communication.

After a housing affordability amendment was put up—it ultimately failed, of course, as most of these things do; they are usually put up as posturing—I walked over to the gentleman from the Los Angeles area who put up the amendment and showed him some of the things that I am working on, some of the market-based solutions to this.

We have to find some real, sustainable fixes to housing affordability and making sure first-time home buyers have an opportunity to get in there. This created an opportunity for me to share with him what some of my stakeholders back home are doing. I set up meetings for these guys from Utah with HUD a little while ago.

It is a really neat opportunity to see these types of things happening off-camera. There is real collaboration going on. This is a moment. This bill, as we advance this, will be a reconciliation bill. Traditionally, in my recent memory, these have been majority-rule votes. The opposition party doesn't vote for these. These go on party lines. The vast majority of what is in this particular one, we actually have a lot of bipartisan support on it.

This tax bill that we are doing, the Energy and Commerce Committee is doing a lot of other things regarding their committee of jurisdiction. Candidly, this has taken several years in the making.

We have known that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is going to expire at the end of this year. We have an opportunity to reestablish and to make permanent where we can some of the really progrowth, positive provisions that come out of that piece of legislation.

Other areas of the tax code that have been adjusted or dialed, we are going to try some new things, only for a few years, though, to see how they work out. That is the nature of tax policy. The things that were put for a time limit from 2017 have, in my opinion, stood the test of time and been a strong proponent for progrowth tax policy. We are going to make those permanent in this bill.

There are other things that are going to be newer to the tax code, and we will try them out to see how it plays out in 4 years to give us time to be able to analyze and see how they are being effective and overall impact.

This is going to provide real relief to American families, workers, and businesses. The bill expands the child tax credit, provides critical tax breaks for small businesses and the working class, and makes America more competitive on the global stage. It also makes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, like I mentioned, preventing a massive tax hike that would otherwise happen at the end of this year.

This moment is why I worked hard on the Ways and Means Committee. I look forward to what we can accomplish as we move this through the process, through the Committee on the Budget, through the Committee on Rules, on to the House floor, over to the Senate, and, hopefully, signed by the President in relatively short order.

I am grateful that several provisions stemmed from legislation that my team and I have been pushing over the last several months, including a permanent increase to the child tax credit and additional support for families in the range of \$500. Families are going to get a \$2,500 tax credit with respect to their dependents.

It also makes the adoption tax credit partially refundable up to \$5,000 to help children find permanent, loving families by removing income as a barrier to adoption. That is key.

The concept of refundability is a sticking point. Republicans constrained that a little bit more. Democrats want to overextend it. There is debate on where that sweet spot is.

We are making a significant portion of this adoption tax credit refundable and giving us an option for more American families to be able to choose adoption as an option. One of my siblings adopted all four of his children from infancy. It is tough. It is expensive.

There is a lot that goes into it just on the financial side, let alone the emotional side and everything associated with it. It is important to do, and we are doing some of that in this legislation.

We are also increasing the HSA contribution limit and cap for small business expensing, reinstating a temporary deduction for charitable contributions, and 529 accounts will now extend to include career training and credentialing.

We are providing income on tax-exempt status to servicemembers serving in dangerous regions, and we are renewing the successful Opportunity Zone program, which delivers an additional \$100 billion of investment over the next decade for rural and distressed communities or both.

We are investing in education and creating new tax credits for individuals who contribute to scholarship organizations. I am also very passionate about teaching the next generation

about the power and value of compounding interest and capitalism and how it can help them get ahead.

The money accounts for growth and advancement—again, a catchy tune here—being the MAGA accounts, will demonstrate to American youth the power of compounding interest and the possibilities that can come with investing.

Beginning on January 1, 2026, parents of children under 8 years old can open a MAGA investment account for their children. The government would seed accounts for newborns with a \$1,000 Federal deposit.

These investment accounts would be eligible to receive contributions from family members, employers, nonprofits, and government entities. They will help set up the next generation for financial well-being—not even just well-being, but literacy on what this can actually do.

It is not just these individual accounts. If taught right and if we were able to educate properly on this and people can see it in their own lives, this will give them a chance to learn the value of this and that it affects every decision that they make.

Instead of spending a few extra dollars here, I could put it into savings, an interest-yielding account. What that does in the course of 10 years is far more beneficial than what that short-term gain would have been with that individual purchase. Those types of lessons can be learned when people have some stake in the game.

There are endless more provisions from this tax bill that I could share from our markup last night that will deliver on the Trump administration's and the congressional Republicans' priorities and make a lasting impact on the success of our children, workers, and businesses.

I look forward to watching these policies work through the reconciliation process and eventually becoming law.

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

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STOCK TRADING BAN FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I am joined tonight by a bipartisan group of Members who have come together to take to the floor tonight to call for Members of Congress to be banned from trading stocks.

This is a reform that is long overdue. When people elect us to office, they should be able to trust that their Members of Congress are acting in the best interests of the country, not the best interests of their own personal finances. When Members of Congress are

able to trade off of our position, it damages the integrity of this institution and of our entire democracy.

As Members of Congress, we have access to all sorts of information that the average member of the public does not: what might be put into a bill or taken out of a bill, or what might be put into a budget or taken out of a budget. This is material information, and Members of Congress should not have the advantage of that insider information and use that advantage to engage in stock trading.

Also, Members of Congress should not be conflicted when we have to decide about what to vote for or against. Members of Congress should not be in a position of thinking about what the impact on their stock portfolio may be. We should be making decisions based just on what is best for the American people.

The American people recognize that this is a reform that is long overdue. Poll after poll has shown upwards of 90 percent of the American people supporting a ban on Members trading stocks.

This is an issue that has been around for a while. Yet, in just the last few weeks, we have achieved significant momentum. In the last 3 weeks, Minority Leader HAKEEM JEFFRIES, the Democratic leader in the House; President Trump; and today, the Speaker of the House, MIKE JOHNSON, have all come out in favor of this reform. That is real momentum that we should carry forward to the finish line.

Mr. Speaker, the Democratic leader is for it. The Republican leader is for it. The President of the United States is for it. Let's get it done.

I am joined tonight by a number of Members who represent, I think, the full ideological diversity of the House of Representatives—both sides, liberal, conservative, moderate, people who understand that the American people expect better of this body.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to yield to some of my partners in this effort, Members who have had the courage to stand up and say that we need to enact this reform and ban Members of Congress from trading stocks once and for all.

I am going to start by recognizing a Member from the Republican side who I have had several great conversations with on this issue. He has introduced a bill that would put a congressional stock trading ban into effect.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT).

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I thank him for taking this bull by the horns.

Mr. Speaker, as I have heard some of the good ol' boys say: It is cold in here. Maybe we need to start cutting some hogs.

If you know what that means, you know what that means.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to address this body on the issue of stock trading by

Members of Congress. We are public servants and stewards of our community. Why does Congress think we are above the law?

For years, Members of Congress have gotten rich on the backs of hard-working Americans' taxpayer money. Members sit on committees and go to private briefings where they get privileged information from companies informing us if the stock price will skyrocket or plunge.

We appropriate money to different economic sectors that may benefit our own portfolios, and who gets the short end of the stick? Hardworking, red-blooded Americans.

That is why I introduced the End Congressional Stock Trading Act to level the playing field and restore public trust in Congress. Every time I go back to east Tennessee, I get asked by my constituents: Tim, why hasn't Congress done anything to stop this?

My answer is simple. It says in my notes that Congress doesn't have the stomach—but the reality is we don't have the guts, Mr. Speaker—to sacrifice their own bottom line for the good of the country. I hope I am surprised, and I hope that Congress takes action. I doubt we will, seriously.

Mr. Speaker, we are public servants. We serve the people who we represent. We aren't elected to come up to Washington and get rich while our constituents oftentimes struggle to make ends meet.

I am here to serve the least amongst us and try my dadgum hardest to make the lives of east Tennesseans better. Mr. Speaker, I don't sell stocks. I have a mutual fund. I talked to my broker today, Tommy Siler, and I am proud to say that I have recovered from any losses, and I am almost at \$11,000 with my mutual fund. Mainly, I trade baseball cards and comic books on eBay, and that is currently my portfolio.

President Trump said that if my colleagues pass the bill banning stock trading for Members of Congress, he would sign it. Let's see if we have the guts to stand up and do what is right.

When I was mayor of Knox County, there were things that would come before me. I would bring in my attorney. I would bring my buddy, Mike Jones, and I would bring in my dear friend Colonel Julian, who has since passed, Mike would tell me if it was legal or if it was illegal.

He would say: Well, boss, it is legal.

I would look at Colonel Julian, and Colonel Julian would tell me if it was ethical or not.

Mr. Speaker, this may be legal, but dadgummit, it is surely not ethical. We know what is right. We need to do what is right.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the sponsor. It has been a pleasure working with the gentleman, who has been straight up, and I dig that.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I now recognize the gentleman from California (Mr. LEVIN),

who has been an outspoken champion for this reform for many years.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, when I first started running for Congress a number of years ago, my wife and I sold all of our individual stocks, and I made a commitment that if I were elected, I wouldn't trade individual stocks while in office because being a Representative isn't just a title; it is a responsibility that we all have, and that responsibility is to serve the people and not our own financial interests.

Let's face it: Too many Americans have lost faith in government. They wonder whether their elected officials are truly working for them. We can't allow that doubt to grow. We have the power to help fix it.

That is why I have long supported legislation to ban Members of Congress from trading individual stocks, and I am encouraged that we are working together in a bipartisan way to get this done.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative MAGAZINER, Representative ROY, and others who have been working together for some time on this. We have a lot of momentum. Today, as was said, Speaker JOHNSON said that he supports a stock trading ban. Leader JEFFRIES supports a stock trading ban. President Trump has said that he would sign a stock trading ban into the law.

Again, this is not a partisan issue. Poll after poll shows overwhelming support. Approximately 80 percent of Americans want Congress to pass a ban on Members stock trading. They want to know that their Representatives are here to serve the public, not to profit from their positions.

Recent events have only made this more urgent. Last month, markets moved sharply after the reversal of tariffs that had been threatened. Just hours before that announcement, there were posts on social media. I don't need to recount all of that now, and we don't know exactly who had advance notice of that decision or whether anybody acted on it, but that is exactly the problem.

Americans should never ever have to wonder if public officials are using any sort of inside knowledge to enrich themselves. That is why we need to act now. We need a law that says, clearly and without exception, if you serve in Congress, you cannot trade individual stocks. No more gray areas. No more questions; just clear rules that restore trust and put the public interest first. We have the support. We have the momentum, and we have a responsibility to get this done.

Speaker JOHNSON, please work with us. Allow a vote on a stock trading ban. Let's begin the long process to restore confidence in this body. The time to act is now.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, the stock trading bill that I am leading was originally introduced by ABIGAIL SPANBERGER, the Representative from Virginia. I know if she is watching, she is smiling to see all of us coming together and to see the progress that has

been made in the last few weeks in building support on this issue.

I give her a lot of credit for getting the ball rolling along with the next gentleman who I am going to introduce, who has been a fantastic partner and co-lead on the TRUST in Congress Act. I know that we are going to get this done, in large part due to his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

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

Mr. MAGAZINER has been an excellent partner in this effort, and it is now long overdue.

I am glad he mentioned my friend, Abigail Spanberger. Both of us went to the University of Virginia. That is part of the reason why we conspired together on this bill, when we were talking about how ridiculous it was that, on both sides of the aisle, there were blatant abuses of this trust that the American people put in the people who represent them not to violate that trust by trading securities for-profit on the very issues they are supposed to be voting on objectively to benefit the United States of America. Yet, that is precisely what has happened.

Mr. Speaker, this is now the fourth Congress in a row that I have introduced the TRUST in Congress Act, now with Mr. MAGAZINER, and I think it is long overdue.

In the 119th Congress, we have 12 Republican cosponsors and 60 Democratic cosponsors. I say to my Republican colleagues: Get with the program because 12 is not enough. We need to get everybody on board here.

I am glad the Speaker has said that he would support it. I am glad the President of the United States, President Trump, has said that he would sign it. Yet, we have to be realistic about what we are talking about.

We vote every day on massive issues. We vote about healthcare policies involving pharmaceutical companies that make billions of dollars, massive insurance companies, and massive hospital corporations. We vote on intellectual property issues in the Committee on the Judiciary. We vote on antitrust issues. We vote on all manners of issues, including Defense Department policies, that involve hundreds of billions of dollars in the capital markets. Yet, Members are voting on that while trading stocks on a daily basis.

Capitol Trades reports that 113 Members of Congress made 9,261 trades in 2024 involving 706 million shares or other assets. We had a Democrat who made 4,000 trades for a 20 percent return. We had a Republican who made almost 2,000 trades for a 23 percent return; a Democrat, 575 trades, a 22 percent return.

I could keep going down the list.

We had Members of Congress in 2024: a Republican with a 149 percent return; a Democrat with a 142 percent return; a Democrat with a 124 percent return; a Republican with a 111 percent return; a Democrat with a 105 percent return.

I could keep going down. There is a lot of Americans who would like to have returns along those lines. In fact, there are now funds out there that follow and trade along with the congressional Members of Congress to see what they are trading. That is ridiculous.

You should come to Congress. You should take your assets and move them into widely held index funds. It should be able to be done on a tax basis. Come in here. Clean the decks. Go represent your constituents. It is long past due. Let's move the bill. Let's get it to the floor. Mr. Speaker, bring it to a vote, and let's put trust back in Congress.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for being a great partner on this and a great leader on this issue for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), a great champion for justice.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect and deserve to know that their elected officials are working for them, not lining their own pockets.

When Members of Congress trade individual stocks while in office, it fuels distrust, undermines public confidence, and casts a shadow over the work of this institution. Even the perception of impropriety weakens the bond between the government and the governed.

Members of Congress have unparalleled access to market-moving information and the ability to shape laws and regulations that can impact entire industries. That power must never be used to enrich ourselves or our families.

There is simply no legitimate reason for Members of Congress, their spouses, or their dependent children to be trading individual stocks, period. This bipartisan legislation would close that dangerous loophole once and for all. It would require lawmakers to place certain investments into qualified blind trusts, prevent conflicts of interest, and restore accountability where it is so desperately needed.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to cosponsor the TRUST in Congress Act, and I thank Representatives MAGAZINER and ROY for their leadership on this critical bipartisan legislation. It is a long overdue, commonsense step toward restoring integrity in public service and rebuilding the trust of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in both Chambers to join us in passing this essential reform.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I now recognize someone who is new to Congress but who I know is passionate about this issue and I believe campaigned on it, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRESNAHAN).

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Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the effort to ban congressional stock trading because public service must never be compromised by private financial in-

terest. The American people deserve to know that we are acting on their behalf, not for our own portfolios.

That is why I have already begun placing all of my assets into a blind trust, to align my conduct with the principles behind this important reform.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representatives ROY and MAGAZINER for their bipartisan leadership on this issue. Their work demonstrates the kind of accountability and integrity that Congress needs more of. Their efforts are a critical step forward toward rebuilding trust in our institutions, and I look forward to working with them to codify this into law.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY), a good friend and a leader on the Oversight Committee who I know is committed to strong ethics reform.

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, let me begin with a simple fact: No Member of Congress should be trading stocks. Period. None.

That is why I believe we must ban congressional stock trading and why I am proud to cosponsor this act here in Congress.

The American people deserve to know that their Members of Congress are working for them, not for stock portfolios; that their decisions, their policies, and their priorities are in the public interest and not the interest of private profit.

Let's be real, we have all seen it here, even over the last several weeks, as Members of this body have traded stocks while working on policies currently before Congress, possible insider trading in the midst of the President's trade wars. A President and a Speaker who both declared, it is a good time to buy while Members went out and did it: oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, Big Tech, and yes, AI.

Let me be clear: Not only is it wrong and immoral, it must be made illegal. We will be investigating anyone who engaged in insider trading, but banning stocks is only one piece of restoring faith in our public institutions, especially in a time when billionaires are buying elections, and Cabinet positions, and setting themselves up for sweetheart deals.

Let me also say this: We must get big money out of politics and get it out now. We have to end Citizens United, restore the power of the people, end gerrymandering, strengthen our ethics rules, and restore access to the ballot box. That means passing our For The People Act that was blocked multiple times in this Chamber, passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and passing the Freedom to Vote Act.

This is not a partisan issue; this is an American issue about protecting our democracy, protecting our people, protecting our communities, and protecting our planet.

Mr. Speaker, let's do the right thing. Let's ban stock trading and restore our faith in American democracy.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I will take a second to thank all of my colleagues on both sides who came out tonight. This is a busy week in Congress. We have got reconciliation markups going on. Peoples' schedules are busy, but the fact that we have so many Members from both sides of the aisle who have the courage to stand up and say something that may not be popular with everyone in this Chamber and have also made it enough of a priority to come tonight is a great credit to each of them. I thank them for their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLS), who I know has also been a champion of this issue for some time now.

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I don't need a written speech or a prepared document to say how common sense this is.

For far too long, people have basically turned politics into a career which was never its intent. It was meant to serve we the people. There is something that is mutually exclusive: You cannot serve yourself and personal enrichment and serve the public at the same time.

We know for a fact that even within the National Defense Authorization Act that you can get language put in, provided to you by companies that allow for certain amounts of money to be sole sourced or in some ways appropriated to defense companies that they can then turn around and invest in.

How is that not insider trading when it is public knowledge on what is out there, but not public knowledge on what is being put into the NDAA during the markups?

Insider trading must stop. I can tell you that banning stock trading for Members of Congress and their spouses should not be something that is in question.

We must rebuild the actual image of Congress. We must rebuild the image of the Federal Government, where we are actually here to truly serve the people. I think this is a paramount step in us making sure, with friends and colleagues like Representative MAGAZINER, we are able to move forward and rebuild the trust, the hope, and rebuild this institution to be what it once was.

Our Founding Fathers, many of them in the private sector, were very successful businessmen. They served in an effort to try and get back to their businesses because they actually made more money there, but it has changed where people are making more money while in Congress while stock trading than they can in the private sector.

The same way that a plan B for failed male athletes shouldn't be women's sports, a plan B for failed entrepreneurs shouldn't be Congress and stock trading.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill, and I ask everyone to move forward in

guaranteeing that we rebuild the confidence in government and we restore what it means to serve we the people.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I yield now to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER), a man I admire very much and a cosponsor of the TRUST in Congress Act.

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it is pretty clear to me, while it may not always come across your television, radio, or cell phone, I believe that the overwhelming majority of Members of Congress are good and decent people. Whether we agree on everything is not factored in on what I just said.

Unfortunately, as polls continue to indicate, the American people don't believe that that is the way it is. Congress right now is about as popular as a soiled baby's diaper, and we are pushing it down further by failing to hold ourselves accountable.

It is absolutely ridiculous that Members of Congress can sit in a committee hearing room or get some information by just moving around this city and then come in here and vote on something that would enrich them.

This is wrong, and one of the reasons that you are not going to find anybody else coming in here taking an opposite position is because they are ashamed. If they are ashamed that means they know they are wrong. If they know they are wrong, they ought to support this legislation or tell the public I believe in enriching myself and I am not going to support it.

Now, I represent a place that sometimes is referred to as "Chiefs Kingdom." I know some of you are probably offended because we win all the time, but in the recent years, we are accustomed to seeing Andy Reid, Patrick Mahomes, and Chris Jones lead one of the greatest teams in history. They won three championships overall, two in the last 3 years. They can pass. They can run. They can kick. They can play defense, and they are not too shabby at their kicking game.

But there is one thing they cannot do, one thing that they cannot do even as a Super Bowl champ: They cannot bet on football. They cannot play football and then bet on who is going to win. They can, but then they will get kicked out of the league.

That makes no sense. They could fall down. They could miss a pass on purpose. There are all kinds of things they could do that are wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate very much the opportunity to be just a tiny voice in what is going on because this is right and not doing it is wrong.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I come from New England where we also know something about winning all the time, but we will keep it in Missouri for now.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD).

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Rhode Island, and I am honored to follow my friend from Kansas City, Reverend EMANUEL CLEAVER.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with him. This is a bipartisan issue. Today, I rise to introduce the Preventing Elected Leaders from Owning Securities and Investments Act. My bill is complementary to Senator JOSH HAWLEY over in the Senate.

If you travel the Fourth District of the great State of Missouri, just south of Reverend CLEAVER's district in Kansas City, and you ask the average person, Mr. Speaker, if Members of Congress should be able to trade individual stocks, they will say no. That is not good for our Nation. It is not good for this body. It is not good for rebuilding trust in the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate.

The reason we introduced this is because there have been widespread reports of suspicious transactions associated with public officials and it raises a lot of concerns about what we are doing here in this great body.

If you want to run for the U.S. House of Representatives or you want to serve the people, Mr. Speaker, that is fine. If you want to trade stocks, then go to Wall Street.

I am the chair of the Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations Subcommittee for the Small Business Committee, I am concerned about Main Street. I am concerned about the 772,047 individuals that I represent. That is what we should be here about, not trying to get rich on trading stocks.

My bill is bicameral. It is bipartisan. As I said before, it is led in the Senate by Senator JOSH HAWLEY. President Trump has announced that he will support this legislation to make this law. He will sign it into law.

Today, Speaker JOHNSON indicated his support for the underlying policy and the Members gathered here tonight prove that this is a bipartisan mission, to right the ship, to get us back on the right track.

This legislation has workable compliance deadlines. It allows trading in broad-based index and mutual funds and requires real enforcement. It has teeth with substantial penalties for violations. As public servants, we should hold ourselves to a higher standard, Mr. Speaker, and avoid the mere appearance of corruption and impropriety.

Unfortunately, too many Members of Congress are engaging in suspicious stock trades based on nonpublic information to enrich themselves. These gross violations of the public trust make it clear: We must finally take action and take a stand to ban Members and their spouses from owning or selling individual stocks.

It is simple. Public service should never be a pathway to private wealth, especially when everyday Americans are struggling. This is about rebuilding trust in what we do.

Congress works for the people, not to enrich our bank account. I am proud to join my colleagues tonight on the other side of the aisle. It is kind of refreshing to have something that we

agree on, but we agree that America comes first, our constituents come first, and we, as servant leaders, should come last.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for holding this Special Order hour.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DELUZIO).

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the leadership from the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for bringing us together tonight.

Mr. Speaker, imagine that, Democrats and Republicans in this Chamber, in this town, wanting to do something about corruption. That is a good thing. I hope the American people are paying attention.

I will tell you it is clear from conversations with my constituents in western Pennsylvania, and I know from people all over this country, they think our system is rigged: rigged against hardworking people, rigged for giant corporations and the rich and the powerful. That kind of corporate power doesn't just happen. It is enabled by pliable politicians and by a Supreme Court that opens the floodgates to unlimited super-PAC money that corrupts our elections.

We should fight that. If you want to fight corruption, let's start with getting that unlimited corporate money out of our politics.

You have to have some credibility and this Chamber, this town, this Congress, needs more credibility. One way to build that back is to start with banning congressional stock trading. I think it is an easy place to start. You talk to people in western Pennsylvania, you talk to people all over this country who think it is ridiculous that folks in power and elected office get rich off the inside and sensitive information that we learn in our jobs serving the people, representing the people who elect us.

No one should be using that information to enrich themselves, to get rich off of public trust. I am proud to be here in a bipartisan fashion, joining with Members of both parties who support this commonsense, anticorruption idea.

Let's ban congressional stock trading. Wherever we see corruption, we should be calling it out. We should be fighting it. We should take it on. Our democracy turns on public trust and people having some faith in their elected Representatives.

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What we are railing against here, Members trading stock based on information we learn, that erodes that public trust. Let's be smart. Let's come together. Let's call out this corruption for what it is.

I again commend the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for bringing us together.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM).

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress are here to serve their constituents and the American people; not themselves. Unfortunately, we see this year after year with Members of Congress making lucrative stock trades while their constituents struggle to make ends meet.

We must restore public trust in this body, and that starts with each of us in this Chamber. There is no reason why Members of Congress should be able to trade stocks while in office, period. American taxpayers deserve better.

That is why I am proud to have helped introduce the TRUST in Congress Act. This bipartisan bill would prohibit Members of Congress, in addition to their spouses and children, to trade stocks while in office.

This isn't rocket science. This is common sense. Let's just restore trust back in Congress.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mrs. KIM very much for her comments.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR).

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress should not be allowed to trade stock. This should be a no-brainer. Members of Congress should not be allowed to profit off of their service. When Members are in a position of directly benefiting from the manipulation of the stock market, and they profit off of their position, it is corruption, plain and simple.

Just last month, numerous Members and Cabinet officials profited off of Donald Trump's tariff chaos announcement. This should not be acceptable. I know a majority of Americans agree. Nearly 90 percent support a ban.

Every time a Member cashes in, it undermines public trust. That is why I have always supported a ban for elected officials and their families, because exploiting inside information to enrich yourself should never be allowed. It is time we come together to stop this corruption and pass an immediate stock trading ban.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota for her remarks. I now yield to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. ANSARI), a new Member who has come in and has already been making a mark. I know she is here with the intent of being a reformer, which is what we need in Congress.

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of long-overdue legislative measures to prevent Members of Congress from trading stock.

The original STOCK Act passed in 2012 bars a Member of Congress, the President, Vice President, and high-level staff from engaging in insider trading or otherwise using nonpublic information for their own benefit. The bill also included important updates to financial transparency by requiring these high-ranking government offi-

cials to quickly disclose financial transactions to the public.

In fact, it is because of this bill's provision that we know that Members of both parties are still consistently able to use nonpublic information to benefit their own stock portfolios.

Incidents like these break our trust with the American people, with our constituents. That is why I am so proud to cosponsor Congressman MAGAZINER's TRUST in Congress Act. This bill would require Members of Congress and their immediate family members to divest from individual stock holdings or place them into a qualified blind trust during their entire tenure in Congress.

In practice, it would ban Members of Congress from trading stocks. This is just common sense. Members of Congress should be prohibited from using nonpublic information for our own benefit.

Polling has shown that nearly 86 percent of Americans support barring Members of Congress from trading stock, so this should be easy and it should be bipartisan. The TRUST in Congress Act and bills like it would prevent corruption and restore trust in Congress.

Before I was sworn in to Federal office, I made a personal effort to sell stocks that I had and to ensure that my financial future would not and could not be dependent on information that I might become privy to as a Member of the House of Representatives.

It is about more than following a set of rules. It is about acting ethically and respecting the power of the offices we hold.

In a time where the President of the United States is expected to accept a plane worth hundreds of millions of dollars from a foreign nation, respecting a moral code and setting a strong example could not be more important. I am heartened to see my colleagues on both sides of the aisle standing in support of this issue.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. ANSARI for her thoughts on this matter. Before I yield to the next Member, let me just preface this by saying, again, we have had a big couple of weeks in this fight to ban Members of Congress from trading stocks.

Not only rank-and-file Members, but leaders have been coming out in favor of this commonsense reform: Democratic Leader HAKEEM JEFFRIES, today Speaker JOHNSON, and President Trump.

I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), a leader who has been out in front on this issue for a long time. Our Assistant Democratic Leader is a longtime cosponsor of the legislation that I have reintroduced to ban Members of Congress from trading stocks.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost let me thank my distinguished colleague from Rhode Island, whose clarion call on this issue, his demand to an end of corruption, an end

to this outrageous practice of stock trading by Members of Congress, has inspired many of his colleagues who have joined the coalition that he is building in real time. I couldn't be more grateful to Representative MAGAZINER for his leadership and for championing this issue at such a critical time. I am grateful to be a partner with him in this effort.

Our 26th President, Teddy Roosevelt, once said that no man who is corrupt, no man who tolerates corruption in others can do his duty by the community. That admonition rings true today.

Four years ago, I led an effort to ban stock trading by Members of Congress, joined with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. For 4 years, we have tried to convince this Chamber to ban Members of Congress from trading stocks. Why? Members of Congress should be serving their communities, their constituents, and their country, not their stock portfolios.

In that 4-year span, 48 months, 1,400 days, how many millions of dollars have Members of Congress in this body made from trading stocks? It is unconscionable. It is a practice that should have ended years ago. We have continued to beat that drum month after month, week after week, day after day, and we will keep doing it until a majority in this body joins the rest of the American people, the public in supporting a ban to this insidious practice. I am grateful to Representative MAGAZINER for continuing to beat that drum, leading the effort now over the last 2 years.

It feels as though we are on the precipice, as Mr. MAGAZINER noted, of finally getting traction in this Chamber to end this practice. The one cautionary note I would offer, Mr. Speaker, is that in that 4-year span, as I mentioned, this journey, this battle that we have waged, again, colleagues of mine on both sides of the aisle to ban stock trading, I have heard virtually every excuse in the book from some of my colleagues: It is too complicated; there are competing bills; the legislative text is complex.

This is very simple. Just ban it. Not 5 years from now, not next year. Let's just put a bill on the floor to ban it, period. Members of Congress will no longer be able to trade stocks, simple as that.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues will join me, join Mr. MAGAZINER, join the coalition that has organized around this issue so that we can finally get this done and end corruption here in Washington.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, as we get ready to close here tonight, I thank my colleagues once again for their leadership on this issue and their courage because, as was said earlier, the opponents of this stock trading ban don't speak out publicly, but they are here, and they are watching and listening, and they are probably not very happy with us tonight.

It takes people of courage to be willing to stand up and say: We here in Congress have to change. We have to change the way Congress works so that we work for the American people and not for ourselves. We need to end this corruption. We need to end this insider dealing. We need to end congressional stock trading.

What you have seen tonight is that this is a bipartisan issue. We have had people speak tonight from across the political spectrum who had the courage to stand up for what is right and to stand up for what the American people not only want but are demanding of us.

Make no mistake, this insider trading is happening. It is happening. I have the statistics right here. In 2024, the average Member of Congress outperformed the market by nearly 3 percent. Now, I used to work in the investment business, and let me tell you, there are paid professionals who do not have that kind of outperformance.

The year before that, the average Member of Congress also outperformed the market, and the year before that, and the year before that. The last 4 years in a row, Members of Congress who traded stocks outperformed the market.

That is not a coincidence. One time, one year might be luck, but two, three, four years in a row is a clear pattern of corruption that needs to end. Members should not be allowed to trade off of inside information and should not be conflicted when deciding how to vote on a bill or whether to support a policy.

The American people support this overwhelmingly, and it is time to get it done. I am feeling hopeful. Earlier this year, it was hard to get people to pay attention to this issue. It was hard to get media coverage. It was hard to get Member support, but in the last month or so, things have started to change. Leader JEFFRIES supports it; Speaker JOHNSON supports it; President Trump supports it. People are starting to notice. We are building momentum.

I will end tonight with gratitude for those who started this journey before I ever got to Congress. Former Members, like Abigail Spanberger and Ken Buck, have pushed for this for years. We are now building off of their work. I have the TRUST in Congress Act that I have been leading with Mr. ROY. We have got a few other Members who have introduced their own versions. Those of us who have various versions of a stock trading bill are now working together to develop a consensus bill that we can all get behind and push together, and we are getting close.

The excuses for inaction are running out fast. The excuses for inaction are running out. The American people want this. It is the right thing to do. Let's get it done.

Once again, I thank my colleagues from both sides who have had the courage to stand up tonight in support of a stock trading ban. The time is now. Let's get it done.

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

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SUPPORTING A FREE, DEMOCRATIC, AND SECULAR IRAN

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MCCLINTOCK of California was recognized for 30 minutes.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order hour.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this week, we passed a major milestone when a majority of the entire House of Representatives signed on as cosponsors of H. Res. 166, supporting a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

This truly bipartisan and broad-based House majority of 224, consisting of 139 Republicans and 85 Democrats, endorses the general principles propounded by Iranian democracy groups, most notably the 10-point plan proposed by the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

It calls for the universal right to vote; free elections; a market economy; separation of religion and state; gender, religious, and ethnic equality; foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence; peace in the Middle East; and a nonnuclear Republic of Iran. It also condemns the Iranian regime's terrorism, regional proxy war, and internal oppression.

Over 4,000 parliamentarians worldwide, the majority of 33 national legislative assemblies, over 130 world leaders, and 80 Nobel laureates have endorsed these principles. I am gratified that a majority of the entire House has stepped forward to support this resolution.

There are several Iranian groups fighting the Iranian dictatorship, and it will ultimately be up to the people of Iran to chart their own future, as the 10-point plan proposes.

One cause should unite us all, and that is the collapse of the current regime. To this end, we have organized the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus within the House of Representatives. This is a truly bipartisan caucus. Like the various liberation groups of Iran, we Republicans and Democrats differ and quarrel about many things, but we are solidly united in the support of the people of Iran and their struggle for their own liberation from the tyranny of the mullahs.

The Iranian regime has made clear that it intends to acquire nuclear weapons and, once acquired, to use them. President Trump has made clear that this cannot be allowed to happen. I, for one, appreciate the efforts of this

administration to stop that from happening without bloodshed. The Iranian regime has proven itself to be utterly untrustworthy to abide by any agreement it makes. That makes any negotiation with this regime highly problematic.

There is only one solution that promises to resolve this danger without the risk of a terrible war that could claim many thousands of innocent lives, and that is the collapse of the regime from within. Opposition to the oppression of the mullahs has been simmering in Iran for many years. It is time to provide material support to help these groups liberate their country.

Past administrations sent cargo pallets of cash on cargo planes to these bloodthirsty mullahs in hopes of currying their favor and cooperation. However good the intentions, the result was to help fund the oppression of the Iranian people and the export of terrorism throughout the world.

I believe the time has now come to provide the same assistance, not to the oppressors of Iran, but to the people of Iran and the resistance groups actively seeking their overthrow.

The overthrow of this regime from within would be the cheapest, surest, and most peaceful way to remove it as a threat to the freedom of the Iranian people, the stability of the region, and the peace of the world. That is what the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus was organized to promote and what H. Res. 166 pledges to accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for asking me here to talk about this important subject.

Mr. Speaker, I came to speak because the cause of Iran is not just a cause that we should care about for the Iranian people, though we should. As Americans, we are a people whose country was founded because a group of people were unhappy by the tyranny we faced. There is no question they face it over there, as well.

The cause of Iran is one that we should care about because it is in the best interest of the United States to care about it. We live in a world that, unfortunately, is on fire, whether it is in China, whether we see it in Russia, or certainly in Iran.

Iran has chosen to not only take their horrific, genocidal, lunatic policies to kill their own people, to hurt women, and to hurt people who won't abide by their radical Islamic faiths, but they have done it to other people around the world. They are the leading sponsor of terrorism around the world.

We saw this most dramatically just a little over 18 months ago when, on October 7, 2023, 1,200 people, most of which were Jews, but not all, people from dozens of countries, including Americans, were attacked and killed.

We focus on Hamas, but Hamas only exists because Iran funds and supports it. Just as we saw President Trump

free the last American citizen who was being held hostage because of Iran, those problems and challenges continue to happen today.

I did a little research. Obviously, I have an affinity for Jewish problems around the world because I am Jewish. I have always been part of a small minority throughout my life. I am one here in Congress, as well, and it is a great honor to be here.

In 1979, 100,000 Jews lived in Iran. The same people who Iran likes to fund to talk about genocide, suffering, and rooting out people and all these problems around the world, Mr. Speaker, you can say: How many of those folks still live in Iran today?

Today, estimates are that 10,000 Jews live in Iran. I am not saying that 90,000 of them have been killed. Certainly, some of them have. Mr. Speaker, 90,000 have left. That is 90 percent of this population, of just one population. There are many populations of people who would be at risk in a place like Iran, but 90 percent have left and fled. Many, by the way, have come to the United States.

They do that because they are not free to live their lives the way they want to live them. Today, when we talk about this, we stand with Iran not only because we believe in freedom for all people around the world but freedom of self-determination and to decide what kind of government we want.

Frankly, we want to allow women to vote, to have equal rights with men, to live in a society where religion is important but is not a tool for oppression.

We care about these issues because they create peace and security in the Middle East. Ultimately, that leads to peace and security here in the United States.

It is my honor to speak here today to support the gentleman and his resolution. We must do everything we can to get these lunatics out of power and allow the great Persian people, where many say civilization began thousands and thousands of years ago, to re seize that initiative that they had at the founding of civilization and to rebuild the kind of society they once had and certainly could have again.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Mr. FINE has been here only about 6 weeks. As you can see, he is already distinguishing himself as a vital voice for freedom abroad and for liberty at home. I couldn't be more pleased to have him here today to speak on behalf of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Iran is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in history. It was one of the most free, advanced, prosperous, and open countries in the Middle East just a few decades ago. Then, came the revolution of 1979, when the progress abruptly ended with the takeover by the theocratic despots who introduced a reign of terror that has gone on now for decades.

Twice before, Iranians were on the verge of overthrowing this regime. In 2009, as Iranians took to the streets

during the so-called Green Movement, they looked to the United States for support but got only silence. In 2016, the American Government sent \$1.7 billion in cash to the mullahs on shrink-wrapped cargo pallets. In 2015, we released \$150 billion more in frozen assets, all to get a nuclear agreement that Iran never honored.

Today, America must stand with the people of Iran. The regime in Tehran has been crystal clear about its intent to develop nuclear weapons and, once developed, to use them.

There are only two ways this is going to end. It will end either with thousands, perhaps millions, dead in a terrible war or with a successful revolution and the long-overdue collapse of this regime.

The President is speaking out forcefully, and he is acting decisively. So must Congress.

H. Res. 166 has 224 cosponsors, representing both political parties. It expresses support for the Iranian resistance and its vision of a free, secular, and nonnuclear Iran. I urge the leadership to bring it to the floor for a vote.

Our Declaration of Independence proclaims that whenever a government becomes destructive of the natural rights of its people, it becomes their right to alter or abolish it. This critical hour has come for the people of Iran.

I believe it is time for the United States to step forward with material support for the freedom movement. For every dollar this government has given over the years to this brutal dictatorship, we owe many times over to the Iranians who are desperately trying to overthrow their oppressors and restore the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity.

They need the direct satellite access to the internet that the regime has denied them on the ground. They need us to restore economic sanctions, as the President is doing against the regime in a renewed boycott of Iran.

Mr. Speaker, decisive turning points in history do not come often. When history commands, we must answer. That answer will follow us far into the future.

This time and in this hour, let the United States take a stand with the people of Iran and, by so doing, fulfill those proud words in our Liberty Bell, to proclaim liberty in all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.

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

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 6, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 75. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers”.

H.J. Res. 42. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the De-

partment of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2023, the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2024, and the first and second quarters of 2025, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAR. 27 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mike Bost	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,407.21				4,785.21
Hon. Sam Graves	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		6,370.21				6,748.21
Hon. Mark Takano	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Hon. Salud Carbajal	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,457.21				4,835.21
Hon. Young Kim	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,592.31				4,970.21
Hon. James Moylan	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		6,004.22				6,382.22
Dr. Brian Monahan	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Courtney Butcher	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Kate Knudson	3/28	4/1	Japan		504.00		19,568.02				20,072.02
Meghan McCann	3/26	4/1	Japan		756.00		7,850.71				8,606.71
Steve Gonzalez	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,407.21				4,785.21
Justin Vogt	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,357.01				4,735.01
Committee total					5,040.00		74,782.74				79,825.64

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO NORTH MACEDONIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 3 AND APR. 6, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mike Turner	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia		461.00		11,097.51				11,558.51
Hon. Linda Sanchez	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia		461.00		11,097.51				11,558.51
Jason Galanes	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia		461.00		1,893.51				2,354.51
Philip Bednarczyk	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia		461.00		11,921.22				12,382.22
Committee total					1,844.00		36,009.75				37,853.75

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, May 7, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND DENMARK, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 21 AND APR. 26, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Leader Hakeem Jeffries	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Ann Wagner	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Amata Coleman Radewagen	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Madeleine Dean	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Marilyn Strickland	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Greg Landsman	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Laura Friedman	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
RADM Brian Monahan	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Tasia Jackson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Wayne Williams	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Emily Berret	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Wyndee Parker	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Tejah Robinson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Kalise Dickerson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Kelli Parks	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Sajit Gandhi	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Leader Hakeem Jeffries	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Ann Wagner	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Amata Coleman Radewagen	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Madeleine Dean	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Marilyn Strickland	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Greg Landsman	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Laura Friedman	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
RADM Brian Monahan	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Tasia Jackson	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Wayne Williams	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Emily Berret	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND DENMARK, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 21 AND APR. 26, 2025—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Wyndee Parker	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Tejah Robinson	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Kalise Dickerson	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Kelli Parks	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Sajit Gandhi	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Leader Hakeem Jeffries	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Hon. Ann Wagner	4/24	4/26	Denmark		945.00		(³)				945.00
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Hon. Amata Coleman Radewagen	4/24	4/26	Denmark		1,076.00		(³)				1,076.00
Hon. Madeleine Dean	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Hon. Marilyn Strickland	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Hon. Greg Landsman	4/24	4/26	Denmark		1,076.00		(³)				1,076.00
Hon. Laura Friedman	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
RADM Brian Monahan	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Tasia Jackson	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Wayne Williams	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Emily Berret	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Wyndee Parker	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Tejah Robinson	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Kalise Dickerson	4/24	4/26	Denmark		937.00		(³)				937.00
Kelli Parks	4/24	4/26	Denmark		868.00		(³)				868.00
Sajit Gandhi	4/24	4/26	Denmark		868.00		(³)				868.00
Committee total					42,580.17						42,580.17

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
³ Military air transportation.

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES, May 6, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Joshua Grogis	3/15	3/19	Cambodia		1,058.00		20,825.25		208.35		22,091.60
	3/19	3/20	Thailand		631.60		135.86		33.35		800.81
Marcus Towns	3/15	3/19	Cambodia		1,058.00		16,689.85		208.35		17,956.20
	3/19	3/20	Thailand		631.60		135.86		33.35		800.81
Committee total					3,379.20		37,786.82		483.40		41,649.42

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HON. TOM COLE, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Michael Kirlin	1/26	1/31	Argentina-Chile		1,011.81		12,501.71				13,513.52
Phil McNaughton	1/26	1/31	Argentina-Chile		1,011.81		12,822.71				13,834.52
Craig Greene	1/26	2/1	Chile-Colombia-Panama		2,144.54		2,637.70				4,782.04
Patrick Nevins	1/26	1/28	Chile		538.00		7,430.00				7,968.00
Mark Morehouse	1/26	2/1	Chile-Colombia-Panama		2,144.54		3,137.50				5,282.04
Michael Hermann	1/26	2/1	Chile-Colombia-Panama		2,144.54		3,137.50				5,282.04
Mark Morehouse	2/15	2/20	Fiji-New Zealand		994.00		7,382.41				8,376.41
Taryn Woody	2/15	2/20	Fiji-New Zealand		994.00		7,382.41				8,376.41
Drew Kenndey	2/15	2/20	Fiji-New Zealand		994.00		13,479.01				14,473.01
Ethan Pelissier	2/12	2/20	Fiji-New Zealand		994.00		3,853.01				4,847.01
Katy Quinn	2/15	2/20	Fiji-New Zealand		994.00		13,479.01				14,473.01
Hon. Trent Kelly	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Hon. Scott Desjarlais	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Hon. Jen Kiggans	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Hon. Joe Courtney	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Kyle Noyes	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Phil McNaughton	2/13	2/21	Australia-New Zealand		3,320.60		(³)				3,320.60
Kelly Goggin	2/18	2/24	Palau-Singapore		2,030.00		330.00				2,360.00
Jeanine Womble	2/18	2/24	Palau-Singapore		2,030.00		330.00				2,360.00
Michael Hermann	2/18	2/24	Palau-Singapore		2,030.00		330.00				2,360.00
Katy Quinn	1/30	2/1	Panama		512.54						512.54
Craig Greene	3/13	3/19	Moldova-Romania		1,868.80		12,020.51				13,889.31
Alex Igleheart	3/13	3/19	Moldova-Romania		1,868.80		12,020.51				13,889.31
Will T. Johnson	3/13	3/19	Moldova-Romania		1,868.80		12,020.51				13,889.31
Hannah Kaufman	3/18	3/22	Italy		2,096.00		6,450.71				8,546.71
Ali Evers	3/18	3/22	Italy		2,096.00		1,205.51				3,301.51
Michaela Reardon	3/18	3/22	Italy		2,096.00		1,240.51				3,336.51
Kelly Goggin	3/17	3/22	Spain		1,729.00		950.80				2,679.80
Kyle Noyes	3/17	3/22	Spain		1,729.00		950.80				2,679.80
Ilka Regino	3/17	3/22	Spain		1,729.00		1,005.31				2,734.31
Committee total					57,572.78		136,097.94				193,670.72

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³ Military air transportation.

HON. MIKE ROGERS, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Brian Mast	2/19	2/21	France		318.00		7,860.00		2,102.00		10,280.00
Rachel Walker	2/19	2/22	France		477.00		515.00		2,102.00		3,094.00
Christy Kortokrax	2/14	2/18	Switzerland		732.00		1,159.00		559.87		2,451.00
Elizabeth Mount	2/14	2/18	Switzerland		732.00		1,824.00		559.87		
Stephanie Peters	2/14	2/18	Switzerland		732.00		1,159.00		559.87		2,451.00
Brandon Ramsey	2/14	2/18	Switzerland		732.00		1,159.00		559.87		2,451.00
Christy Kortokrax	2/13	2/22	France		616.00		665.21		967.75		2,249.00
Elizabeth Mount	2/13	2/22	France		616.00				967.75		
Brandon Ramsey	2/13	2/22	France		616.00		665.21		967.75		2,249.00
Stephanie Peters	2/13	2/22	France		616.00		665.21		967.75		2,249.00
Hon. Brian Mast	2/16	2/19	Belgium		477.00				1,585.22		2,062.00
James Langenderfer	2/16	2/19	Belgium		477.00				1,585.22		2,062.00
Rachel Walker	2/16	2/19	Belgium		477.00				1,585.22		2,062.00
Hon. Brian Mast	1/14	1/16	Germany		276.00				4,240.65		4,517.00
James Langenderfer	1/14	1/16	Germany		276.00				4,240.65		4,517.00
Rachel Walker	1/14	1/16	Germany		276.00				4,240.65		4,517.00
Hon. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	2/15	2/17	Egypt		294.00		23,486.37		1,297.39		25,078.00
Hon. Jim Costa	2/15	2/17	Egypt		294.00		24,555.77		1,297.39		26,147.00
Hon. James “Jim” Baird	2/15	2/17	Egypt		294.00		20,418.99		1,297.39		22,010.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	2/16	2/17	Egypt		196.00		11,141.79		1,297.39		12,635.00
Hon. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	2/17	2/19	Israel		362.00				912.29		1,274.00
Hon. Jim Costa	2/17	2/19	Israel		362.00				912.29		1,274.00
Hon. James “Jim” Baird	2/17	2/19	Israel		362.00				912.29		1,274.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	2/17	2/19	Israel		362.00				912.29		1,274.00
Hon. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	2/19	2/21	Jordan		204.00				179.52		384.00
Hon. James “Jim” Baird	2/19	2/20	Jordan		204.00				179.52		384.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	2/19	2/21	Jordan		102.00				179.52		282.00
Hon. Jim Costa	2/21	2/22	Lebanon		53.00				179.52		233.00
Maggie Goessler	3/14	2/17	Thailand		321.00		8,552.91		1,320.42		10,194.00
McKayla Swan	3/14	2/17	Thailand		321.00		8,552.91		1,320.42		10,194.00
Nico Ruiz	3/14	2/17	Thailand		321.00		8,552.91		1,320.42		10,194.00
Anubhav Gupta	3/14	2/17	Thailand		321.00		9,447.51		1,320.42		11,089.00
Siddarth Ravishankar	3/14	2/17	Thailand		321.00		8,552.91		1,320.42		10,194.00
Maggie Goessler	3/17	3/19	Vietnam		387.00				59.20		446.00
McKayla Swan	3/17	3/19	Vietnam		387.00				59.20		446.00
Nico Ruiz	3/17	3/19	Vietnam		387.00				59.20		446.00
Anubhav Gupta	3/17	3/19	Vietnam		387.00				59.20		446.00
Siddarth Ravishankar	3/17	3/19	Vietnam		387.00				59.20		446.00
Joe Foltz	3/13	3/20	Kenya		308.00		9,983.49		73.60		10,365.00
Christina Tsafoulas	3/13	3/20	Kenya		308.00		11,733.49		73.60		12,115.00
Christopher Kulukundis	3/13	3/20	Kenya		308.00		11,733.49		73.60		12,115.00
Allison Schwartz	3/13	3/20	Kenya		308.00		5,247.78		73.60		5,629.00
Joe Foltz	3/14	3/16	Djibouti		240.00				439.51		680.00
Christina Tsafoulas	3/14	3/16	Djibouti		240.00				439.51		680.00
Christopher Kulukundis	3/14	3/16	Djibouti		240.00				439.51		680.00
Allison Schwartz	3/14	3/16	Djibouti		240.00				439.51		680.00
Joe Foltz	3/17	3/17	Somalia								
Christina Tsafoulas	3/17	3/17	Somalia								
Christopher Kulukundis	3/17	3/17	Somalia								
Jimmy Walsh	3/12	3/22	Australia		906.00		11,204.81		2,052.00		14,162.00
Sajit Gandhi	3/12	3/22	Australia		906.00		8,140.11		2,052.00		11,098.00
Rachel Walker	3/12	3/22	Australia		906.00		11,204.81		2,052.00		14,162.00
Committee total											275,921.00

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HON. BRIAN J. MAST, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
William Timmons	2/14	2/17	Germany	2,276.00	6,732.81	9,008.81
Committee total	9,008.81

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HON. JAMES COMER, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Steve Waskiewicz	3/15	3/18	Columbia	1,426.87		5,247.70					6,674.57
	3/18	3/22	Lima	1,449.20							1,449.20
Carson Middleton	3/15	3/18	Columbia	1,426.87		2,266.28					3,693.15
	3/18	3/22	Lima	1,449.20							1,449.20
Matthew Price	3/15	3/19	Cambodia	1,058.00		12,698.57		246.43			14,003.00
	3/19	3/21	Thailand	631.60		5,213.72		169.21			6,014.53
Committee total											33,283.65

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HON. VIRGINIA FOXX, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Ronny Jackson					1,161.31		7,866.99				
Kathryn King					2,161.30		11,114.89				
Edyt Dicksein					1,957.31		15,934.29				
Matt Pylypciw					558.28		15,145.10				
Rick Trimble					558.28		14,683.80				
Hon. Brian Fitzpatrick					2,227.00		1,084.71				
Rick Trimble					2,227.00		1,084.71				
Matthew Pylypciw					2,227.00		1,831.22				
Thomas Eager					589.48		9,486.11				
Aaron Thurman					771.47		8,620.60				
Josh Gottheimer					356.66		8,576.71				
John Laufer					521.66		6,233.11				
Hon. Ronny Jackson					1,866.00		17,265.98				
Frank Garcia					1,866.00		16,054.68				
Hon. Mike Quigley					445.47		12,472.00				
Aaron Thurman					445.47		3,402.81				
Troy Nienberg					665.20		9,627.61				
Thomas Eager					665.20		4,339.41				
Martin Holmes					665.20		11,454.01				
Hon. Dan Crenshaw					736.00		489.20				
Rick Trimble					736.00		868.70				
John Laufer					736.00		868.70				
Committee total											202,648.63

In accordance with title 22, United States Code, Section 1754(b)(2), information as would identify the foreign countries in which Committee Members and staff have traveled is omitted.

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HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CROWFORD, May 9, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2023

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Steven Schrage	10/1	10/5	Poland	Zloty	1,892.57		12,097.80		106.75		14,097.12
Janice Helwig	10/1	10/14	Poland	Zloty	2,095.63		717.10		106.75		2,919.48
Shannon Simrell	10/2	10/7	Poland	Zloty	1,308.13		1,183.35		106.75		2,598.23
Jennifer McCuiston	10/2	10/7	Poland	Zloty	1,308.13		5,160.41		106.75		6,575.29
Rachel Bauman	10/2	10/12	Poland	Zloty	2,167.19		7,831.45		106.75		10,105.39
Marcus Micheli	10/4	10/13	Poland	Zloty	2,534.26		1,235.95		106.75		3,876.96
Bakhti Nishanov	10/7	10/13	Poland	Zloty	1,240.44		1,130.25		106.75		2,477.44
Francois Hernandez	10/7	10/13	Poland	Zloty	1,240.44		1,130.25		106.75		2,477.44
Jordan Warlick	10/4	10/16	Poland	Zloty	2,629.00		2,663.65		106.75		5,399.40
	10/4	10/16	Hungary	Forint	328.00				144.00		472.00
Shannon Simrell	10/17	10/22	Austria	Euro	1,632.05		2,111.35				3,743.40
Hon. Joe Wilson	11/16	11/20	Armenia	Dram	860.00		14,875.10		499.68		16,234.78
Hon. Victoria Spartz	11/16	11/20	Armenia	Dram	684.00		15,924.30		499.68		17,107.98
Steven Schrage	11/16	11/20	Armenia	Dram	772.00		16,190.60		499.68		17,462.28
Everett Price	11/15	11/21	Armenia	Dram	1,140.00		8,830.60		499.68		10,470.28
Rachel Bauman	11/15	11/21	Armenia	Dram	912.00		9,214.20		499.68		10,625.88
Janice Helwig	11/27	12/02	North Macedonia	Denar	1,821.00		1,522.00				3,343.00
Steven Schrage	11/27	12/02	North Macedonia	Denar	508.00		140.00				648.00
Hon. Victoria Spartz	12/15	12/18	Serbia	Dinar	354.00		17,585.60		1,981.00		19,920.60
Everett Price	12/13	12/18	Serbia	Dinar	769.00		8,183.50		1,981.00		10,933.50
Steven Schrage	12/15	12/18	Serbia	Dinar			35.00				35.00
Committee total					26,195.84		127,762.46		7,565.15		161,523.45

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HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 24, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Joe Wilson	2/16	2/20	Germany	Euro	633.34		5,536.50		726.33		6,896.17
			Austria	Euro	633.34				726.33		1,359.67
Hon. Marc Veasey	2/20	2/24	Germany	Euro	671.02		1,323.10		726.33		2,720.45
			Austria	Euro	671.02				726.33		1,397.35
Hon. Victoria Spartz	2/16	2/23	Germany	Euro	633.34		8,767.90		726.33		10,127.57
			Austria	Euro	633.34				726.33		1,359.67
Steven Schrage	2/16	2/24	Germany	Euro	857.02		4,547.00		726.33		6,130.35
			Austria	Euro	857.02				726.33		1,583.35
Jennifer McCuiston	2/18	2/24	Germany	Euro	857.02		8,855.40		726.33		10,438.75
			Austria	Euro	857.02				726.33		1,583.35
Janice Helwig	2/16	2/24	Germany	Euro	496.00				1,452.66		1,948.66
Everett Price	2/20	2/24	Austria	Euro	1,342.04		6,233.40		1,452.66		9,028.10
Rachel Bauman	2/20	2/24	Austria	Euro	1,342.04		11,944.00		1,452.66		14,738.70
Paul Massaro	2/16	2/24	Germany	Euro	919.02		1,844.20		726.33		3,489.55
			Austria	Euro	919.02				726.33		1,645.35
Bakhti Nishanov	2/14	2/21	Germany	Euro	744.00		2,809.00		726.33		4,279.33
Marcus Micheli	2/15	2/23	Germany	Euro	757.34		9,953.80		726.33		11,437.47
			Austria	Euro	757.35				726.33		1,483.68
Committee total					14,580.29		61,814.30		15,252.93		91,647.52

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HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 24, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Shannon Simrell	4/7	4/12	Poland	Zloty	492.13	.....	4,521.30	.....	138.40	.....	5,151.83
.....	.....	.....	.....	Euro	1,037.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,037.00
Michael Cecire	4/28	5/2	Georgia	Lira	1,208.00	.....	7,873.50	.....	441.57	.....	9,523.07
Shannon Simrell	5/4	5/10	North Macedonia	Denar	974.00	.....	6,053.40	.....	285.50	.....	7,312.90
Jennifer McCuiston	5/4	5/10	North Macedonia	Denar	974.00	.....	11,088.60	.....	285.50	.....	12,348.10
John Warlick	5/11	5/18	Lithuania	Euro	672.51	.....	8,452.00	.....	171.58	.....	9,296.09
.....	.....	.....	.....	Euro	672.51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	672.51
Michael Cecire	5/27	6/1	United Kingdom	Pound	2,266.31	11,115.90	5,587.81	18,970.02
Committee total	8,296.46	49,104.70	6,910.36	64,311.52

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HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 24, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEP. 30, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Joe Wilson	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	840.92	.....	.....	.....	800.90	.....	1,641.82
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	1,521.46	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	3,371.80
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Hon. Robert Aderholt	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	1,033.23	.....	.....	.....	800.90	.....	1,834.13
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	1,043.01	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	2,893.35
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Hon. Richard Hudson	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	344.41	.....	1,663.80	.....	800.90	.....	2,809.11
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	1,847.30	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	3,697.64
.....	6/26	7/7	Poland	Zloty	239.54	.....	.....	.....	488.22	.....	727.76
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Hon. Victoria Spartz	6/29	7/3	Romania	Leu	1,230.58	.....	2,408.20	.....	1,850.34	.....	5,489.12
Hon. Marc Veasey	6/29	7/3	Romania	Leu	1,930.89	.....	5,815.30	.....	1,850.34	.....	9,596.53
Paul Massaro	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	840.92	.....	5,647.20	.....	800.90	.....	7,289.02
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	1,043.01	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	2,893.35
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Everett Price	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	840.92	.....	4,912.40	.....	800.90	.....	6,554.22
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	1,165.39	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	3,015.73
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Jordan Warlick	6/26	7/7	Armenia	Dram	840.92	.....	8,310.40	.....	800.90	.....	9,952.22
.....	6/26	7/7	Romania	Leu	907.69	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	2,758.03
.....	6/26	7/7	Malta	Euro	1,245.30	.....	.....	.....	1,365.35	.....	2,610.65
Michael Cecire	6/26	7/6	Armenia	Dram	1,121.23	.....	5,254.10	.....	800.90	.....	7,176.23
.....	6/26	7/6	Romania	Leu	1,449.94	.....	.....	.....	1,850.34	.....	3,300.28
Rachel Bauman	6/29	7/3	Romania	Leu	1,449.94	.....	9,142.30	.....	1,850.34	.....	12,442.58
Shannon Simrell	6/29	7/3	Romania	Leu	1,740.58	.....	3,150.50	.....	1,850.34	.....	6,741.42
Francois Hernandez .....	.....	.....	Romania	Leu	849.94	.....	70.00	.....	.....	.....	919.94
Michael Cecire	7/18	7/26	Belgium	Euro	2,087.04	.....	6,845.50	.....	2,647.37	.....	11,579.91
.....	7/18	7/26	United Kingdom	Pound	2,961.61	.....	.....	.....	3,351.99	.....	6,313.60
Janice Helwig	7/10	8/3	Austria	Euro	115,340.00	.....	23,754.60	.....	.....	.....	139,094.60
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150,142.27	.....	76,974.30	.....	40,639.72	.....	267,756.29

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 24, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Paul Massaro	10/1	10/5	Poland	Zloty	2,142.80	.....	1,180.00	.....	128.87	.....	3,451.67
Janice Helwig	9/28	10/12	Poland	Zloty	2,383.94	.....	1,092.00	.....	128.87	.....	3,604.81
Patrick Hanish	9/28	10/9	Poland	Zloty	3,867.32	.....	14,175.80	.....	128.87	.....	18,171.99
Bakhti Nishanov	10/1	10/8	Poland	Zloty	1,901.66	.....	1,822.00	.....	128.87	.....	3,852.53
Rachel Bauman	10/1	10/9	Poland	Zloty	2,004.66	.....	8,350.50	.....	128.87	.....	10,484.03
Jordan Warlick	9/29	10/4	Poland	Zloty	1,671.35	.....	12,709.80	.....	128.87	.....	14,510.02
Francois Hernandez	9/29	10/4	Poland	Zloty	1,798.66	.....	1,382.40	.....	128.87	.....	3,309.93
Everett Price	10/1	10/5	Ireland	Euro	2,328.26	.....	14,082.70	.....	110.00	.....	16,520.96
Jennifer McCuiston	10/6	10/11	Poland	Zloty	1,615.28	.....	9,721.20	.....	128.87	.....	11,465.35
Alanna Novetsky	10/7	10/10	Poland	Zloty	916.90	.....	1,307.40	.....	128.87	.....	2,353.17
Shannon Simrell	9/28	10/10	Poland	Zloty	1,901.66	.....	4,353.60	.....	128.87	.....	6,384.13
.....	.....	.....	Austria	Euro	2,365.54	.....	.....	.....	119.18	.....	2,484.72
Shannon Simrell	10/22	10/30	Georgia	Lari	1,286.00	.....	11,400.71	.....	1,712.88	.....	14,399.59
.....	.....	.....	Romania .....	.....	843.97	.....	.....	.....	91.90	.....	935.87
Bakhti Nishanov	10/22	10/28	Georgia	Lari	1,485.00	.....	2,219.71	.....	1,712.88	.....	5,417.59
Patrick Hanish	10/27	10/30	Romania	Leu	723.97	.....	7,549.61	.....	91.90	.....	8,365.48
Janice Helwig	10/22	10/29	Uzbekistan	Som	1,637.26	.....	4,829.90	.....	500.12	.....	6,967.28
Janice Helwig	12/3	12/7	Malta	Euro	1,116.72	.....	1,338.00	.....	.....	.....	2,454.72
Everett Price	12/8	12/13	Croatia	Euro	534.44	.....	12,055.21	.....	233.22	.....	12,822.87
.....	.....	.....	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bam	402.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	402.16
Patrick Hanish	12/8	12/13	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bam	187.96	.....	12,580.91	.....	.....	.....	12,768.87
.....	Austria	Euro	1,288.98	123.71	1,412.69
Committee total	34,404.49	122,151.45	5,984.49	162,540.43

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HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 24, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Everett Price	1/22	1/25	Finland	Euro	500.99	.....	7,188.31	.....	388.64	.....	8,077.94
Shannon Simrell	2/8	2/12	Finland	Euro	755.20	.....	3,880.71	.....	195.73	.....	4,831.64
Patrick Hanish	2/8	2/12	Finland	Euro	755.20	.....	14,411.11	.....	195.73	.....	15,362.04
Alanna Novetsky .....	.....	.....	Finland	Euro	.....	.....	105.00	.....	.....	.....	105.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	2/13	2/23	Egypt	Egyptian Pound	350.00	.....	11,141.79	.....	1,297.38	.....	12,789.17
.....	.....	.....	Israel	New Shekel	1,242.00	.....	.....	.....	912.28	.....	2,154.28
.....	.....	.....	Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	303.69	.....	.....	.....	179.51	.....	483.20
.....	.....	.....	Austria	Euro	877.97	.....	.....	.....	281.11	.....	1,159.08
Paul Massaro	2/13	2/22	Egypt	Egyptian Pound	350.00	.....	3,187.59	.....	1,297.38	.....	4,834.97
.....	.....	.....	Israel	New Shekel	1,242.00	.....	.....	.....	912.28	.....	2,154.28
.....	.....	.....	Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	303.69	.....	.....	.....	179.51	.....	483.20
.....	.....	.....	Austria	Euro	877.97	.....	.....	.....	281.11	.....	1,159.08
Bakhti Nishanov	2/13	2/22	Egypt	Egyptian Pound	601.00	.....	20,004.79	.....	1,297.38	.....	21,903.17
.....	.....	.....	Israel	New Shekel	1,242.00	.....	.....	.....	912.28	.....	2,154.28
.....	.....	.....	Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	607.69	.....	.....	.....	179.51	.....	787.20
.....	.....	.....	Lebanon	Lebanese Pound	53.00	.....	.....	.....	675.24	.....	728.24
Hon. Marc Veasey	2/20	2/22	Austria	Euro	1,620.93	.....	15,450.21	.....	281.11	.....	17,352.25
Everett Price	2/19	2/22	Austria	Euro	1,620.93	.....	13,966.61	.....	281.11	.....	15,868.65
Jordan Warlick	2/19	2/22	Austria	Euro	1,620.93	.....	14,036.51	.....	281.11	.....	15,938.55
Patrick Hanish .....	.....	.....	Austria	Euro	.....	.....	70.00	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Janice Helwig	8/4/24	3/31	Austria	Euro	63,928.00	5,187.11	69,115.11
Committee total	78,853.19	108,629.74	10,028.40	197,511.33

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HON. JOE WILSON, Apr. 29, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC-926. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Emergency Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Lebanon (RIN: 1685-AA32) received May 12, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868), was taken from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. COLE):

H.R. 3378. A bill to protect the health and welfare of covered horses and improve the integrity and safety of horseracing by authorizing States to enter into an interstate compact to develop and enforce scientific medication control rules and racetrack safety rules that are uniform for each equine breed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 3379. A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to update the CAMELS Rating System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK:

H.R. 3380. A bill to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 3381. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 3382. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study and rulemaking on the definition of the term "small entity" under the securities laws for purposes of chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 3383. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 with respect to the authority of closed-end companies to invest in private funds; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3384. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust fees for interest rate reduction refinancing housing loans guaranteed, insured, or made by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3385. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certain regulations to update the definition of motorcycle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3386. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain outreach to veterans under the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3387. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make improvements to certain programs for a member nearing separation, or for a veteran who recently separated, from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed

Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 3388. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Ms. BARRAGAN):

H.R. 3389. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to establish a training course relating to Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of dementia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. LUCAS):

H.R. 3390. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to carry out a review of discount window operations and to implement improvements to such operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 3391. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish reference prices for prescription drugs for purposes of Federal health programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. FALLON, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of

Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WIL-
LIAMS of Texas, Mr. MORAN, Mr.
LUTTRELL, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mrs.
CAMMACK, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of
Florida, Mr. LUCAS, Ms. DAVIDS of
Kansas, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. VALADAO,
Mr. BACON, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr.
OWENS, and Mr. HUNT);

H.R. 3392. A bill to require the Secretary of
Agriculture to establish a New World
screwworm fly rearing facility, and for other
purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for him-
self, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. STANTON, Mr.
BIGGS of Arizona, Ms. ANSARI, Mr.
GOSAR, Mr. CRANE, and Mr.
SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 3393. A bill to designate the facility of
the United States Postal Service located at
12208 North 19th Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona,
as the "Officer Zane T. Coolidge Post Of-
fice"; to the Committee on Oversight and
Government Reform.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself
and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 3394. A bill to amend the Securities
Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of
individuals as accredited investors for pur-
poses of the securities laws; to the Com-
mittee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HIMES:

H.R. 3395. A bill to require the Comptroller
General of the United States to carry out a
study of the costs associated with small- and
medium-sized companies to undertake initial
public offerings; to the Committee on Finan-
cial Services.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr.
ADERHOLT):

H.R. 3396. A bill to redesignate Gravelly
Point Park, located along the George Wash-
ington Memorial Parkway in Arlington
County, Virginia, as the Nancy Reagan Me-
morial Park, and for other purposes; to the
Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for him-
self and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 3397. A bill to amend title 14, United
States Code, to require the establishment of
the Center of Expertise in Indo-Pacific Mari-
time Governance, and for other purposes; to
the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
structure.

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for
himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms.
NORTON, Ms. MENG, Mr. LATIMER, Mr.
CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. THOMPSON
of Mississippi, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr.
MORELLE, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia,
Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GOLDMAN of New
York, Mr. TONKO, Mr. NADLER, Mr.
LANDSMAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. FRIED-
MAN, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. SCANLON,
Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. LIEU, and Mr.
THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 3398. A bill to prohibit the purchase,
ownership, or possession of enhanced body
armor by civilians, with exceptions; to the
Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for her-
self and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 3399. A bill to amend title XIX of the
Social Security Act to establish State plan
requirements for determining residency and
coverage for military families, and for other
purposes; to the Committee on Energy and
Commerce.

By Ms. KING-HINDS (for herself, Mr.
MOYLAN, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 3400. A bill to amend title 38, United
States Code, to authorize the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs to assign physicians of the
Department of Veterans Affairs to tempo-
rarily serve as traveling physicians in the
territories and possessions of the United
States, and for other purposes; to the Com-
mittee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mrs.
SYKES):

H.R. 3401. A bill to amend the Internal Re-
venue Code of 1986 to establish the retreaded
tire credit, to require Federal agencies to
consider the use of retreaded tires, and for
other purposes; to the Committee on Ways
and Means, and in addition to the Committee
on Oversight and Government Reform, for a
period to be subsequently determined by the
Speaker, in each case for consideration of
such provisions as fall within the jurisdic-
tion of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK:

H.R. 3402. A bill to amend the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain dis-
closures by institutional investment man-
agers in connection with proxy advisory
firms, and for other purposes; to the Com-
mittee on Financial Services.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 3403. A bill to prohibit third-party res-
taurant reservation services from offering or
arranging unauthorized reservations for food
service establishments, and for other pur-
poses; to the Committee on Energy and Com-
merce.

By Ms. MCBRIDE (for herself, Mr.
FITZPATRICK, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 3404. A bill to amend the Family and
Medical Leave Act of 1993, to repeal certain
limits on leave for married individuals em-
ployed by the same employer; to the Com-
mittee on Education and Workforce, and in
addition to the Committees on House Admin-
istration, and Oversight and Government Re-
form, for a period to be subsequently deter-
mined by the Speaker, in each case for con-
sideration of such provisions as fall within
the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Ms.
VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SIMON, Ms. NORTON,
Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. NAD-
LER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GREEN
of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr.
SHERMAN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr.
CASTEN, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mrs. WATSON
COLEMAN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York,
Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. TITUS,
and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 3405. A bill to require the Secretary of
State to submit to Congress a report regard-
ing the transfer of an aircraft from Qatar,
and for other purposes; to the Committee on
Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Com-
mittee on Oversight and Government Re-
form, for a period to be subsequently deter-
mined by the Speaker, in each case for con-
sideration of such provisions as fall within
the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for him-
self, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mrs. LUNA, Mr.
DAVIDSON, Ms. GREENE of Georgia,
and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 3406. A bill to prohibit individuals
with gender dysphoria from serving as mem-
bers of the Armed Forces, and for other pur-
poses; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 3407. A bill to amend the Internal Re-
venue Code of 1986 to exempt money accounts
for growth and advancement from taxation,
and for other purposes; to the Committee on
Ways and Means.

By Ms. MORRISON (for herself, Mr.
FINSTAD, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. FITZPATRICK,
Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BACON, Mr. PA-
NETTA, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. NUNN
of Iowa):

H.R. 3408. A bill to authorize a grant to en-
courage recruitment of law enforcement offi-
cers, and for other purposes; to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mr.
FITZPATRICK, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr.
MORELLE, Mr. TONKO, and Mr.
KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 3409. A bill to amend the Public
Health Service Act to expand and improve
health care services by health centers and

the National Health Service Corps for indi-
viduals with a developmental disability, and
for other purposes; to the Committee on En-
ergy and Commerce.

By Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS
of Kansas, and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 3410. A bill to allow for the operation
of civil supersonic flight in the national air-
space system under certain conditions, and
for other purposes; to the Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr.
WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MOOLENAAR,
Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. SMITH
of Nebraska, Mr. BACON, Mr. WIL-
LIAMS of Texas, Mrs. BIGGS of South
Carolina, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 3411. A bill to amend the Public
Health Service Act to prohibit discrimina-
tion against health care entities that do not
participate in abortion, and to strengthen
implementation and enforcement of Federal
conscience laws; to the Committee on En-
ergy and Commerce.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 3412. A bill to suspend and reform the
authority under the Higher Education Act of
1965 for the Secretary of Education to carry
out an administrative wage garnishment
program; to the Committee on Education
and Workforce.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself and Mr.
JOYCE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3413. A bill to require the Secretary of
Health and Human Services to issue regula-
tions to ensure due process rights for physi-
cians before any termination, restriction, or
reduction of the professional activity of such
physicians or staff privileges of such physi-
cians; to the Committee on Energy and Com-
merce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 3414. A bill to amend the California
Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the
boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, to
redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center
at Joshua Tree National Park as the
"Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", and for
other purposes; to the Committee on Natural
Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr.
DOGGETT, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON,
Mr. CASAR, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. KELLY
of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. KHANNA,
Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms.
OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY,
Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. CHU,
Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 3415. A bill to amend the Public
Health Service Act to establish direct care
registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio re-
quirements in hospitals, and for other pur-
poses; to the Committee on Energy and Com-
merce, and in addition to the Committee on
Ways and Means, for a period to be subse-
quently determined by the Speaker, in each
case for consideration of such provisions as
fall within the jurisdiction of the committee
concerned.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3416. A bill to require that each agen-
cy provide any communication in alterna-
tive accessible communication formats; to
the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
ment Reform.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr.
HOYER):

H.R. 3417. A bill to establish uniform acces-
sibility standards for websites and applica-
tions of employers, employment agencies,
labor organizations, joint labor-management
committees, public entities, public accom-
modations, testing entities, and commercial
providers, and for other purposes; to the
Committee on Education and Workforce, and

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

By Mr. TURNER of Ohio (for himself, Mr. CAREY, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, and Ms. ELFRETH):

H.R. 3418. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend funding for the Historic Preservation Fund; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. GRAY):

H.R. 3419. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MORELLE:

H. Con. Res. 33. Concurrent resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to install at a permanent location on the western front of the United States Capitol an honorific plaque listing the names of all of the officers of the United States Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and protective entities who responded to the violence that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SIMON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Mr. CARSON):

H. Res. 409. A resolution recognizing the ongoing Nakba and Palestinian refugees' rights; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. RASKIN (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. LIEU, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. ROSS, Ms. BALINT, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H. Res. 410. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that President Trump must comply with the Foreign Emoluments Clause, by submitting all plans for his jumbo jet gift from Qatar immediately to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. LUTTRELL):

H. Res. 411. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the enduring alliance between the United States and Israel and the necessity of expanding defense cooperation to address evolving threats; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MOORE of West Virginia (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. RULLI, Mrs. BICE, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. STELL, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. BACON, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. STAUBER):

H. Res. 412. A resolution congratulating His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on his historic election as the 267th pontiff of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and the first Amer-

ican pontiff; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mr. HILL of Arkansas):

H. Res. 413. A resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all remaining hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 3378.

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

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

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 3379.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LOUDERMILK:

H.R. 3380.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 3381.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 3382.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 3383.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3384.

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

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

and Clause 18.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3385.

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. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3386.

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

Article I, Section 8: to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitu-

tion in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof and Clause 18.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 3387.

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

Article I, Section 8: to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof and Clause 18.

By Mr. ALFORD:

H.R. 3388.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have power to provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States; . . ."

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 3389.

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

Article I, section 8

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 3390.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 3391.

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

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3392.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona:

H.R. 3393.

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

Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the power "To establish Post Offices and post Roads."

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 3394.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HIMES:

H.R. 3395.

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. ISSA:

H.R. 3396.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 3397.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York:

H.R. 3398.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 3399.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. KING-HINDS:

H.R. 3400.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 3401.

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

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: Congress has the power “to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.”

By Mr. LOUDERMILK:

H.R. 3402.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 3403.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. MCBRIDE:

H.R. 3404.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. MEEKS:

H.R. 3405.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama:

H.R. 3406.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 3407.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MORRISON:

H.R. 3408.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that “Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department of Office thereof.”

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 3409.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. NEHLS:

H.R. 3410.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 3411.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 3412.

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

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 3413.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for

the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 3414.

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

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 3415.

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

Section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3416.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3417.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

By Mr. TURNER of Ohio:

H.R. 3418.

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

Article I, Section 8; and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

By Mr. VALADAO:

H.R. 3419.

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

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 247: Mrs. SYKES, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Ms. GOODLANDER.

H.R. 309: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 413: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 485: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 491: Ms. ANSARI.

H.R. 503: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 516: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. COLE.

H.R. 563: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 583: Mr. CASTEN, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 643: Mr. Patronis.

H.R. 715: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 833: Mr. JORDAN.

H.R. 850: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 909: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 929: Ms. ROSS, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 941: Mr. WOMACK.

H.R. 944: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 979: Ms. MACE, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. MENG, and Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 1004: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 1061: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1111: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 1151: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

H.R. 1241: Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.

H.R. 1262: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 1269: Mr. KEATING, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mrs. SYKES, and Mr. TRAN.

H.R. 1378: Mr. LAWLER and Mrs. MCCLAIN.

H.R. 1415: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 1477: Mr. DELUZZO.

H.R. 1496: Ms. MORRISON.

H.R. 1518: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1529: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1589: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 1622: Mr. BRESNAHAN.

H.R. 1637: Mr. LICCARDO, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. CROW.

H.R. 1659: Mr. BARRETT.

H.R. 1712: Ms. MORRISON.

H.R. 1744: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 1822: Mr. SHREVE and Mr. MCGUIRE.

H.R. 1827: Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 1841: Ms. MCBRIDE and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 1851: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1882: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 1938: Ms. SHERRILL and Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 2028: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2086: Mr. MORELLE, Ms. CHU, Mr. RILEY of New York, and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 2148: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 2160: Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 2189: Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. EZELL.

H.R. 2200: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2205: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2307: Mr. ROSE.

H.R. 2332: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 2395: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. YAKYM.

H.R. 2439: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2487: Ms. DEXTER.

H.R. 2505: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 2516: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 2547: Mr. BURLISON.

H.R. 2581: Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 2701: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 2725: Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. BENTZ.

H.R. 2753: Mr. TORRES of New York.

H.R. 2777: Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.

H.R. 2808: Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 2884: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 2888: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2911: Ms. TENNEY and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 2939: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 2949: Mrs. TORRES of California.

H.R. 3071: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 3112: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 3131: Mr. CARSON and Mr. MESSMER.

H.R. 3137: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 3139: Mr. GARCIA of California.

H.R. 3141: Mr. BEGICH.

H.R. 3148: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 3151: Mr. BACON and Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 3172: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 3184: Mr. DOGGETT and Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 3235: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.

H.R. 3242: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 3246: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3255: Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 3259: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3261: Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. MORRISON, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 3291: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 3294: Mr. MCGUIRE and Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 3300: Mr. KILEY of California.

H.R. 3306: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 3312: Mr. MCGUIRE.

H.R. 3324: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.

H.R. 3326: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3350: Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CORREA, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. BERA, and Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 3366: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 3368: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. LATIMER.

H.R. 3372: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 3376: Mr. MULLIN.

H.J. Res. 80: Mr. CASAR, Mr. BELL, Ms. MENG, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. KHANNA.

H. Con. Res. 12: Ms. MACE and Mrs. WAGNER.

H. Con. Res. 31: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.

H. Res. 166: Mr. ROSE and Mrs. LUNA.

H. Res. 352: Mr. SCHNEIDER and Ms. FOX.

H. Res. 368: Ms. TLAIB and Ms. NORTON.

**DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

H.R. 3321: Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.

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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, smile on us and lift us with Your mighty strength. Lord, develop in us an optimism that will withstand all challenges, bear all burdens, and catapult all obstacles.

Guide the Members of this body today on Your path. Show them Your ways, as You lead them by the power of Your truth. Lord, help them to set priorities that will deliver captives and relieve the oppressed, causing "justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Direct our Senators in their going out and coming in, inspiring them with a resolute determination to fulfill Your purposes on Earth.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MULLIN). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

RECOGNIZING OSKALOOSA HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, last week for the first time ever, Wrigley Field welcomed a high school team, and it was a high school team from my home State of Iowa.

The Oskaloosa High School Indians baseball team—in partnership with Musco Lighting, also from Oskaloosa—were invited to play in an exhibition game at the home field of the Chicago Cubs.

After the Cubs played the San Francisco Giants, Musco Lighting company lit up the stadium, and the Indians took to the historic diamond. I imagine it was a dream come true for many, especially those who are Cubs fans.

To share in that once-in-a-lifetime experience, the Oskaloosa High School Chamber Choir performed the Star Spangled Banner prior to the Indians' scrimmage game season. What a way to start the season. We can say: Go Indians.

RECOGNIZING MUSCO LIGHTING

Mr. President, now I want to add from some memory that I have about 9/11 and the Musco Lighting company.

They had a team working in Rhode Island when 9/11 happened. When the World Trade Center went down, they left immediately from Rhode Island to go to New York to provide lighting for the cleanup as a result of the World Trade Center disaster.

I also remember they had a couple of trucks that left from Oskaloosa to go

to the Pentagon disaster to provide lighting there. This is just some of the things that Musco Lighting does as a public service and wanting to help people in need. That is beside providing lighting, sometimes at Olympics around the world.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING CHRISTOPHER S. BOND

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, before I begin my remarks today, I want to say a word about our former colleague Christopher "Kit" Bond, who passed away yesterday at the age of 88.

Kit Bond dedicated his life to serving the people of Missouri. After serving as State auditor, he became Missouri's youngest Governor at the age of 33. Missourians sent him to the U.S. Senate in 1986, and he served here for 24 years.

His interests were many, from literacy and housing to trade with Southeast Asia. And those of us who knew him remember his kindness, his great care for people, and his love for this institution.

Today, I remember Kit for his life and for his service, and my prayers are with his wife Linda and his son Sam.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. President, on Monday, Customs and Border Protection released its monthly update for April, and I want to read a line from that release:

Driven by the administration's decisive and effective immigration enforcement, our frontlines continue to see overwhelming improvements when it comes to securing our border.

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In April, CBP, Customs and Border Protection, encountered just 12,035 illegal immigrants trying to cross our southern border—in the entire month. March saw just 11,019; February 11,708. During the Biden administration, there were single days—days—that saw those kinds of numbers.

And that is not the only good news. CBP also reported an increase in drug seizures in April. And as Acting CBP Commissioner Pete Flores says, “For the first time in years, more agents are back in the field—patrolling territories that CBP didn’t have the bandwidth or manpower to oversee just six months ago.”

I have to say, it is amazing what new leadership can do. In seemingly no time at all, the Trump administration has restored operational control at the border. Border Patrol agents are no longer processing thousands of illegal immigrants a day. They are out in the field, apprehending illegal border crossers, seizing drugs, and disrupting human and drug smuggling networks.

Meanwhile, ICE agents and other law enforcement officers are busy removing criminal illegal immigrants who have taken up residence in our country.

Not long ago, the story was much different. During the Biden administration, hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants were crossing the southern border in a single month, including a concerning number of known “got-aways.” And the Biden administration abused the parole and asylum systems to wave illegal immigrants into the United States. As a result, communities across the country were overwhelmed by the influx, and valuable resources had to be used to process and transport these migrants—resources that could have gone toward securing the border, arresting criminals, and stopping the flow of illegal drugs.

I am grateful at the progress that has been made so quickly by President Trump and his administration. Our country is safer today than it was just a few months ago, and we want to ensure that President Trump and his administration—and future administrations—have the resources they need for this success to continue.

That is why the reconciliation bill that we will take up will make a generational investment in border security. That means money to finish the border wall. It means technology to help border agents stop illegal immigrants and drugs from entering our country in the first place. It means additional Border Patrol agents on the frontlines, more Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to carry out removals, more detention capacity and transportation resources to facilitate deportations, and certainty for the President’s team that it will have the resources it needs to execute its mission for the entirety of the Trump administration.

Republicans don’t just want to turn the page on the border crisis of the Biden years. We want to close the book. And that is what this bill will help do.

Democrats may not support our efforts. Even now, I am not sure border security really even registers on their priority list. But the American people support border security, and we intend to deliver it. We are committed to ensuring that the success we have seen so far can continue long into the future, for the men and women on the frontlines and for the safety and security of the American people.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

CLEAN ENERGY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, there is really nothing—nothing—to celebrate about Republicans’ “big, beautiful bill,” unless you are a billionaire or an oil company. But for everyone else, this so-called “big, beautiful bill” is, in fact, nothing more than a big fat grift: taking money away from people, raising costs on average Americans, all to help the billionaires. And, today, I want to talk about how Republicans’ big grift is an assault on America’s clean energy—the bill that was just released by the Energy and Commerce Committee, or at least that part of it.

Now, Donald Trump and Republicans claim to want American energy dominance, but from the moment he became President, they have been hell-bent on killing the clean energy investments America needs to meet the energy needs of tomorrow. They say they want more energy, and then they cut off the cheapest, quickest, most available form of energy for ideological and grift reasons.

In a moment, I will talk about the awful Republican bill that just came out of committee, but first I want to talk about a specific project. Donald Trump’s clean energy vendetta is wreaking particular havoc on New York’s offshore wind industry. And it is a warning—a warning—to the rest of America on how he will deal with clean energy projects. What has happened here is utterly despicable, amazing, and awful.

A few weeks ago, the Trump administration suddenly and without explanation issued a stop work order on New York’s Empire Wind farm, a \$7 billion project already underway by the company Equinor. This is not some project in the planning stages. No, no, no. This was approved years ago. Three to four billion dollars have been put into developing the offshore windmills that will provide energy for hundreds of thousands of homes—clean energy, cheap energy. And, all of a sudden, out of the clear blue, the Secretary of the

Interior says: You must stop the project because the environmental impact statement was rushed.

The company asks why, and the Interior Secretary says: Well, there is a report that NOAA has issued—that is in the Commerce Department—that says this was rushed and inadequate in terms of the environmental impact.

So the company asked—I have asked, repeatedly—for the Commerce Department to show us what the reasoning is, which we think there is none—to show us the specifics of why they halted this project out of the clear blue, a project employing hundreds and hundreds—thousands—of people, a project where there are boats—I think close to 50 of them—right offshore actually building these offshore wind turbines.

Now it is stopped, but there is no explanation. This is like a dictatorship—no due process, no explanation. Out of the blue, just as billions have already been spent and just as construction is underway off the coast, just as 30 percent of the project is built, Donald Trump and Howard Lutnick say: Halt.

It is outrageous.

Give us a reason, says the company. We have invested billions here in America.

They are a Norwegian company, one of the largest offshore wind companies in the world. They are well-qualified. They are well-known. They have a history.

Give us a reason. Show us what is wrong with the approval previously 2, 3 years ago of the environmental statements.

And there is silence. No answer. No reason. And the project is now on hold.

All the boats, they are out there. The workers are out there. No explanation has been given, nor has Equinor been given any opportunity to discuss and address potential problems.

This is not how businesses operate. Our friends on the other side like to talk about running government more like a business. Well, this is just outrageous. And every week that Empire Wind sits idle, it costs \$50 million.

So now, the project may die altogether. Why? We know why. Donald Trump hates offshore wind. He hates offshore wind because, supposedly, years ago, they built a wind farm off the coast of his Scotland golf course. He fought to kill it. He lost. So now he is taking it out on all offshore wind to the detriment of the American energy needs in a way that is like—it is like a dictatorship.

Stop, they say. We are not giving you a reason.

It is outrageous. It is malicious and intentional sabotage. It is an outright attack on New York jobs, on New York workers, and it is happening for no other reason than partisan ideology and political sociopathy—partisan ideology because the rightwing oil and gas barons hate clean energy, even though it is the cheapest way to reduce our energy needs, and political sociopathy because Donald Trump hates offshore

wind because he didn't like windmills off his golf course in Scotland.

The Trump administration must at least give an explanation so the company can answer why they should continue with the project. I call on Secretary Lutnick to immediately release the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration report that was used as justification to halt work on the Empire Wind project.

New Yorkers, Americans, the company which invests heavily in America deserves to know: Why halt this project? What is the deal? What is the justification? And what is the plan to get the jobs back on track? These are good jobs—good-paying jobs.

If everything is on the level, the administration should not fear being transparent with Equinor. What is the answer? How can they shut the project down and give no explanation?

We have called the Secretary of the Interior. He says it is up to Lutnick and NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They are the ones who say that this was approved too quickly, even though it has been working with no problems for years and work is ongoing and construction is ongoing.

By the way, to everyone investing in America, whether you are an American company or not, this should be a shot-across-the-bow warning of what this administration can do—out of the clear blue, just say stop, no explanation, no reason, no ands, ifs, or buts.

Our business community should be outraged about how this business is being treated, not just the energy business. They can do this anywhere. We need answers, and at the very minimum, the explanation as to why they ordered this project stopped, which I imagine is very flimsy and came from Donald Trump's sociopathy because he hates offshore wind because of what they did. He didn't like those windmills off the golf course in Scotland. It is well-known that is why he hates offshore wind.

So what happened with Equinor is just a disgusting travesty that must be reversed. It is so, so outrageously unfair, malicious, and counterproductive for America's energy needs.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Mr. President, now, let me talk to the broader issue, the Republican bill that just came out of committee on the House side.

What is happening with Equinor is, frankly, part of a larger pattern of clean energy destruction—clean energy destruction—from Donald Trump and Republicans.

Before our very eyes, Republicans want to kill American clean energy in its tracks. They want to use their so-called “one big, beautiful bill” to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act.

Most of all, they want to cut taxes for the ultrarich and big corporations and make Americans pay for it with higher energy costs by rendering unusable wind and solar tax breaks that

were put into the legislation in the IRA.

What will the American people need to know? Republicans are raising taxes on Americans' electricity. One independent study—it is raising costs on Americans' electricity as well.

One independent study shows families and businesses will see their electricity bills go up by 10 percent as soon as next year. Hear that America? This ideological craziness that we shouldn't have wind and solar—some people don't think—there are some, I guess, who feel we shouldn't have coal, oil, and natural gas.

But actually, if we are going to meet America's energy needs, we need clean energy. It is the only way to go, even if you are for natural gas and oil to be used, even though those are far less efficient and productive than solar and wind energy.

But to do this, to meet the ideological thirst to shut this process down—to shut clean energy down—they are going to raise your electric bills, Mr. and Mrs. America—all Americans—as much as 10 percent by next year.

States like Kansas, Missouri, and South Carolina could see prices rise by 15 percent. Wyoming—I saw my friend from Wyoming in the back there—could see nearly a 30-percent increase in energy costs, hundreds of dollars a year extra for families and businesses, for a family or small business already dealing with inflation and a trade war. An extra 10 percent in costs could mean the difference between staying open and shutting down.

If Republicans repeal the IRA, a generation of American manufacturing jobs will also be at immediate risk, most of them in red States, although, they will be in red States and blue States alike.

The IRA has already spurred more than \$270 billion in clean energy investment, and that is in addition to the \$100 billion in domestic manufacturing to build these projects right here at home.

All of this will be shut down if the House Republican bill passes the House and passes the Senate and is signed into law.

Here is something for my Republican colleagues to think about: Nine of the ten top congressional districts receiving manufacturing investment from the IRA are Republican districts. Those investments are over \$5 billion each.

For a party that claims to be pro-business, what they are doing with Ecuador is so anti-business and so disruptive of business decision-making, and what they are doing here is just the same—just the same.

The restrictions they have put in the bill are such that if a project, as I understand it—if a project is not completed by 2028, it loses all its credits, which means project after project after project—clean energy projects for wind and solar and others—will be shut down.

So I have a message for the House Republicans in the Ways and Means Committee who just passed the bill on a strict party-line vote: To approve these cuts is to approve a death sentence for energy and manufacturing jobs for your communities.

These investments include a \$700 million battery manufacturing plant in Fort Worth, TX; the more than \$5 million in battery manufacturing at new and existing facilities in Fayette County, OH; or multiple solar manufacturing facilities in the Phoenix metro area of Arizona.

Mark my words, if Republicans gut the IRA, it would be a gift to the Chinese Communist Party. Jobs that should belong in America will go to cities like Chengdu, China, because China is not cutting back on clean energy. No way. They are going to get way ahead of us on this industry like they did on electric cars, and Americans will pay the price in higher energy costs, in fewer jobs, and in losing the leadership on another industry to China.

But this one didn't have to happen. The IRA did a great job getting America moving and ahead of China, and now they are taking it away.

So putting it all together, the Republican bill, what does it mean for the middle class: higher electricity bills, hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs erased around the country, rising insurance premiums, particularly in States by the water—Florida, Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina. Their insurance premiums are going up now because we don't have enough clean energy, and there is too much climate change with tornados and hurricanes and floods and, Lord, what else.

So insurers, they don't want to insure anymore. They want to insure at such high prices that people can't sell their homes in those States and across the country. And people—young people—want to buy a home but can't because the insurance is too high, and it is too high because we don't have enough clean energy. And they are cutting it off.

So these are all terrible prices to pay just to lower taxes for the ultrarich, just to satisfy the ideological thirst of oil and gas and coal barons who hate clean energy because they know it is the future, and they know they are not the future.

The broken Republican agenda is a political loser. Americans are learning that, whether it is on Social Security or Medicare or Medicaid or veterans' benefits or housing, and certainly it is here on clean energy, which has the broad support of the American people, Democrat and Republican alike.

So the warning signs, my Republican friends, are flashing. Last night, in Omaha, NE, the 3-term Republican mayor was voted out of office. The Washington Post described how “disquiet over Trump's agenda produced a surge of Democratic energy.”

So the three-term Republican mayor lost to a Democratic candidate. People

don't like what Republicans are doing. It is energizing people, not just Democrats but people across the board, to participate in more and more elections of all kinds.

And here in Congress, Republicans are pushing forward on an agenda that will make their political fortunes all the more obvious.

MIDDLE EAST

Mr. President, on Donald Trump's Middle East trip—there is so much going on today. Donald Trump's trip to the Middle East seems less like a Presidential visit and more like a personal business venture—less like a Presidential visit and more like a personal business venture.

Since Donald Trump became President, nobody seems to have benefited more from Middle East deals than Donald Trump himself; golf courses by the beach, hotel openings in Dubai, billions in investments toward Trump stablecoins. All of that enriches Donald Trump. That is what American foreign policy is all about, to make the rich President richer?

And then, of course, there is the matter of half—of a half-billion-dollar private jet that Qatar wants to gift Donald Trump to use as Air Force One. On this Middle East trip, who exactly is Donald Trump working for—for the American people or for his own bottom line or the bottom line of the companies he brought on tour?

Until Attorney General Bondi, a former high-powered lobbyist for Qatar, explains why this robber baron deal was allowed to go through on the Qatar plane, I will not be complicit in the further polarization of DOJ and will hold all political DOJ nominees.

Let me say that again. Until Attorney General Bondi, a former high-powered lobbyist for Qatar, explains why, resolves the issues of this robber-baron deal for Qatar to gift to President Trump a \$400 million airplane with huge security issues—until they resolve those issues in a way that is satisfying to the American people in terms of security and in terms of fairness, I will not be complicit in the further polarization of the DOJ and so am holding all political DOJ nominees.

Now, some of our Republican colleagues, to their credit, have said they have concerns about the Qatar deal. Well, how about showing it? How about showing some outrage? Republicans should join us in getting answers or else they can expect this hold on nominees to persist.

If this were done by a Democrat, you would all be out here screaming. You know how bad it is. You know how bad it is. So speak up.

Maybe that will stop the President, because there is a real national security risk. We cannot let a foreign country—Air Force One is the most complicated, sophisticated plane in the world by a lot because it must protect a President when he or she is communicating and in case there is nefarious action against that plane, God forbid. To let Qatar in on those secrets?

You would have to dismantle the plane they gave us down to every screw and every ratchet to see if they put little devices in there. It is estimated it will end up costing more to make this “gift” secure than it would to buy the new planes from Boeing that in 2 years will be available for delivery.

There are laws on the books precisely designed to prevent the naked corruption of a foreign country paying for a luxury Air Force One. We should apply those laws, and that is why I am deploying these holds.

Americans deserve to know the answer to a basic question: Again, who is Donald Trump working for—the American people or himself?

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF BUFFALO SHOOTING

Mr. President, finally, on the anniversary of the shooting in Buffalo, 3 years ago today, 10 beautiful lives were cut short in a horrible, racist, mass shooting at a Tops supermarket on Buffalo's East Side. Buffalo is the city of good neighbors, and nowhere is that truer than on the East Side, but in just 2 minutes, the community was forever changed. Ten of our grandparents, parents, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors went to the grocery store that day—it was a convenient place, a meeting place, the Tops supermarket was—and they never came home.

I remember being in the community in the days and weeks after. I met a young boy, only a few years old, whose father was out buying a birthday cake at the grocery store, and he never came home. It rattles you to your core.

The Buffalo community has done a lot of healing over the last 3 years, but the pain from the shooting still lingers to this day.

After the shooting, I worked hand in hand with the families of those we lost in Buffalo to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act—the first gun safety legislation in 30 years, when I had authored the Brady Law. I was the author of that law, which did so much good—and still does so much good—30 years before.

Both sides came together, Democrats and Republicans—it was a good moment—to expand background checks, crack down on gun traffickers, and invest in violence intervention programs to make our streets safer and make our community safer.

Passing this bill was a moment of significant progress in the fight against gun violence. We cannot turn back the clock on this progress we made in honor of those we lost. We have a long way to go and a lot of work to do to rid America of the gun violence epidemic. But the memories—the memories—of those we lost in Buffalo 3 years ago today give me endless motivation to keep pushing.

May God bless Buffalo. God bless all the families impacted by the tragedy 3 years ago today.

May God bless America.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip.

ENERGY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I have just come to the floor and listened to the minority leader talk about energy. Energy. Do you know why he is in the minority and we are in the majority? It is because of energy, because Joe Biden, former President, told the EPA, the Environmental Protection Agency, to prioritize the climate over energy that is affordable, available, and reliable. They tried to shove electric vehicles down the throats of every man, woman, and child in America. That is why they are in the minority and we are in the majority. People want affordable energy.

I am here today on the floor, and in the Gallery are many people from the State of Wyoming, our law enforcement officers who are here as part of Police Week ceremonies. They know about affordable energy. They know that this week in Wyoming, graduation week at home, gas at the pump is 50 cents a gallon cheaper than it was a year ago. So if they have to drive the distances around the State of Wyoming to see kids or grandkids for graduations, it is \$10 a tank less to fill up now than it was a year ago when Joe Biden was in the White House and the Democrats were in charge.

Wyoming is America's energy breadbasket. We are a powerhouse of energy. And the Presiding Officer's home State of Oklahoma knows a lot about energy as well. We know what the American people want, and it is not what CHUCK SCHUMER is trying to sell here on the floor of the U.S. Senate or across the country.

So when I come to the floor to talk about Police Week and hear the minority leader talking about energy, I just can't help but think about how much better we are now with this effort to unleash American energy than we were the last 4 years when they wanted to keep American energy in the ground and made it so hard for the hard-working men and women who produce that energy to do their jobs in ways that respect the environment, ways that protect the environment. That is what the American people want. That is what they voted for.

And to hear the minority leader come to the floor, when, when Biden left office, energy prices were 30 percent higher than they were the day he came into office—the American people said: We can't afford this. We need a big change.

They got that change on election day, and I am proud to be part of those who are being able to restore American energy dominance.

I know the men and women who listen from around the country and certainly our officers who are here today know how important affordable energy is to our home State of Wyoming.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. President, I rise today during Police Week with a message to our law enforcement officers, and it is one they don't hear often enough. It is a message of “thank you.” Thank you for

the job you do each and every day—and not just to you but to your families as well. Thank you for protecting our communities. Thank you for protecting our children. Thank you for protecting our Nation.

In Wyoming, we are so blessed to have law enforcement officers of bravery, professionalism and capability—incredible individuals. There are 2,340 police officers in Wyoming. They serve across 77 departments in 23 Wyoming counties. For these protectors of peace, keeping our communities safe is more than a job, it is a way of life.

It comes clearly with unique challenges. Wyoming is a State with vast distances. That means officers face long drives, harsh winters, and moments where backup can be miles and miles away. There are also hiring challenges. We see these challenges nationwide. It means longer shifts and heavier burdens and fewer hands to answer the calls for help. Law enforcement officers are tested each and every day, and they deserve our Nation's strongest support.

Today, we honor one such hero: Sergeant Nevada Krinke, who was with the Sheridan Police Department. Sergeant Krinke was a man of strong faith and selflessness. His colleagues said he "always put other people first."

Tragically, last year, he became the first Sheridan officer to lose his life by homicide in the line of duty ever. He is also the first Wyoming officer since 1997 to die in the line of duty. He was only 33 years old.

I attended his funeral last year in Sheridan. The same community that he vowed to protect and to serve showed overwhelming support. More than 1,800 people attended. It was the largest single event in Sheridan, WY, since Queen Elizabeth's visit more than 40 years ago. Strangers stood shoulder to shoulder, often four deep along the streets as the car bearing his body drove by. They waved American flags. They lined the streets as police cars escorted the family to the memorial service at the college.

People came from all around the country to attend even though they had never met and did not know Sergeant Krinke. The local newspaper asked one of them who had come from a long distance why he came. He replied:

I stand for those who have stood for us.

That is the Wyoming spirit. That is the cowboy code. Live each day with courage, take pride in your work, and do what needs to be done.

Sergeant Krinke was a shining example of what it means to serve others. Fittingly, his name will now be etched onto the Roll Call of Heroes at our National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, DC.

To pay tribute to Sergeant Krinke, 39 law enforcement officers and their families from 13 Wyoming communities are here in Washington today. Many are joining us in the Senate Gallery. With them is the Sheridan chief of po-

lice, Travis Koltiska. Chief Koltiska has worked at the Sheridan Police Department for 24 years. His job has allowed him to make his hometown a safer community and raise his five children with his wonderful wife Mandy. They are also here.

When Sergeant Krinke was killed, Chief Koltiska led the department through its darkest hour.

Thank you, Chief, for all of your actions and for your leadership. Your actions helped so many in Sheridan during a difficult time in the community where you grew up, where you were educated, where you raised your family, and where you continue to serve today. You are a high tribute to every man and woman in blue.

It has been more than a year since that tragic day. To Sergeant Krinke's family, to his wife Karla and their daughter Bella, know this: Your husband, your father was a hero, and we will never forget you.

Law enforcement officers face risks each and every day. The National Fraternal Order of Police reports that in the first 5 months of this year, 109 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty and 25 were injured in ambush-style attacks.

The solution to safer communities is to support law enforcement, and in the Senate, we are doing exactly that. This year, we passed the Laken Riley Act. It is now the law; the President has signed it. The Laken Riley Act included a provision from Senator JOHN CORNYN of Texas that protects police officers from violent illegal immigrant criminals. It requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain any illegal immigrant who attacks a police officer. The Senate also passed the HALT Fentanyl Act. This legislation imposes tougher penalties on illicit fentanyl traffickers. It gives law enforcement the tools they need to get deadly drugs off of the streets.

To address recruiting challenges, I support President Trump's effort to increase officer pay, to improve training, and to seek tougher penalties for crimes against law enforcement.

For 4 long years, Americans heard calls from Democrats to defund the police. America must leave those divisive, anti-police policies in the past. We must focus on solutions to strengthen our communities and our law enforcement.

It is not enough to fully fund the police; they must know that we have their backs. They must have both the tools and the trust to serve, and that is exactly what President Trump and Republicans in Congress are doing.

This Police Week, let's renew our commitment to our law enforcement.

Senate Republicans salute you, our officers, and we will always support you.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The Democratic whip.

GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as has been noted by my friend and colleague

from Wyoming, this is National Police Week, and I just want to join in his chorus in saluting the law enforcement officials from his State who are here in Washington this week, as well as those in law enforcement from across the Nation. Many have traveled to Washington in their annual trip to honor those lost in the line of duty and to share their priorities with Members of Congress.

If we want safe communities, we need to support our law enforcement and we need to work with our Nation's children, and that includes addressing our Nation's gun violence epidemic. We know that gun violence is the No. 1 cause of police officer line-of-duty death. Currently, the No. 1 cause of death for American kids and teenagers in America is gun violence—not automobile accidents, not cancer. We need to treat this crisis like the national emergency that it is.

Commonsense gun safety measures are overwhelmingly popular with the American people, even with gun owners, including banning high-capacity assault weapons meant for the battlefield, as well as universal background checks and requiring safe storage of guns.

But we know that making communities safer also requires addressing the root causes of violence. The police that I work with in Illinois and in the city of Chicago have made it clear to me: They can do their job, but we cannot arrest our way out of this situation. We need to do more.

Next week marks 3 years since the tragic school shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, TX. On what should have been an ordinary schoolday, 19 innocent children and 2 teachers were gunned down in their classrooms by a man armed with an AR-15.

After that horrific day, Congress came together on a bipartisan basis—a rare bipartisan basis—to pass the most significant gun safety reform in generations. We recognized that too many parents were losing children and too many communities had been irreparably scarred. So when Congress passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, we agreed we must do more to prevent gun violence from happening in the first place.

One of the most prominent provisions of that legislation was Congress's decision to invest in using trained neighborhood and community leaders to break the cycle of violence. With \$250 million in funding, we supported community violence interrupters from the South Side of Chicago to Greensboro, NC; to Baton Rouge, LA; to Houston, TX, and many other communities.

Unfortunately, the DOGE committee had a different idea when it came to preventing violence. Last month, the Department of Justice canceled more than \$800 million in violence prevention, public safety, and victim services grants. That includes millions of dollars in community violence intervention funding that was senselessly cut.

What does this mean? Organizations I am aware of, like Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago, lost \$3.7 million overnight. These funds had been providing mental health training and job skills to hundreds of individuals who are most likely to perpetrate or be victims of violence. We went right to the source.

Because of these initiatives, homicides in the city of Chicago have decreased by 50 percent since 2021. But now, just a few days before the start of summer months when gun violence will be at its peak, neighborhood organizations across the country, including Chicago, have had the rug pulled out from under them.

Does Attorney General Bondi really think that eliminating these grants will stop the violence?

Ignoring reality won't stop the bloodshed that will occur without these funds.

Does President Trump really think that cutting this funding makes America safer?

The next time the President or any of his friends goes to FOX News or some other news source and starts scapegoating Democrats for gun violence in Chicago, they should remember that the President and his billionaire cronies eliminated the successful bipartisan grants.

To make matters worse, the Trump administration doubled down on its decision to rescind another billion dollars in school mental health grants, which were also passed into law in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

There is a detention facility in the city of Chicago for teenagers awaiting trial charged with serious crimes, violent crimes. Some of them are being charged with murder. They wait months, sometimes years, for their trial. I visited that facility. And, of course, it is a detention facility, a correctional institution, but it is also a high school. These teenagers from all across the city of Chicago, waiting for trial, go to school in classrooms, eat in cafeterias, and, of course, stay on the premises.

I asked the teachers and counselors at this facility for teenagers who have been involved in violent crime: Who are these kids? You must get to know them in this facility. What is their background?

Well, one counselor I remember said: Senator, virtually every mental health challenge you can think of, we see in these kids. They came to the Earth in the usual way, but something happened in their lives that changed them. But there is one thing that they virtually all have in common: They are all victims of trauma, witnessing murders, having someone they love lost to gunfire. It is the kind of thing that can change a life for the better or for the worse, and, in this case, many of them are being changed for the worse. And so counseling them and working with them to conquer these haunting experiences in their lives is central to putting them on the right track.

Now, we have a decision by this administration to cut back on school mental health grants. That was part of a bipartisan solution to deal with gun violence. After any mass shooting, many are quick to explain away the tragedy as just a mental health issue, not a result of the fact that America has too many deadly weapons. Yet barely 100 days into this administration, they have dropped any pretense about mental health in dealing with gun violence. Apparently, preventing gun violence by providing treatment to children is just too much for them to take. At one time, this was part of the bipartisan solution.

In Illinois, tens of millions of dollars in school mental health services have now been canceled, forcing students to face the future without this counsel. One program had brought graduate psychology students to low-income elementary, middle, and high schools to provide treatment services to students and bolster the mental health workforce.

Another initiative in Lake County, IL, received nearly \$6 million in Federal funds to recruit and train mental health providers to work in the schools. In an outrageous and unsubstantiated justification, the Department of Education claimed that these funds "violated the letter or purpose of Federal civil rights law" or "undermined the well-being of students these programs are intended to help." There is no evidence of that.

Where is the outrage from those who joined in this bipartisan response several years ago and took great pride in it? Democrats and Republicans finally agreed on something.

Mental health counseling of children that are most vulnerable is a way to reduce gun violence. I still believe that to this day, and yet the Trump administration says: No, we are not going to invest in that.

Do you know what is going to happen? There will be more gun violence and terrible, outrageous events like we have seen so often. Innocent kids will die. Innocent people will die. And people will say: We just need more mental health counseling.

Keep in mind that this administration just eliminated the funds for it. What are they thinking? Where is the outrage from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle?

I saw the press releases from our Republican colleagues celebrating the funding that was originally created. Now, silence. That silence is shameful.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to seek the confirmation of Retired Army CPT Sam Brown to be the Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

President Trump nominated Captain Brown for this important position.

Sam Brown demonstrates a history of service, love of country, and commitment to serving other veterans. A West Point graduate, Afghanistan combat veteran, husband, and father of three, Captain Brown understands the sacrifices the men and women of the U.S. military and their families make every day and is well-qualified to undertake the significant responsibility of being the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

The National Cemetery Administration's mission is to honor the memory of our Nation's veterans by caring for their final resting places and providing services to their surviving loved ones. Captain Brown, if confirmed, will fill this position with the utmost respect, honoring and remembering those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

More than 4 million Americans are interred in NCA's 156 national cemeteries. Kansas is home to 3 of those cemeteries, where more than 62,000 Kansas veterans and their family members are buried.

Another responsibility of the National Cemetery Administration is safeguarding the veterans' legacies by documenting their stories. In doing so, NCA helps to make certain that no generation of Americans forgets the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

Mr. President, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 85, Sam Brown, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs; that the Senate vote on the nomination, without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, the chairman and I share a bipartisan commitment to putting our veterans first, including providing them with the kind of memorial and cemetery recognition that they have well earned. There is no difference between us on that point.

And I think we also share a belief that Members of the U.S. Senate have a duty—it is a constitutional duty—to hold accountable the executive branch and demand information from the executive branch to perform our obligations of oversight and scrutiny.

I think we also share a respect for Sam Brown's service to our Nation. As a veteran—as a decorated veteran—who has earned appreciation for his service, the kinds of qualifications he brings to this office are impressive. But this nominee was advanced out of committee by a 10-to-9 vote. So it is clear he does not have unanimous support.

He said, when he was asked about whether he would support the Trump administration's plan to fire nearly

one-fifth of the VA's workforce, including many who are veterans themselves—in fact, one-third of the VA's workforce are veterans:

We owe it to the Secretary in good faith to hear his full plan, which none of us have heard yet.

That is really the point. This issue is bigger than Sam Brown. It is about information that has been denied to our committee and to us as Senators.

The Secretary of the VA is actively working to undermine our bipartisan oversight efforts. Cuts have been made to contracts that delivered critical support and services to veterans. Despite multiple bipartisan requests, the Secretary refuses to share the list of canceled contracts. Thousands of VA employees have been bullied, driven off their jobs, or fired by Elon Musk and Secretary Collins. And there are plans to fire 83,000 employees, and we haven't seen those plans. All the Secretary has told us is that it is his goal and he will accomplish that goal. He denied us that basic information.

So I have said I am opposing this nomination until we are given the information and disclosure we need to do our jobs. The Secretary has issued a pause on rulemaking that effectively halts efforts underway to provide veterans, including K2 veterans suffering from radiation exposure, the benefits they desperately need, or PFAS victims or other victims of toxic exposure. And he has refused to indicate when this so-called pause will be lifted or whether it is permanent.

Again, we have a job to do, and we have a right to demand—in fact, the Constitution requires that we make that demand—the VA must be transparent and accountable. Instead, the Secretary has come before our committee. He dissembled, he obfuscated, he has attacked anyone who questions him, and he denies us the basic information—denies the American people the information—that he owes us.

My request is simple. If the President or my Republican colleagues believe that a certain nominee is a priority, come clean with the American people. Give us the information we need. What contracts have been canceled? Who is impacted by that action? What research has been stopped? Who has been fired, and who will be fired? What is the plan? Address the unprecedented levels of obstructionism from this administration and give the American people, including our Nation's veterans, the full and public debate they deserve.

For these reasons, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, on the last Monday of May—less than 2 weeks away—we observe Memorial Day. As Americans, we gather at cemeteries and memorials worldwide to honor the courage, sacrifice, and legacy of the men and women who served and are now in their final resting place.

With the approach of Memorial Day, the U.S. Senate has the responsibility

to honor the servicemembers who died in service to our Nation. And we can, in part, do so by confirming a qualified leader as the Under Secretary of Memorial Affairs, CPT Sam Brown. We can do that while we wait for other things to occur. These things are not mutually exclusive. Captain Brown could begin to perform the duties of his office.

I urged my colleagues to do so today. Those laying of our veterans to rest with honor, serving their families with dignity—it is not a Republican or a Democratic issue—and our committee has worked side by side over a long period of time in that manner.

I am discouraged that we cannot work in that manner today to confirm this qualified and capable leader for the National Cemetery Administration. That position is responsible for carrying out our Nation's most solemn responsibilities in burying our veterans. It is incumbent upon us to confirm a nominee to lead the NCA and to lead it well. I believe CPT Sam Brown would do just that.

In his testimony before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Captain Brown shared his story of suffering excruciating burns in the line of duty in Afghanistan. He recounted how, in the midst of his suffering and anguish, he heard his gunner shout the words: Sir, I've got you, as he worked to extinguish the flames, ultimately saving Captain Brown's life. That declaration of rescue, that cry for support, that message of hope is the same message of hope that Sam Brown will take with him to the National Cemetery Administration.

Under his leadership, NCA will be there to tell veterans' family members and loved ones: We've got you.

The National Cemetery Administration puts veterans first. Sam Brown will put veterans first. And it was my hope that this body could come together to put veterans first today.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I respect the points that my colleague from Kansas has just made as chairman. We have worked together in a bipartisan way. I hope we will continue to work together to make sure that the National Cemetery Administration is given the resources it needs and the personnel that are required to make sure this Nation honors our veterans.

As we speak, members of that workforce, the National Cemetery Administration, have been fired or are being fired or will be fired. Resources may be strangled. We deserve to know—we need to know—to honor our veterans. That is the information we are demanding from this Secretary of the VA.

I respect the assurances that Sam Brown will do his job. But when he was asked specifically at his hearing whether, if directed by the President to take action that would break the law,

he responded that he could not “imagine a scenario where the President would ask me to do anything unlawful.” We know the President has asked members of this administration to do unlawful actions.

But the main point is bigger than Sam Brown. What are the resources that are being withheld in both workforce and dollars to expand our cemeteries as is required to make sure we provide places that honor our veterans? This basic information is an absolute prerequisite for us to do our job and assure that veterans are really honored on this Memorial Day and every day of the year.

We owe our veterans that honor—honor with action—every day, not just Memorial Day. Americans who lay wreaths this Memorial Day are entitled to know what dollars, what commitments, what plans there are for our national cemeteries. We need and deserve that disclosure.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. MORAN. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Rigas nomination be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the rollcall vote scheduled to start at 11:30 start immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON MACGREGOR NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the MacGregor nomination?

Mr. BARRASSO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted “yea.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Banks	Boozman	Capito
Barrasso	Britt	Cassidy
Blackburn	Budd	Collins

Cornyn	Husted	Mullin
Cotton	Hyde-Smith	Murkowski
Cramer	Johnson	Paul
Crapo	Kelly	Ricketts
Curtis	Kennedy	Risch
Daines	King	Rounds
Ernst	Lankford	Schmitt
Fetterman	Lee	Scott (FL)
Fischer	Lummis	Scott (SC)
Gallego	Marshall	Sheehy
Grassley	McConnell	Sullivan
Hagerty	McCormick	Thune
Hawley	Moody	Tillis
Heinrich	Moran	Wicker
Hoeven	Moreno	Young

NAYS—40

Alsobrooks	Kaine	Schiff
Baldwin	Kim	Schumer
Bennet	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Blumenthal	Lujan	Slotkin
Booker	Markley	Smith
Cantwell	Merkley	Van Hollen
Coons	Murphy	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warnock
Duckworth	Ossoff	Warren
Durbin	Padilla	Welch
Gillibrand	Peters	Whitehouse
Hassan	Reed	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Rosen	
Hirono	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—6

Blunt Rochester	Graham	Sanders
Cruz	Justice	Tuberville

The nomination was confirmed.

(Mrs. BRITT assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 42, Michael Rigas, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

John Thune, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Mike Crapo, Lindsey Graham, Tim Sheehy, John Kennedy, John Barrasso, Markwayne Mullin, Roger Marshall, Rick Scott of Florida, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Steve Daines, Bernie Moreno, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger F. Wicker.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Michael Rigas, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hawley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hoeven	Paul
Britt	Husted	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Cassidy	Justice	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Shaheen
Crapo	Lummis	Sheehy
Cruz	Marshall	Sullivan
Curtis	McConnell	Thune
Daines	McCormick	Tillis
Ernst	Moody	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Young

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Peters
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Schiff
Booker	Kim	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Slotkin
Coons	Klobuchar	Smith
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Markley	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warnock
Fetterman	Murphy	Warren
Gallego	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Cramer	Sanders
Graham	Tuberville

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 45. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Michael Rigas, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

TRUMP FAMILY

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, today, I want to talk about "The Art of the Deal" because Donald Trump has been busy making deals. Not his promised trade deals. Those are heavy on promises but very light on actual deals. Not any deals in Congress to lower costs for the American people. That could make it easier to afford a home or to buy groceries. In fact, with fewer cargo ships arriving at our ports and our closest allies and neighbors boycotting American goods, the President has done nothing but make your life more difficult. Medicaid is under attack. Social Security offices are closing by the dozens. Food assistance, rental assistance, energy assistance—all on the chopping block. There is no end to the destruction.

The first 114 days of this administration have been one bad deal after another for American families, but if your last name is "Trump," these 114

days have been just about the greatest deal of all time: new airplanes from your friends in the Gulf, new hotel deals, new golf courses, new meme coins, new towers. New income is flowing into the Trump family. You name it—Donald Trump and his family are cashing in.

So, today, I want to highlight just a few of those deals for the Trump family, how he is lining his own pockets and fleecing the rest of us in the process, how his family is getting even richer while the rest of us are treated like suckers.

Today, I want to talk about the 10 best deals for Donald Trump and the worst deals for the American people, how the graft is on full display and how you, the American people, are being left holding the bag. You don't have to look far from the White House to find some of the most flagrant examples.

Entering in at No. 10 of the top 10 deals for Donald Trump and the worst deals for the American people, we only need to look at the south lawn. We all saw this happen on the White House grounds—Donald Trump and Elon Musk turning the place into a Tesla showroom. But what you might have missed is what happened before and after this photo was taken.

Just before Trump turned the White House grounds into a used car lot, Tesla stock had been in a historic and disastrous slump. With their market value cut in half since December, Musk needed a jolt to his ailing company, and he got it.

When the President was asked whether his symbolic purchase of a Tesla at the White House might help the company's stock, Trump said:

I hope it does.

But that wasn't all because the best part of the deal for Donald Trump took place after the Teslas had been driven away and the cameras had been packed up. Not long after the special livestream on X or Twitter had ended, something even more important happened. With Tesla's shares on the rebound, Elon Musk promised to pump \$100 million into Donald Trump's political operation. That is right. Donald Trump received one of the largest political contributions in American history, all for the price of one measly Tesla Model S and the use of the White House as a salesroom—a damn good deal for Donald Trump, if you ask me. For you, the American taxpayer, nothing at all. Zero. Zilch. Nada. All you got was being taken for a ride.

For No. 9 of the best deals for Donald Trump, we have to zoom down to Mar-a-Lago, where you can generally find the President golfing on your dime and lining his pockets in the process. We saw this during the first Trump administration, but at that time, he was still finishing the front nine.

During his first term, Donald Trump made an astounding 473 trips to his own golf courses while in office, but this term, he seems determined to go for the club record. In just his first 100

days, Donald Trump spent over a quarter of those days while in office—a quarter of those days while in office—golfing. Wouldn't you like a job like that, where you get to play golf every 4 days? Pretty sweet.

Through market collapses, Donald Trump was out on the golf course. Through national crises, Donald Trump was out on the golf course, enjoying the golden age in his golden golf cart, playing the back nine while you struggled to pay your rent or your mortgage.

That is bad in and of itself, that the President of the United States is spending so much time, when there are so many challenges facing American families, out on the golf course, but that is not even the worst of it, because guess who is paying for all that golf? You are. You are—the American people, the taxpayer. That is right. All those drives and those chip shots, all those slices and those hooks, all the missed putts—you are paying for every hole.

This term, reports suggest he spent well over \$30 million in taxpayer funds on these golfing trips. That is your tax dollars at work, ladies and gentlemen. And it is not just the use of these taxpayer funds that is a travesty; it is that these taxpayer dollars go to benefit him directly. His golf courses and his hotels charge the U.S. Government to pay for the Secret Service agents and other White House staff to play golf with him or to accompany him on his rounds—to rent golf carts, to have meals.

In other words, your tax dollars are going to the Trump Hotels and golf course organizations directly. If you are interested and wealthy enough, Mar-a-Lago memberships will cost you a cool million or more, where you can hobnob with the President and his family and see if you, too, can get any special deals from the Federal Government.

Don't spend all your money at the Trump golf courses because there is a movie that you are going to want to save some money to rent because, well, someone has to watch it. Coming in at No. 8 of the top 10 deals for the Trump family is Melania's new documentary. On January 6 of this year, Amazon announced a new documentary coming soon. An "unprecedented, behind-the-scenes look at First Lady Melania Trump." Get this, Amazon will be paying out \$40 million to the Trump family to license the documentary.

OK, so let me just say that again. Amazon is giving \$40 million in cash to his family—the Trump family—to license this documentary—direct cash into the pockets of the Trump family.

But, apparently, they are still looking for more. Melania's agent has been trying to sell sponsorships for the film, starting at \$10 million to prominent CEOs and billionaires who were at the inauguration. In return for your sponsorship of this Melania documentary, buyers will get thanked at the end of

the credits and be invited to the premiere.

Reportedly, Trump interests are also pitching Hollywood for a show about Don, Jr.'s time outdoors, a hunting show. Seriously, who wouldn't want to see it? Might be like watching Dick Cheney go hunting again.

If you are looking for a way to get in good with the Trump family that doesn't involve golf or TV shows or buying a Tesla at the White House, they are offering another great solution. At No. 7 of the top 10 deals for the Trump family during this Presidency, we have the Trump family's new private club. As part of their crusade to refill the swamp, the Trump family is opening a private club right here in Washington, DC. It will be called "The Executive Branch."

I wish I was kidding.

Much like the Trump Hotel in the first administration, it will serve as a gathering place in the Trump world and a way to directly pay homage to the President in the form of champagne and caviar and checks to his business endeavors and those of his kids. For a cool \$500,000 membership fee, you, too, can schmooze with people wheeling and dealing within the administration. There is, perhaps, no more appropriate image of the Trump Presidency than this. "The Executive Branch" club is an invite-only club for insiders or investors and billionaires who directly line the pockets of the first family, sending a message as clear as day to anyone who wants to do business in the United States: If you want to be with Trump, you have to pay the cover charge.

Now entering in at No. 6 of the top 10 deals for Donald Trump, of his Presidency, a brandnew Trump Hotel in Dubai. Right now, literally at this moment, Donald Trump is in the United Arab Emirates. You can imagine the scene: standing in some gold-plated hotel room looking out over Abu Dhabi; and just beyond the line of sight in the distance is the skyline of Dubai, a skyline that, as of a few weeks ago, is likely getting a new feature cutting through the night sky—the Trump International Hotel and Tower Dubai, an 80-floor behemoth.

Within it, luxury residences and exorbitantly expensive hotel rooms, apartments that start at a cool \$2 million, and penthouses that will cost tens of millions of dollars. Even better, if you can't make the Trump new club here in DC, there will be an exclusive members-only club right there in Dubai that's, in their words, "set to redefine the meaning of 'exclusive luxury.'" All benefiting—that is right—Donald Trump and his family.

Now, their ventures in the Middle East don't start or end in Dubai. Entering in at No. 5 of the best deals for Trump and the Trump family of his Presidency, they are cashing in, this time, in Qatar.

Coming soon to Doha, the Trump International Golf Course. This is

going to be an 18-hole course, a clubhouse and high-end villas with beach access. A \$5.5 billion deal—billion with a "b"—set to net the Trump family hundreds of millions of dollars. A deal that is reportedly in partnership with Qatari Diar, a company owned by, in this case, the Qatari Government itself.

I am sure Qatar's multibillion-dollar investment in the personal finances of the Trump family is entirely coincidental. I am sure it is not intended to influence U.S. policy towards the country, which also hosts al Jazeera, in any way.

I know it is easy in all the Trump corruption and schemes to miss the forest for the trees, but let's not fail to appreciate just how unprecedented this is, just how corrupt and dangerous this is. The President's namesake company is directly in business with a foreign government. And the money is going into his pocket—not the Treasury, not in your pocket as a taxpayer. It is going into Donald Trump and his family's pocket—his.

But that is not the only Gulf nation in business with the President and his family—not by a long stretch. There is also Saudi Arabia. Because entering in at No. 4 is the newly announced Trump Tower in Jeddah and their brandnew projects in Riyadh. These will net the Trump family millions as well.

This isn't the first time the Trump family has cashed in with the Saudis. Months after Trump left office the first time, Jared Kushner's investment firm received a \$2 billion investment from none other than the Saudi Crown Prince; a deal that was so shady, even the panel that screens investments for the Saudi wealth fund recommended against it. Imagine that. But they were overruled by higher-ups in the Saudi royal family, and the money went straight into the Trump family's enterprise—\$2 billion.

But it is not just Donald Trump and his family that are cashing in at your expense. The world's richest man is using his role, too, as a special government employee to cash in as well, because even when you are the world's richest man, as Elon Musk is, enough is never enough.

Entering at No. 3 are Elon Musk's shady Starlink deals. Elon Musk, when he is not tweeting or firing essential government workers, is turning his company Starlink into a global superpower. How? By using the sway of his position and his proximity to Trump to negotiate a whole raft of deals with foreign nations to purchase his Starlink satellite systems.

Just look at what happened with the nation of Lesotho located in South Africa. Donald Trump slapped crippling tariffs on the country. In hopes of a trade deal, they came to the table, and that meant coming to Elon Musk's table. To understand this best, I want to read verbatim from a leaked internal State Department memo:

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This is from the State Department's own cable, in black and white. It is just pay to play. To get out from under the tariffs that Trump imposed on Lesotho, that country is going to buy Elon Musk's satellite system. Wow. Pay off Trump's machine, and maybe you will get a trade deal.

And, of course, it isn't just the poor country of Lesotho. In February, Elon Musk met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Blair House, a government building just steps from the White House. The meeting was private, but the results were very public. Shortly after the meeting, India announced two Starlink distribution deals—millions into Musk's pockets negotiated steps away from the White House.

Since then, since the imposition of these tariffs, since the need of other countries to come in and to negotiate tariffs away with the Trump administration, Elon Musk has reached deals with Somalia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Vietnam.

And that is just what we know about so far. But I promise you, this will not be the end of it. It is among the most obvious, egregious, and dangerous acts of corruption in American history. Want out from under a tariff? Make a deal with Elon Musk and Starlink.

And they are barely trying to hide it, which brings us to No. 2 of the top 10 deals for Donald Trump as President and the top 10 ways the American people are ending up holding the bag, because Qatar isn't just investing in a new Trump Tower at home. The Qatari Government is also gifting the President a new Air Force One, an aircraft so opulent that they are calling it a "sky palace," a palace in the sky, a \$400 million gift for Donald Trump that taxpayers will have to pay to debug.

You can imagine all the national security implications of getting an airplane with all of its electronics and all of the venues you could hide eavesdropping equipment. You can imagine what would be necessary to debug an aircraft like that. It will need to be retrofitted and upgraded to meet the standards of an Air Force One. It will cost taxpayers a fortune.

And their plan—the Qatari's plan—is to give the plane to the Trump Presidential Library before Trump's term ends. That way, the President can keep using it as he pleases; that way, Donald Trump, in addition to his own private plane, in addition to Air Force One—which he is very upset with because it is a few decades old and, you know, it just doesn't have the amenities that Donald Trump has come to expect—he gets to keep this palace in the sky.

While American airports are in crisis—air traffic controller shortages,

radar blackouts, massive delays, and surging prices for you the passenger—this is what the President of the United States is focused on: not bringing down airfare for you, not dealing with those luggage fees and all the hidden costs when you buy airplane tickets.

No, that is not what the President of the United States cares about. This is what he cares about: He cares about getting a \$400 million gift from the Qataris, which he calls a nice gesture, giving a whole new meaning to the term "nice gesture." I kind of associate "nice gesture" with maybe someone picking up the tab at Chipotle or maybe giving me a ride instead of having to take an Uber somewhere. For Donald Trump, a nice gesture is a \$400 million palace in the sky that he gets to keep or make use of when he is no longer President.

Never mind that the gift violates the Constitution's prohibition on a President receiving gifts or emoluments. Never mind that it violates the Constitution that seems to be of little concern to the President.

But the fact is, the Qataris are not stupid. They are going to want something for that \$400 million plane. There is no such thing as a free lunch. There is no such thing as a free \$400 million plane. And that is something that the Qataris are going to want is favorable U.S. policies towards Qatar in the Middle East. They didn't want something for that plane. Maybe they would have given it to you or somebody else not named Trump. This is, in fact, why we have a clause in the Constitution that prohibits gifts like this, because we want to know that the President of the United States is acting on our behalf, on our country's behalf, on our national security behalf, our interests, not some foreign interest that gave them a \$400 million gift. And if you really believe that Trump won't return the favor when the time comes—when the Qataris want something that may or may not be in our national interest—if you really believe that Trump won't return the favor when that time comes, then I have got a 747 palace in the sky that I would like to sell you.

But that is not even the most corrupt deal of the 114-day-old Trump Presidency because, coming in at No. 1 of the top 10 best deals for Donald Trump and the worst deals for you, the taxpayer, is Donald Trump's crypto scheme.

You have heard about the meme coin by now. This is, I think, the logo of the meme coin—the President's most brazen cashing in, a corrupt effort that has already made him and his family billions of dollars between its soaring values and the trading fees. Now, this meme coin has gone up and down in value, but the thing is, every time it gets traded—every time it is bought or sold—this guy gets a cut. He gets the fees that are estimated already in the value of hundreds of millions of dollars. It is like posting his Venmo ac-

count online: inviting personal monetary tributes from foreign powers, foreign investors, or anyone else who is willing to pay up.

You have heard about the private dinner that they are offering associated with this meme coin. The top 220 meme coin owners—many of whom are foreign investors—are invited to a private dinner with the President of the United States. Businesses are buying and jockeying to be one of the favored few who will also get a private audience with him if they are willing to buy millions of meme coins, not to mention receiving a personal tour of the White House.

But beyond the meme coins and the dinner parties, there is something else also brewing behind the scenes. As I speak, Eric Trump and Don, Jr., are getting into the action—jetting around the world and building their own financial empire in the crypto business space. In Dubai, the Trump family's World Liberty Financial firm announced a joint venture capital firm, backed by the government of Abu Dhabi, that would invest \$2 billion using Trump digital currency.

Now, I know it is hard to keep all of these billions apart. You have got the \$2 billion investment in Jared Kushner by the Saudis. You have got a \$5.5 billion investment by other Gulf nations in Trump properties. When you have got \$2 billion here, \$5.5 billion there, and another \$2 billion here, pretty soon, you are talking about serious money for the Trump family. This deal alone will generate hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue and fees for the Trump family.

So that is "the art of the deal" with this President. Trump gets rich. You get screwed over and over and over again.

It is obvious to anyone who looks, but it bears repeating: He does not care about you. He does not care about making your life better. He does not care that prices are soaring or that homeownership seems impossible. He doesn't care if you have to choose between rent or groceries, let alone whether you will be able to take that family on a vacation that you have dreamed of. He doesn't care if the healthcare you rely on gets cut or your local Social Security office closes down. He doesn't care. If it helps pay for his billionaire tax cuts, it is all the same to him. He does not care.

Trump cares about one thing and one thing only. It is the same thing he cared about when he wrote this book, and it is the same thing he has focused on every day of his Presidency: deals to make himself richer, to make his family richer, to make his billionaire friends richer. And, my colleagues, he is succeeding. He is succeeding beyond his wildest imagination. He will likely make more money in the next 4 years than he did in his entire life up to that point. In fact, he probably already has with new, gold-plated skyscrapers around the world and a suite of new

golf courses to match a fancy, new plane; a speedy, new Tesla with the richest man in the world in the passenger's seat; a crypto empire; and projects around the world that will keep the gravy train going for generations.

No matter what wreckage he leaves behind here, he knows that he can head off to one of those gold-plated skyscrapers, look down on the rest of us, and chuckle at his good fortune: "the art of the deal," indeed—for Donald Trump, not for you.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The Senator from Oklahoma. NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I flew back to Washington, DC, from the glorious State of Oklahoma on Monday. It was a normal flight for me to be able to fly in on a Monday morning.

As I landed at DCA airport and squeezed out of my coach seat, where I had been for the last 4 hours, and walked off the plane and into the terminal, there was a line of police officers on both sides of the gate. They were honor guards from all over the country. As I walked off the plane, I realized there was a family member of the fallen on my same plane, and I didn't know it.

Many Americans may not know that this is Police Week. It is a week when the Nation stops to be able to pause to thank all those police officers who served around the country and who literally put their lives on the line every single week for our country—every week.

My colleague ASHLEY MOODY is helping to cohost this time as we have a conversation about Police Week and what it means to be in law enforcement in America now. She is not only a great Senator from Florida, but she is also the wife of the deputy police chief of the Plant City Police Department in Florida. She knows what it means to be able to hug a loved one, look them in the eye, and say: Stay safe out there. She knows exactly what that means.

As I stepped off the plane on Monday and walked through the middle of that honor guard, as they were looking for a family member to step off somewhere on that plane, what they were looking for this week was the family of a fallen police officer to step off that same plane, whom they were going to escort into Washington, DC, because, this week, their loved one's name is being added to the list of law enforcement who have died in the line of duty.

It is a painful reminder of the reality of what it means to be in law enforcement. You get up every day, and you take care of your neighbors. Some days, you are pulling over a reckless driver and trying to be able to protect the rest of the community from someone who has had too much alcohol, smoked too much marijuana. By the way, I think any is too much, but that is a different conversation for a dif-

ferent day. For that person, they are going to try to protect the rest of society from their dangerous acts.

It is that moment when we are in traffic, we are driving down the road, and a car whips around us at 90 miles an hour. We are used to traffic, and we think: I wish there was a police officer here to take care of that.

They are out there. Some of them are going to get up this morning very early and do a warrant service on someone who has violated the law, whom they are going to be able to actually get to their house maybe at 3 in the morning and to try to be able to arrest them before there is an incident.

There are some of them who, actually, when there is a shot being fired in an apartment complex somewhere, and as everybody else scatters, they turn on their lights and drive toward the sound.

They are law enforcement. That is what they do. They get up every day, and they put on a vest to be able to protect the center of their body because they know, at any point during the course of the day, they could be facing danger coming right at them. They serve their community.

It is always interesting to me when I often ask people their thoughts and beliefs about law enforcement. I say: The real test of what you think about police is when you are driving down the highway, you look in your rearview mirror, and you see an officer right behind you. That is always the test of what you actually think about police. It is that first emotion. Is that first emotion, "Oh, no"? Or is that first emotion, "I feel safer; there is a police officer right behind me"?

You see, those law enforcement officers literally spend every day protecting total strangers who live in their community. They work very long hours, a lot of times in isolation. They go into dangerous places—often, first by themselves—because they care about their community.

In the past decade, there seems to have been a shift in attitudes about law enforcement. For some reason, it has become trendy to be able to attack law enforcement, to belittle them, to demand we defund police departments entirely, to be able to criticize them for every sort of thing.

I will tell you, every police officer I talk to will say: Hey, we are all humans too. We make mistakes, as well, just like everyone else.

But for some reason, law enforcement doesn't seem to get the same grace everybody else gets.

When somebody gets pulled over and gets a warning, they are grateful for the grace. But when the news hits of a police officer doing something, it seems the community doesn't want to give them a warning. It wants them to always get consequences.

What I hear from most law enforcement whom I know is: Hey, we are just one of everybody else, but the difference is we have dedicated our lives

to protecting people who will cuss us out and will literally lie to us all day long. But we are still committed to protect them.

That is what they do. They literally get into a dangerous situation, as has happened recently in Oklahoma. There could have been shots coming at them or an attack coming at them, but, instead, that person turned the weapon on themselves. And law enforcement immediately moved from trying to protect the community and protecting themselves to jumping in immediately and trying to save the life of the person who just started attacking them.

How many people would do that? Law enforcement does it every day—every day.

There is an old adage in tax policy: If you tax something more, you get less of it. Raise the taxes on it enough, and people just stop buying it.

You know, it works exactly the same with criticism. If you criticize something more and more and more, you get less and less and less of it.

I remember a day, when I was growing up, that everybody wanted to be a police officer because everyone had respect for police officers. Now there is a generation growing up that all they have heard is criticism of law enforcement. And do you know what? It is hurting recruiting.

Why don't we look people in the eye and see them for who they are? They are folks who get up every day, defend their neighbors, do what they can to bring calm to a crazy, chaotic situation, and serve total strangers.

I have had the benefit of my dad being a smalltown cop for decades. I know what it is like to be in a family and to be able to think about: How is your family member doing today?

So when I talk about law enforcement, maybe, it is a little different for me. But I think it should be a little different for our whole community, actually, and I think it should be different for our Nation.

So on this Police Week, I have two things to say: Thank you to those who are serving all over the country right now, some right here in this Capitol. Thank you to those folks who are serving our Nation today. We are exceptionally grateful for you.

And for those of you who, this year, have lost a loved one in the line of duty, I want you to know that our Nation is grateful. We see their sacrifice, and we are of the tribe to be able to say: We want this to be different.

In 2020, Sergeant Johnson—Craig Johnson—I am going to say his whole name. Sergeant Craig Johnson in 2020 was shot during a traffic stop in Tulsa. He was 45 years old. He had a wife, Kristi, and two sons, Connor and Clinton.

When Sergeant Johnson's killer was sentenced in 2022, his wife Kristi just had one clear thing to say. She said:

My request at this time is that the silent majority that I have seen and heard from starts speaking up and changing the anti-police culture being created.

Kristi, we still hear you, 3 years later, and we are still grateful for the sacrifice you and your family have made and for other families like yours. We are not silent. We are grateful.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, the Senator from Oklahoma certainly said some powerful things. I want to thank him, as the son of a cop, for making those statements and for leading this floor event today and allowing me to assist him with that. As the wife of a cop, it was very meaningful to me, and I know it was meaningful to many in this Gallery.

Thank you.

I rise today in celebration of officers but with solemn reflection during National Police Week. It is a time when our Nation pauses to honor the men and women of law enforcement and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Certainly, as the newest Senator of the U.S. Senate, it is an honor for me to be here on the Senate floor to lead this floor event and these speeches that show united support for the men and women who serve.

I want to thank Sheriff Bill Prummell from Charlotte County, who is here with us. He is also the president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. We have 67 sheriffs within our State, and he leads the herd of them. We are grateful that he is here, along with other men and women of law enforcement from Florida.

He is certainly a hero whom I have become friends with and respect, not just for the person he is but for the person he was when he chose to take the oath and wear a badge. I think that takes a really selfless, special, brave person.

I know we have students with us and visitors here today in the Gallery, and I would like him to stand so that they can recognize and see a true Florida hero.

Thank you. Thank you, Sheriff Prummell.

Police Week is more than a yearly tradition. It is a promise that we will never forget, that we will never take for granted the courage it takes to wear that badge, and that we will never stop saying the names or praying for the families of those whom we have lost.

Every day, officers across the country put on their uniforms, they put on the badge, and they put on a bullet-proof vest not knowing what that day will hold, and they do so out of a deep commitment and love for the communities they serve. They stand in the gap so that others may live in safety and peace, but that comes with risk.

In Florida, I say time and time again—and we pride ourselves—we may have a bit of a debate and a friendly competition here, but I believe we will win—that we are the most pro-law enforcement State in the Nation. Our

leaders back the blue, tan, and green, and we do whatever it takes to help those brave officers do their jobs. Today, we gather to honor those who gave everything in service to that oath.

In honor of National Police Week, I was proud to join a bipartisan resolution designating May 11 through 17 as National Police Week. This Police Week resolution reiterates our unwavering support for law enforcement officers across this Nation.

As Florida's former attorney general and the wife of a law enforcement officer, I have had the opportunity to work closely with so many brave men and women in law enforcement across Florida and indeed our Nation. They stand on that thin line between good and evil, between order and chaos. They do so, so that we may sleep safely and soundly at night.

This week, we remember not only the uniforms and titles but the lives, the people behind them. I would like to recognize and ask for a moment to honor the following Florida heroes who gave their lives over the past year while protecting our communities: Deputy Sheriff William May from Walton County Sheriff's Office; Sergeant Elio Diaz from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Sheriff Ignacio "Dan" Diaz from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Sheriff Ralph "Butch" Waller, Jr., from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Corporal Luis Paez from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; Corrections Officer Bradford McNew from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Police Officer Jeremy Boykins from West Palm Beach Police Department; Master Deputy Sheriff Bradley Michael Link from Lake County Sheriff's Office; and Trooper Zachary Fink from Florida Highway Patrol. Each of those names represents not only a terrible loss to our State, but they leave a legacy of bravery, selflessness, and unwavering service.

To the families, friends, and fellow officers of those we lost, we see you, we stand with you, we grieve with you, and we continue to pray for you.

As the wife of a career law enforcement officer, I cannot imagine this loss or express words to ease the pain, but we offer our deepest gratitude and our support, and we are here for you in every way possible and thank you that you stood by them while they stood for us in ensuring our communities could live in peace and safety.

Your loved ones were the heroes, the Florida heroes, and their memories live on in the communities they protected and the lives they touched.

To every active-duty officer here in Washington, DC, here this week for National Police Week and those back at home protecting our communities right now as I am speaking on the Senate floor, thank you for your courage. Thank you for answering this important call to stand strong and brave on that line. Thank you for serving even when it is difficult, even when it is

dangerous, and even when it comes at great personal cost.

On a personal note, please let me thank those families that stand behind you. They stand behind you even when there is an unpredictable schedule, even when there are unique stressors that you bring home.

Thank you to those families for loving and supporting our brave Florida heroes.

Let us carry forward the legacy of the following: duty, honor, and service. Those indeed were the mission and the dedication and service of those that we have lost. That is how they lived their lives every day. They stood for something greater than themselves.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today for National Police Week to honor the courageous men and women of law enforcement in Missouri and across our great country.

Over the past decade, our police officers have weathered a flood of propaganda and lies, repeated and pushed by many of the most powerful voices in America. They have been villainized and smeared by the press, undermined and attacked by politicians, and targeted by a great wave of violent anarchy that has terrorized towns and cities across the country. They carry this burden with the same quiet courage and resolve as the generations of American police officers that came before them. They put on their uniforms every morning and run toward the danger.

It has been my honor to back the blue every step of the way. I did it as attorney general of Missouri. I backed tougher sentencing rules, fought anti-police policies pushed by city officials, led the charge to secure more boots on the ground for our police in St. Louis, and launched the Safer Streets Initiative, partnering with Federal prosecutors to go after violent criminals in Missouri's most dangerous neighborhoods.

When I ran for the Senate, I was proud to be endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, and I have worked every day to make good on the trust our law enforcement officers have placed in me.

Last month, I introduced the Public Safety Free Speech Act to defend the First Amendment rights of our police and our firefighters and our first responders who had been disciplined, suspended, or even fired for their political speech.

In many parts of our country, first responders have little to no legal protections for constitutionally protected speech, even when they are off duty, leaving them at the mercy of activist supervisors and city officials. Police and other first responders have been fired or suspended for criticizing Black Lives Matter, voicing support for President Trump, or even donating \$25 to Kyle Rittenhouse's defense fund.

That is wrong, and our bill would make it right.

If you want to know the kind of danger our first responders face every day, look at what happened just a few weeks ago. On April 27, a Kansas City first responder was brutally murdered by a known criminal who had been released from custody shortly before the attack. His name is Graham Hoffman. He was just 29 years old. He was stabbed to death while trying to save someone's life.

In the wake of that tragedy, I announced that I will be working with our brave firefighters here in Washington, DC, and around the country and other first responder groups to introduce a bill to increase Federal penalties for killing or assaulting first responders. Those who would assault or kill police officers and first responders should know that they will face swift and devastating justice.

It is no coincidence that the radicals who seek to dismantle our civilization have our law enforcement officers in their crosshairs. They know that our policemen are the guardians of law and order, the thin blue line between peace and chaos, order and lawlessness, society and anarchy. Without them, there is no rule of law, and without the rule of law, there is no civilization.

This is the sacred responsibility of the men and women who risk their lives so that others may live in peace. I will never apologize for standing with those who wear the badge. I always have, and I always will.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I rise during National Police Week, joining my colleagues to recognize the sacrifices of the brave men and women of law enforcement and honor those who choose to serve their communities while experiencing the reality every day that they may not return home to their loved ones.

It was nearly 2 years ago that I stood on the floor here in the U.S. Senate and spoke about one such example of that self-sacrifice in my State of North Dakota. In July 2023, Fargo Police Officer Jake Wallin was tragically killed in the line of duty. He and his fellow officers were ambushed while responding to a traffic incident. In addition to Officer Wallin, Officers Andrew Dotas and Tyler Hawes were shot and injured before a fourth Fargo police officer, Zach Robinson, overcame a barrage of gunfire and eventually subdued the assailant.

Last year during Police Week, Officer Robinson was recognized for his courage under fire by the National Association of Police Organizations and received the TOP COP Award for his actions during that tragic event.

At the same time, the name of Officer Wallin, along with another North Dakota hero, Mercer County Deputy Paul Martin, was inscribed onto the National Law Enforcement Officers

Memorial here in Washington, DC—a lasting tribute for making the ultimate sacrifice.

We can never forget these officers, and we can never repay all of our police officers for the enormous sacrifices that they make, but we can continue to show respect for law enforcement, honor those we have lost, and recognize the sacrifices of their families and their loved ones.

To honor our men and women in blue, I helped to introduce a resolution, along with my colleague from Missouri and others, commemorating National Police Week and paying tribute to their bravery. National Police Week provides us with the opportunity to come together as a nation to honor the peace officers who put their lives on the line to protect and serve in our communities.

In addition, our resolution recognizes and honors the 233 law enforcement officers that were killed in the line of duty during 2024. Unfortunately, this number has increased since 2023, when 220 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty.

The recent examples we have seen of law enforcement officers being targeted, even in broad daylight, are unacceptable. That is why I have also helped introduce the Thin Blue Line Act, legislation to increase penalties for criminals who target law enforcement and first responders. I encourage my colleagues to support legislation like this to protect the men and women of law enforcement.

As we again mark National Police Week, let us recognize the selflessness and commitment of our police officers and the sacrifices they make on behalf of our communities. Today and every day, we recognize the bravery and dedication of our law enforcement to keep our communities safe. They are our neighbors, our friends, our family, and our leaders in our communities. May God bless our peace officers and keep them safe.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, this week is National Police Week.

Thank you to all of our law enforcement officers across this great country who work to keep our communities safe. In particular, thank you to the women and men who put on the blue in the State of Nebraska.

They face danger every day on our behalf, and they serve with courage.

I believe that Nebraska's law enforcement is a model for the rest of the Nation—their professionalism, their diligence. I will use the example of the Omaha Police Department. The Omaha Police Department has a homicide clearance rate of 100 percent. This is in a time when the national homicide clearance rate is under 60 percent. It is a testament to their excellence and dedication.

Omaha has also seen its murder rate decline in each of the last 4 years.

Many cities saw the crime rate go up during COVID. What we see in Omaha now is that murder rate coming down in our great city.

In Nebraska, we back the blue. We support the women and men who protect our communities. It is one of the things that—I am very proud of Nebraskans and the way they do this. We give them the tools and the training, and we have strong laws. In Omaha, we have a prosecutor, Don Kleine, who prosecutes the criminals. We have a great police chief who enforces the law. That is one of the reasons why we are able to bring down, for example, the murder rate.

When I was Governor, we passed one of the most comprehensive law enforcement and public safety packages in our State's history.

We were able to create hiring bonuses for our police departments to be able to help attract and retain law enforcement officers. We increased the educational benefits, the retirement benefits.

We invested in our law enforcement training center to be able to do a better job training our officers. And we invested in our crime lab to be able to help our law enforcement agencies solve those crimes and be able to provide that justice to the victims of crime.

All this is because we, in Nebraska, support the blue. Americans want this Congress to support our law enforcement officers as well, just like we do in Nebraska.

I am also very proud of the work our law enforcement did when we had the southern border crisis under Biden. Joe Biden's lack of attention and terrible policies led to a flood of illegal drugs coming across our southern border.

Law enforcement agencies like the Nebraska State Patrol stepped up to be able to interdict those drugs. In fact, in my year as Governor, Nebraska State Patrol was able to take twice as much methamphetamine, 3 times as much fentanyl, and 10 times as much cocaine as they had done just 2 years prior because of the open border policies of the Biden administration and what that allowed, those illegal drugs in. But our law enforcement stepped up to keep our community safe.

Here, in the U.S. Congress this year, we passed the HALT Fentanyl Act. That will create stronger penalties and make sure that fentanyl is listed as a schedule I drug. When you have stronger penalties, you are going to have tougher sentencing and less fentanyl in your streets. That is important because we, in Nebraska, have seen the tragedies of fentanyl overdoses.

Taryn Lee Griffith was a young mom whose life was taken because she took a pill that was laced with fentanyl. These are the stories that we want to end. We have got to make sure our young people are not being killed by the scourge of fentanyl.

I will continue to work with President Trump to secure our border to

give some relief to our law enforcement officers across this country so that they don't have to continue to see stories and tragedies like Taryn Lee Griffith.

We have got to make sure we are supporting our law enforcement officers. I will continue to fight to give our law enforcement officers the tools they need. I co-led the Back the Blue Act, which would increase the penalties for those criminals who are targeting law enforcement officers and give law enforcement other tools to protect themselves.

My colleague from North Dakota was just talking about the Thin Blue Line Act, and I am a cosponsor of that as well. Senator CRUZ introduced that bill.

We need to make sure we, in the Congress, are doing what we can to support our law enforcement officers.

During this Police Week, we also recognize those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Ross Bartlett was a police officer from Ceresco, NE, Police Department. He lost his life in the line of duty.

His cruiser was rammed by a driver who allegedly was distracted while texting and came into the shoulder. He was killed last year.

This week, his family is in Washington, DC, as part of Police Week, and they rented an Airbnb in Maryland. When the owner of that Airbnb discovered why they were here—and by the way, that owner is a Capitol Police officer—when that Capitol Police officer found out why they were there, he comped their entire stay this week at that Airbnb.

That is the demonstration of the brotherhood and sisterhood among law enforcement officers, and it is one of the stories that all too often gets overlooked of how our law enforcement officers take care of each other as well as take care of our communities.

We recognize the loss of the Bartlett family and honor Ross Bartlett for his service and sacrifice to the community of Ceresco and our State of Nebraska.

During Police Week, I encourage everyone in Nebraska and across the country to say thank you to our law enforcement officers. These women and men protect our communities and sacrifice much for us. Say thank you this week and every week throughout the year and recognize and honor what they do for us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the 2:15 vote start now.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON RIGAS NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rigas nomination?

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) would have voted "yea".

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 252 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Shaheen
Cramer	Lee	Sheehy
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	McConnell	Thune
Curtis	McCormick	Tillis
Daines	Moody	Wicker
Ernst	Moran	Young

NAYS—46

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Slotkin
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gallego	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—3

Graham	Marshall	Tuberville
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Michael nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby

move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 72, Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Eric Schmitt, Roger Marshall, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, Tom Cotton, James E. Risch, Jon A. Husted, James Lankford, Katie Boyd Britt, John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer, Bernie Moreno, Bill Hagerty, Chuck Grassley.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 253 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Banks	Gallego	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Paul
Budd	Husted	Ricketts
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cotton	King	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lankford	Sheehy
Crapo	Lee	Sullivan
Cruz	Lummis	Thune
Curtis	Marshall	Warner
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	

NAYS—43

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Sanders
Baldwin	Kaine	Schatz
Bennet	Kelly	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kim	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Booker	Lujan	Slotkin
Cantwell	Markey	Smith
Coons	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warnock
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	
Hickenlooper	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—4

Durbin	Tillis
Graham	Tuberville

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The yeas are 53, the nays are 43.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

MAIDEN SPEECH

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, having been a U.S. Senator for exactly 131 days, I am attempting to follow the advice of my great-grandmother. We are very proud of her. She was the first woman school board president of the Salt Lake City School District. Grandma Genevieve. We called her Nana. She said:

Listen first, speak when it matters, and let your actions carry the weight.

That may sound like it is radical in our social media-driven world here in DC, but I am committed to following her advice.

As I begin my service in the Senate, it matters to me that both what is said and what is done in this body will not just make noise but will actually make a difference for the citizens of the Nation.

Ten days ago, I invited the citizens of Utah and the Nation to join me in my preparation for this maiden floor speech today. I invited them and all of you to join me virtually and go places that speak to the heart and the soul of this Nation.

I visited four places where our bedrock strength and enduring principles are found and where I believe our bold future will begin. I have called it my "Think Before You Speak: A Pilgrimage to American Principles" tour.

I began my journey with a hike to Ensign Peak. It is a small hill just above the Salt Lake Valley. It is where my pioneer ancestors went to talk about pioneer values and visions. Just after arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, my pioneer ancestors climbed that very peak. What they saw there wasn't what was but what would be.

They looked out over a barren desert—and I am talking not hardly a tree—in the Salt Lake Valley. They envisioned a home for faith and family and a crossroads not just for the West but for the world. President Gordon B. Hinckley, who is a pioneer descendant and a leader of the church, once reflected on that moment atop Ensign Peak. He said if a reporter had been there that July morning of 1847, they would have scoffed at the idea.

Imagine this: a ragtag group of exiles driven from their homes, standing in worn-out boots that they had walked 1,000 miles in, nearly 1,000 miles away from the nearest settlement. They were in an untried climate. They had never raised a crop there. They had not built a structure of any kind.

What were they thinking? Well, they didn't just dream. They came down from that peak and went to work.

As I stood at that summit, I had a strong wind against my face, and I

couldn't help but think of my pioneer ancestors, who faced those same winds with much heavier burdens. I saw them pushing forward with courage and faith, laying the foundation for the life we now enjoy.

From that hike, up there on the hill, I couldn't see beneath the green canopy. That same place where there was hardly a tree now had a green canopy. But even though I couldn't see it all, I knew the secret to Utah's success. And if you have been there, you know it too. It is the people—people known for their kindness, for their hard work, for their resilience, for their independence, and for their deep, abiding faith in God. The spirit that built this place is still alive, and it calls us all to be what our pioneer ancestors need us to be for the generations they saw.

We don't get everything right in Utah, but we built something remarkable: a strong economy, a fiscally responsible government, educational opportunities, and real upward mobility. Those aren't accidents. Washington could use a little more Ensign Peak thinking and a lot more pioneer doing.

My listening tour next took me to hallowed ground. When I visited Arlington National Cemetery, I found myself drawn to reading the names and the words on those white stones—Korea, World War I, World War II, Vietnam—and where names should have been: unknown, unknown, unknown; and occasionally, strangely, on the back of the markers, names like Ruth, Ethel, Alta, and the words "His Wife." I paused, and I tried to hear the voices of those who rest in that sacred ground. What would they say to me, to us U.S. Senators, charged with safeguarding the Constitution and the freedom they gave their lives to defend?

Sometimes, those voices whispered gently, but sometimes they speak with striking clarity, and never, ever do they ask my political party. Those honored dead don't care if future generations have the latest gadgets or a life of ease, but they do care deeply that those generations have souls—souls with the strength forged by doing hard things; souls that cherish freedom, pursue peace, and carry the moral courage to stand for what is right.

They remind me that the Constitution was not just a clever document; it was and remains divinely inspired. President Ronald Reagan said:

Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit.

Those who rest beneath the white stones at Arlington didn't die just so Americans could live free. They died so that freedom could take root wherever the human spirit longs for it. Their legacy isn't just national; it is universal. Their sacrifice calls us to something higher.

Two headstones right next to each other caught my attention: William W. Kirby and William W. Kirby, Jr. The father had fought in World War I and lived 85 years. The son fought in World War II and died in combat, earning the Purple Heart, at age 20.

Then it hit me: family. I recognized that families fight for freedom. As Americans, we should all stand at Arlington as if we lost our son, our daughter, our wife, our friend—because we have. Our honored dead are indeed our brothers and sisters. So let's remember that we honor best those who have gone before by standing for freedom today.

I walked into the Holocaust Museum alone, but if you have been there, you know I wasn't alone; I was surrounded by thousands of young Americans. And I found myself wondering: Do they see what I see, or do they see without seeing and hear without understanding?

This place forces us to confront the darkest chapters of human history and ask whether we have really learned the lessons. As I walked the halls, I was struck by how easily a human life can be devalued. And I kept asking: How? How did so many participate? How did others stand by? How did some serve to enable? And how have so many already forgotten?

The late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks once identified both the problem and the solution when he warned:

When morality is outsourced to either the market or the state, society has no substance, only systems. And systems are not enough.

Today, we are outsourcing more than just governance. We are outsourcing responsibility. Congress outsources lawmaking to the executive branch. Communities outsource compassion to agencies. Parents outsource teaching values to institutions. Citizens outsource critical thinking to curated social media. And far too often, we outsource the truth itself to voices that might be loud but not always wise.

Rabbi Sacks also said:

Morality cannot be outsourced because it depends on each of us.

The Holocaust Museum reminds us that truth, like morality, must be studied, not streamed; learned, not assigned; and understood with the weight of history, not just the opinions of the moment.

The values our Nation needs—moral clarity, historical understanding, a commitment to peace—can't be manufactured by government or mass-produced by culture. They must be grown, like they always have been, in the cottage industries of family and communities.

For my fourth visit, I went to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, because I believe unity starts with understanding. Like many Americans, I wasn't raised with firsthand experiences of the injustices faced by Black Americans, Native Americans, and others who have endured the heavy burden of prejudice, but I have come to understand that listening and learning are not one-time acts. They require humility, honesty, and a lifetime commitment.

As I walked through the museum, I found myself thinking of and hearing

the voices of my dear friend and former colleague Congresswoman Mia Love. Mia broke barriers as the first Black Republican woman elected to Congress. She used her voice to lift and to call us all to be our better angel. And now she is one.

At her funeral, her children read a final message she had written to the Nation, words that deserve to be remembered. Mia wrote:

Some have forgotten the math of America. Whenever you divide, you diminish. The goodness and compassion of the American people is a multiplier that simply cannot be measured.

She reminded us that America's greatness doesn't come from uniformity; it comes from unity. At a time when division too often drives out decency, Mia's words offer a roadmap back to our shared purpose—not based on race, status, or party, but on the simple truth that we are all Americans.

My visit to the African American Museum also reaffirmed something I deeply believe: that as long as bigotry, discrimination, and unfair treatment still exist, we cannot claim to be united. To fully heal, somehow, America must learn the delicate dance of leaving things behind and, at the same time, never forgetting them. Easy to say, hard to do, and together we must do it.

For her courage and conviction, her voice, her vision for America, Mia absolutely belongs in the African American Museum and even more in the hearts of every American.

Well, thank you for joining me on that journey. We could spend days discussing the principles of each of these locations. If we did, I am afraid I would be on this floor longer than my good friend CORY BOOKER.

I do want to thank my Senate colleagues and so many citizens who have shared their lessons from these sacred places, and I want you to know your insight will guide my service.

Now, in the very short time I have had to travel my State since becoming a Senator, I have felt something clear and consistent: Citizens want President Trump to be successful. Citizens also want Congress to work, not just show up, not just argue. They want us to succeed.

I have said many times, I want both the President and this institution, the Senate, to be wildly successful. Sometimes that desire requires us to be wildly honest, something that I think we will all agree we could use a little more of in Washington, DC.

The way I see it, the odds of Congress delivering real results for the American people go up dramatically when we start telling each other the truth, not just behind closed doors but out in the open where the public can see it, what I believe is their right to know. Honest policy conversations on issues that are vital to the fundamental of our future matter more than ever.

I have spent most of my time in Congress focused on four major priorities

that I believe deserve a fresh and honest look from all of us in the Senate.

The first, energy. So let's be honest, it is time we talk more openly about the importance of clean energy. Consumers are asking for cleaner, more responsible energy choices. At the same time, we need to be realistic about the demands of powering a modern nation. Affordability matters. Reliability matters. And we must protect, not surrender, our energy independence.

President Trump has put America back on the right path when it comes to energy. I am also convinced that a healthy economy and a healthier environment are not mutually exclusive. I actually believe they are compatible and inseparable. The simple truth is, Americans want energy that is more affordable, reliable, and cleaner. They deserve honest, commonsense policies that deliver all three.

No. 2, our local communities. All right. My colleagues from the East, bear with me. It may be hard to grasp just how deeply Federal overreach affects daily life in Utah. Think about this. In some counties, over 90 percent of the land is owned and controlled not by local leaders in communities but by a distant Federal Government. That is not theoretical. It is daily life for most of us in the West.

I often say that the best environmentalists in the world are Utah's farmers and ranchers. By the way, they hate when I say that, but we live closest to the land. We know it; we care for it; and we depend on it. We don't want to be managed. We want to be trusted. We want stewardship, not control. I look forward to working with President Trump to restore local control and stewardship over the land we love.

No. 3, China. For decades, we have operated under the hope that bringing China to the economic table—even as they stole our intellectual property, cheated on labor practices, and manipulated trade—would somehow lead them toward democracy. Let's be honest. It hasn't. In fact, they have moved further away from our values.

This isn't just about trade or technology. It is about national security, economic freedom, and a commitment to the rule of law. We need fact-based policies with meaningful and measurable consequences. It is time to protect the American dream, not subsidize the Chinese one.

No. 4, debt and deficit. OK. Here is some wildly honest, equal-opportunity offender talk. We, and I mean we, Democrats and Republicans in this body, are not being honest with the American people when we pretend that Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare don't need reform. And we are equally dishonest when we weaponize fear, telling seniors and the most vulnerable that reform means abandonment. It doesn't. It never has.

If we act now, we can protect those most in need, preserve programs for future generations, and avoid the harsher consequences of doing nothing. It is

time to deliver sensible solutions and real results rather than just blame politics. Utahns understand thrift, accountability, and the value of doing hard things. It is time Congress caught up with that wisdom.

Here is our choice: We can have an honest conversation about these challenges now or we can be the ones who will have to deliver the devastating, draconian, harmful cuts that will inevitably come if we don't.

So, yes, I am convinced that honest conversations received with humility are what will make us truly successful in the U.S. Senate, and our success as a nation depends on each of us and all of us in this Chamber being unflinchingly honest and working together to make America wildly successful.

Now, hang in there. I am almost done. I have to point out one more thing. Fortunately, the Senate has provided each of us something to remind us of all the principles I have shared today. What is it? The tradition of awarding pins to the Members of the Senate began in 1965.

At first glance, these pins seem little more than a way for security to wave us through security. But as my colleague the senior Senator from Utah likes to joke, his pin is his "Sorry, Senator" pin.

When Senator LEE was first elected, he may have looked just a little bit more like a page than a Senator. Whenever security stopped him, he would simply point to his pin, and the guard would inevitably reply, "Sorry, Senator. Come on in."

Maybe it is my years in the jewelry business, but this little pin means much more. You know, it is crafted from 14-karat gold, the jeweler's favorite. Pure gold, though beautiful, is too soft. It bends under pressure, but 14-karat gold has the right balance: beauty with strength and practicality. It is a fitting symbol for our role here; strong, balanced, and practical.

Each morning as I fasten the pin to my jacket, the gold reminds me of the standard we should uphold. And the tiny diamond? In the industry, we call it a "canardly" diamond. Wait for it. That means you can hardly see it.

But even the smallest diamond reflects light. That sparkle reminds me daily of our responsibility to radiate the light of truth, to be guided not by partisan squabbles but by simple truth.

I encourage all of my colleagues to occasionally pause and examine your pin. At its heart, the official Senate seal, rich with symbolism—peace and strength, freedom protected by law, authority tempered by responsibility—all guided by the light of truth and the words "E Pluribus Unum" to remind us of unity.

And that familiar image, sticks bound together, which, by the way, it was my great-grandmother Genevieve Curtis—Nana—who established that bundle of sticks as the Curtis family's pioneer symbol, a reminder that we are stronger when bound together in unity.

I hope that each of us as individual Senators, and all of us collectively as the U.S. Senate, will strive to uphold the values reflected in this tiny yet powerful symbol, principles that have made Utah strong and America extraordinary.

Mr. President, with lessons learned from the principles found in important locations and sacred sites, let us commit to the values that unite us as a nation. To my colleagues and friends, I hope you see these principles not just in historic places but in the spaces you walk and work every day.

Together, we can pursue a vision for America that continues to be as bold and audacious as our beginning while delivering dignity, freedom, and opportunity for all.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, it is an honor to serve with my friend JOHN CURTIS. Sharon and I love John and his wife Sue. I have known them for a long time, and he is a dear friend.

As you can tell, anyone who knows him loves him. Anyone who doesn't know him, from watching his speech, can tell that he is a man of great intellect, great conviction, and also he is a really likable person. I feel so fortunate to work with him.

Welcome to the Senate, and congratulations on absolutely a fantastic maiden speech. I am relieved you decided not to try to break CORY BOOKER's record today. We will save that one for another day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHMITT). The Senator from Tennessee.

(The remarks of Mrs. BLACKBURN pertaining to the introduction of S. 1748 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, not since President Ford has any President been denied at least some of his nominees unanimous consent for confirmation at this point in their Presidency. That is why I come to the floor today to advocate for one nominee who is sorely needed—her name is Jessica Kramer—to be Assistant Administrator in the Office of Water at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jess, as we all know her given her time working on the EPW Committee, is solid and as sharp as they come. She previously served as an environmental prosecutor and defense attorney for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, as a government affairs specialist for drinking water and wastewater associations, and as deputy secretary for regulatory programs at Florida's Department of Environmental Protection. She also served in the EPA's Office of Water in the first Trump administration. Her impeccable qualifications are part of

the reason she received a strong bipartisan vote out of the EPW Committee, a 15-to-4 vote, including by Ranking Member SHELDON WHITEHOUSE. Her background check has been available for a week.

There is no reason her nomination should be delayed any longer. President Trump deserves to have his qualified people at his side, and the American people deserve to have their votes mean something.

Therefore, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 89, Jessica Kramer to be an Assistant Administrator of the EPA; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, as the ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, it is my understanding that there is a pretty longstanding tradition at the EPW that we get the background check before someone comes to the vote, as my distinguished friend from Wyoming has said.

I actually voted for this nominee, and I have every confidence that she will do a good job, but I don't believe that the background check is available. If I am mistaken about that, then we can review this some other time. But as far as I know, we do not have this nominee's background check. That is a matter that I think needs to be taken up with the FBI. You all run the FBI these days. If there is a delay getting this background check completed, that delay should be addressed at the FBI, where the delay has been caused, rather than breaking a committee precedent.

So I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Wyoming.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, it is my understanding that her background check is available and has been available for a week. I would ask the Senator from Rhode Island to check with the EPW Committee, where her background check should be available.

One way Americans lose trust in government is when their expectations for that government, as expressed through their votes, are not met. You know, we often talk about how elections have consequences.

I will say that I supported many of President Biden's nominees despite disagreeing with them vehemently. Unfortunately, my friends across the aisle are abusing our constitutional role of advice and consent in unfairly denying the American people the change they just voted for last November.

There is plenty of divisiveness in our Nation right now, but rallying behind someone as qualified and supported by so many Republican and Democratic Senators as Jessica Kramer should be something this body could do.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF ERIC MATTHEW UELAND

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today in opposition to Eric Ueland's nomination to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

Congress charged the Deputy Director for Management with improving the performance, integrity, accountability, and transparency of the whole of government. This role is responsible for managing the personnel who work for the government, what the Federal Government purchases, and how the Federal Government manages its money.

Given his record and views, I have serious concerns about how Eric Ueland will carry out these responsibilities.

First, I am concerned by his willingness to break the law, especially when it comes to Congress's power of the purse. He supports the administration's efforts to illegally withhold funding that Congress has passed into law.

Mr. Ueland currently serves as the Acting Chief of Staff at the Office of Management and Budget, and he has helped freeze Federal funds and grants and loans across the government—illegal actions that shut off resources for police departments, hospitals, and workforce development agencies.

Like all of my colleagues in Congress, I swore an oath to uphold and follow the law set forth in our Constitution, which affirms that Congress—and Congress alone—is responsible for deciding how Federal funds are spent, not the President or members of his administration.

Eric Ueland has also been a staunch supporter of recklessly and indiscriminately shutting down Agencies and laying off employees, with no regard for how these actions might harm the government's ability to protect our national security or provide vital services to the American people. He refused to commit to even analyzing the impact that mass firings have had on the effectiveness of the Federal workforce, let alone acknowledging the harm government services will experience as a result of these actions.

Finally, Eric Ueland has made it clear that he will ignore conflicts of interest in the government's policy and contracting decisions, letting those in charge of government use it as a tool to enrich themselves.

As Elon Musk is pushing Agencies to purchase services that his own companies provide and shutting down Agencies that are investigating his companies, Eric Ueland told me that he was unable to see any conflicts of interest raised by Elon Musk's influence on government decisions.

Government should make decisions in the interests of the people and not in the interests of conflicted billionaire donors to the President like Elon Musk.

If Eric Ueland is confirmed, I am concerned that he will defy our duly passed laws and our Constitution to continue President Trump and Elon Musk's assault on the Federal Government. Because of this, I oppose Eric Ueland's nomination, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote start immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON MICHAEL NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Michael nomination?

Mr. PETERS. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 254 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Banks	Gallego	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Paul
Budd	Husted	Ricketts
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cotton	King	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lankford	Shueh
Crapo	Lee	Sullivan
Cruz	Lummis	Thune
Curtis	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McConnell	Warner
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young

NAYS—43

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Padilla
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Peters
Bennet	Hirono	Reed
Blumenthal	Kaine	Rosen
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Sanders
Booker	Kim	Schatz
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Schiff
Coons	Lujan	Schumer
Cortez Masto	Markey	Shaheen
Duckworth	Merkley	Slotkin
Durbin	Murphy	Smith
Fetterman	Murray	
Hassan	Ossoff	

Van Hollen	Warren	Whitehouse
Warnock	Welch	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Gillibrand	Graham	Tuberville
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will immediately be notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Ueland nomination be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 82, Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Eric Schmitt, Roger Marshall, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, Tom Cotton, James E. Risch, Jon A. Husted, James Lankford, Katie Boyd Britt, John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer, Bernie Moreno, Bill Hagerty, Chuck Grassley.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 255 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Boozman	Capito
Barrasso	Britt	Cassidy
Blackburn	Budd	Collins

Cornyn	Hyde-Smith	Murkowski
Cotton	Johnson	Paul
Cramer	Justice	Ricketts
Crapo	Kennedy	Risch
Cruz	Lankford	Rounds
Curtis	Lee	Schmitt
Daines	Lummis	Scott (FL)
Ernst	Marshall	Scott (SC)
Fischer	McConnell	Shueh
Grassley	McCormick	Sullivan
Hagerty	Moody	Thune
Hawley	Moran	Tillis
Hoeven	Moreno	Wicker
Husted	Mullin	Young

NAYS—45

Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Slotkin
Duckworth	Markey	Smith
Durbin	Merkley	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Murphy	Warner
Gallego	Murray	Warnock
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Alsobrooks	Graham
Coons	Tuberville

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 45.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The Senator from Ohio.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1771

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1771, which is at the desk; further, I ask that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. I am going to object, but I think the Senator has some remarks.

Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MURPHY. I will let the Senator explain the reasons for the motion he is making, and afterward, I will comment on the reasons for my objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. It is now indisputable that the last 4 years saw more injuries and more deaths of law enforcement officers than at any time in American history. Let me just read to you some of the data.

From 2021 to 2023, more officers were feloniously killed than in any other consecutive 3-year period of time over

the last 20 years. Let me repeat that. There were more deaths over the last 3 years than in any 3-year period in the last 20 years.

Let me give you the numbers. One hundred ninety-four officers were killed from 2021 to 2023. Last year, in 2024, 234 police officers were killed in the line of duty.

Tomorrow, we will see their families on the Capitol. We will see the moms that no longer have their kids, the kids that no longer have their moms and dads, the sisters that don't have their brothers, the brothers that don't have their sisters—234 officers just last year, including a Cleveland police officer that, Mr. President, I think you know well.

His name is Jamieson Ritter. I wear his badge today with honor. He was killed on the Fourth of July, responding to a police call in Cleveland. He was a good person. He went in there, gave all the notice he could. As the arrests were being made, the assailant shot and killed him.

Imagine that phone call. Mr. President, you have now almost adult kids and daughters. You have an adult son, I believe. Imagine getting that phone call that your child has been killed in the line of duty, a person who put their entire life under risk for us, for our communities.

My colleague from Connecticut, in his State, just a year ago—and I hope he remembers it, and I am sure he does because I assume he is a good man. There is a gentleman named Aaron Pelletier. He got killed a year ago. He was a Connecticut State trooper killed in the line of duty. He was one of those 234 people.

Just, sadly, a week and a half ago, Larry Henderson, my age, retired from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. You know how you go to some places and you go to a funeral, and they always say, "He was a good man," and you are not sure if people meant it or not because it is a terrible time of tragedy? As I walked into the Cintas Center, a place where you have large gatherings of people, there was a line out the door, cars around the corner to pay tribute to him and his family.

You know what everybody said? Of all the people, how could it have happened to Larry, a good man.

I talked to his wife. I talked to her about this bill and how important this was to the community to get this done. As I was telling her that, she gave me a big hug and said: Please fight for Larry and for the others that wear the uniform so that this does not happen again.

In 2025, the list keeps growing. We continue to see more and more fallen officers. So what is the solution?

I understand my colleague is objecting, but I assume he is listening carefully and not just ignoring what I am saying, but rather willing to change your mind, because here is the reality. There are a lot of things that happen here on the Senate floor. There are a

lot of things we may not agree with. There are lots of policies where we maybe have one viewpoint on the Republican side and one on the Democrat side, and that is fine and that is healthy. I think that is what this institution was intended to be. In my humble opinion, having been here 4½ months, I wish there was more debate—that there was more robust conversation about the issues—but here we are.

This is a very simple bill. This bill just says: Look, let's just make certain that there is Federal jurisdiction whenever a Federal law enforcement officer is killed or injured in the line of duty. Let's make certain that we have the police officers' backs like they have ours and put a mandatory 20-year prison sentence for anybody that harms a member of law enforcement. That is it.

It is not a 2,000-page bill, not a 4,000-page bill. It is a 3-page bill. It is just a simple way that this institution, this body, can come together. And in your case—to my colleague from Connecticut—you have had Aaron Pelletier. I am sure you and your community suffered greatly when you lost him in the line of duty, just as my community in Southwest Ohio and Cincinnati suffered when this great man, after retiring from the line of duty—after retiring—he is out directing traffic for a graduation at the University of Cincinnati and was absolutely murdered for the crime of wearing the uniform.

We can stop this. We can today. Today can be a day that people—Americans—watching, who have less and less faith in our government's ability to come together to get things done, when they see bickering and arguing, and they don't quite understand what it is that we are doing here—today is the day we can come together and say: We, on both sides, not as Democrats or as Republicans but as Americans—that we support law enforcement.

That is what I am asking my Democratic colleague to consider—just a simple statement. We, the entire U.S. Senate, can come together for once, unanimously, and say we have the backs of law enforcement and pass the Larry Henderson Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, thank you. I appreciate the Senator's remarks. I look forward to getting to know him as a new colleague.

But let me explain to the Senator why I am objecting. I abhor attacks on police officers—all police officers—and no matter the motive. But that is not the position of Republicans in the Senate.

On the day that President Trump was sworn into office, he pardoned scores of violent felons who beat police officers, and my Republican colleagues—almost to a Member—cheered him on and supported him. Donald Trump pardoned David Dempsey who, on January 6, beat Capitol and DC Police officers

with his hands, feet, flagpole, crutches, broken pieces of furniture—anything else that he could find that could be used as a weapon. He teamed up with another rioter who pulled back one police officer's gas mask while Dempsey sprayed pepper spray in his eyes. He hit another police officer over the head with a metal crutch, with so much force that it cracked the protective shield of the officer's gas mask, causing him to collapse as his ears started ringing.

Donald Trump also pardoned D.J. Rodriguez.

On January 6, Rodriguez pushed through the crowds, found a police officer and put a Taser to his head. When the police officer screamed out in pain and recoiled from the shock, Rodriguez attacked him again, Taser-ing him this time in the neck. The officer was done. He collapsed unconscious. Another officer pulled his lifeless body to safety. That attack ended that officer's career.

Thomas Webster was pardoned by Donald Trump too. Webster attacked police officers with a flagpole. He tackled one officer to the ground, dragged him by the helmet, ripped off his gas mask to allow tear gas to seep inside, and held the officer down so other rioters could brutally kick him.

I oppose all violence against all police officers. So I don't understand why there seems to be an exemption for the violence that was perpetrated against the officers who protect us.

Your bill proposes a new mandatory minimum for assaults against police officers that you are not applying to the officers who beat the people who protect us. They were let out of jail free—D.J. Rodriguez, David Dempsey, Thomas Webster. Republicans cheered as they were let out of jail before their sentence was completed.

So if we are serious about protecting the police officers, we need to protect all police officers. If police officers are protecting Democrats—because that is who those rioters were here to kill or here to hurt—then those assaults should matter. If Donald Trump says the assault is OK, that shouldn't matter.

Yes, I have stood by the side of the families of slain or injured police officers. But think about the families of those officers who were brutally beaten here at the Capitol. Think about the officer who was dragged unconscious from the site. His attacker was let out of jail—no mandatory minimum.

Politics shouldn't have anything to do with our collective decision to stand up against attacks on police officers. So I offer this objection because I just don't feel like this bill is on the level until we have agreement in this Chamber that President Trump doesn't get to decide which attacks on police officers we care about and which ones we don't.

We shouldn't pass this bill until Republicans make it clear that they oppose all attacks on police, no exceptions—no exceptions, no exemptions.

Republicans need to loudly oppose President Trump's pardons because if you don't, you are sending a message that if you are carrying out attacks on police officers in the name of President Trump's political agenda or you are carrying out attacks on police officers who are defending Democrats, those attacks might end up being pardoned or excused. And our Nation just fades away. What makes our Nation great fades away if violence is OK if it is in service of a particular political agenda or if the attacks are in service of the President.

So I do take attacks against our police officers seriously, but I don't think we should move forward legislation that implicitly has exemptions in it. So let's get on the same page. Let's come to a collective decision as a body that we care about all violence against police officers. Let's hear every Member of this body condemn President Trump's pardons. Let's come to the conclusion that politics should never play a role in enforcing our laws against police violence.

I look forward to working with the Senator on that endeavor, and if we can come to that conclusion jointly as a body, then I look forward to working with him on this legislation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. First, let me say I appreciate my colleague's willingness to acknowledge that we have to support law enforcement.

The reason I went into elected office is to prevent these types of debates. I am proposing legislation that is clear you support. You want to make certain that we punish anybody who harms a member of law enforcement. It is very simple. The objection isn't about looking forward. The objection is saying: Well, I can't support something going forward because I am upset about something that happened in the past. That is a political comment. That isn't a matter of what is good for public policy. Tell Lori Henderson why her husband had to die because you are upset about something politically that happened in this Chamber.

I wasn't here last year. I wasn't here the year before that. I wasn't here the year before that, and I certainly wasn't here in 2001. If we are going to move forward as a nation, we have to come together on a forward-looking basis. We have to draw the line now and say: No more law enforcement officers should ever be harmed.

What this bill will do is it will send a massive, chilling effect to anybody looking to harm a member of law enforcement.

You should look at that and say: That is fantastic.

And if you want to have a conversation about what happened 4½ years ago—where you know better than I do; you have been here a lot longer—the Constitution gives the President full pardon power. Joe Biden pardoned al-

most 10,000 people, including 32 people who were on death row, and commuted their sentences to life instead of death, which is what they had been convicted of. I don't want to have that debate because it has nothing to do with Larry Henderson. This bill is about saying we will protect law enforcement.

The people watching this are so hungry for a government that works. We don't have to wear a Republican jersey and a Democrat jersey at every turn. We can come together as a country and say—look, you said you agree. You said you agree that it should be a standard for all Federal police officers. That is what I am proposing: every single member of the Capitol Police, every single member of the FBI, of ICE, of the U.S. Marshals—anybody who protects all of us. By the way, the people who look to do us harm don't know if we are Democrats or Republicans. I had a gentleman drive to my home in Toledo when I wasn't there. He knocked on our door. My wife is not used to not answering the door when somebody knocks. He was there to kill me. Thank God the Westlake Police Department is 90 seconds away. If we don't put a stop to this—if we don't just put down our little lapel pins that call us Democrat or Republican—we are never going to be able to do anything in this country.

Mr. MURPHY. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. MORENO. Let me finish real quick. The point is very simple. I get it. I get it. Politics has become a sport. It is about one team winning and one team losing, but that is why I ran for office, and I hope you can remember back when you first ran for office. What is it that you wanted to really accomplish? Did you want to make this country better for your kids and grandkids? Be able to look them in the eye someday and say, "I made this country better"? We do that by coming together on things that we can easily agree on, and we agree—we agree—that we should defend law enforcement. Let's do it now, not next week, not next month because between now and then, we are going to lose more Larry Hendersons. I find that unacceptable.

Imagine, my colleague, if the families, tomorrow, of the 234 slain officers—what it would feel like for them to come to the U.S. Capitol and say: Look, in this time of Democrats versus Republicans, where they can't agree on anything, seemingly, they came together to say: Today, we will never allow another Federal police officer to be harmed in the line of duty.

I know you objected, but I will ask you one last time. I think it is—and we don't need to go on all evening. I don't have CORY BOOKER's stamina, but I will say this. Please consider the message you are sending to every single mom or dad who puts on the uniform that says there is a process question: I don't like the process in which this is happening. I am mad at my political enemy. I may have or others may have political aspirations, and this may hurt us.

Think about that family who does wake up every day to protect you just in the same way they protect me.

God bless them.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, you are right. The Senator from Ohio was not here on January 6, and your political affiliation mattered that day. It mattered that day. Those rioters were here to harm not allies of President Trump but opponents of President Trump. They had the gallows outside with Mike Pence's name on it. They were searching the halls of the Capitol for people who opposed Donald Trump's agenda.

So I agree with you that it would be wonderful and lovely to remove this debate from politics, but on that day—on that day—there were bad people here, seeking to do violence based upon the political affiliations of people in this building; and the reason that they were pardoned was that President Trump supported the violence so long as it was in his name. So, yes, it does matter what happened not just on that day but when Trump issued the pardons because it provides this message of endorsement to violence so long as it is violence that Donald Trump supports. That puts officers in jeopardy all over the country if the potential perpetrators of violence against police officers have an idea in their heads that, if they are doing it in support of Donald Trump, they have a pretty good chance to get away with it. I don't think anyone who assaults a police officer should get out of jail early.

So let me put the question to you. Maybe we can find common ground right now. I recited to you the violence that was perpetrated on police officers here by three specific rioters. Do you support Donald Trump's decision to let those three individuals out of jail early? I think it would be important for you as a Republican Member to say that you oppose Donald Trump's decision to let those perpetrators out of jail early, and we could have common cause today in that we both oppose all early releases of individuals who attack police officers. So do you agree with me that it was wrong to release those three individuals early from prison?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. As my colleague knows—again, better than I do—the President of the United States is given the constitutional authority on pardons—

Mr. MURPHY. I understand he has that power. Regardless of whether he has that power, do you agree with his decision?

Mr. MORENO.—and there is no mechanism with which this body can change that, but what we can change—what we can change—is what happens from here forward. We can say that anybody who harms a police officer is going to do 20

years in prison. Now, Biden pardoned 9,500 people—9,500 people. This is not the debate that we are having.

Do you know what I have found in business that is maybe a little bit different than politics? The way to be successful is to look forward. If in business all you do is look in a mirror and blame and try to score points, you lose. We have to look forward.

You just said we have common cause. You don't want police officers—by the way, you and I—

Mr. MURPHY. Let's have common cause right now.

Mr. MORENO. Hold on.

Mr. MURPHY: Let's decide—

Mr. MORENO. Hold on.

Mr. MURPHY. Let's decide it was not OK for Donald Trump to let the people who brutally beat police officers out of jail early. Let's find common cause right now. That would be in service of preventing violence against police officers in the future because we could make it clear—you and I could make it clear right now—that it doesn't matter whether you are committing violence in the name of Donald Trump or not. It is wrong if you commit violence against police officers. Why can't you just agree with that?

Mr. MORENO. As my colleague knows—let me just restate—

Mr. MURPHY. Just say yes.

Mr. MORENO. Let me just state this again very simply. I haven't interrupted you, and I would ask you to give me the same courtesy.

Mr. MURPHY. I apologize.

Mr. MORENO. That is OK. Look, we don't know each other. We acknowledge that.

I actually believe that, in everybody, there is the innate desire to do good and that Democrats and Republicans love this country. This country is a gift to me. I came here from another country, as you know, and got the ability to live in this country. The issue at hand—in front of us—and what we can do right now is to pass the Larry Henderson Act, something that you have acknowledged that you agree with the elements in that bill: a mandatory 20 years for anybody who harms a Federal law enforcement officer. You said you agree on that.

We can have 100 distractions that go right back into another conversation. If you want to have a conversation, which, by the way, because I have gotten to preside—you have had that conversation multiple times. You and your colleagues have had it and you should and you deserve to have it. That is not the issue before us today. The issue before us today is, Do we want more Larry Hendersons?

So you asked me a question. I would ask you a question: If in the next week you knew that there was another Aaron Pelletier and we could have avoided that because we could have had a deterrent of a 20-year jail sentence for that person, what would you feel you would tell their family, "I was fighting a 4½-year-old grudge"?

Do you know that you can make a difference right now? We can do this right now. That is what the American public may not know and that I didn't know until I got here. We can actually pass this bill in the U.S. Senate right now—right now. We would make news. We would make history. We passed a bill—somebody from Ohio whom you would consider to be, maybe as a pejorative, a MAGA extremist and somebody who would say, maybe, disparaging things about your political beliefs. Both you and I—we have never met. We have never had a conversation. We have never shared a cup of coffee. We could save the lives of law enforcement officers all over this country. We could do that tonight.

I will ask you a question: Is it worth risking the life of a law enforcement officer to score political points?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I understand the Senator is new. I will remind him you are not allowed to impugn the motives of Members of the Senate.

Listen, I think it is unfortunate that you cannot and other Republicans cannot say that the individuals who beat the living hell out of the police officers who protect us should not have gotten out of jail free. I don't think that is a separate issue from the broader concern about protecting police officers from violence because I think what you have done in endorsing violence, as long as it is perpetrated in the name of a political agenda, is to make every police officer in this country less safe and to make all of us less safe as well.

So I think, if we want to come together around an agenda to protect members of law enforcement, then, yes, it is very important—it is very important—for the future protection of the law enforcement officers, the police officers who protect us, to hear loudly from Republicans that there is no exception—no exception—to the premise that you will serve a long prison sentence if you commit an assault on a police officer.

So I look forward to continuing this dialogue with my colleague. I admit that we do not know each other. Maybe we can find common ground here, but this is not a small issue. The normalization of political violence in this country could be the defining issue of the next decade, and I think that my Republican colleagues will rue the day that they looked the other way when Donald Trump said that it was OK to beat police officers over the head with flag poles, to Taser them to the point that they were unconscious just because you were serving President Trump's political agenda. That is not a side issue. That is not a fringe issue. That issue of endorsement of political violence may be central to the question of whether this democracy survives.

I know we have a pending vote and our colleagues are eager to get home, and I look forward to continuing the conversation with my colleague.

VOTE ON UELAND NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Ueland nomination?

Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 256 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeben	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NAYS—45

Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Coons	Lujan	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Alsobrooks	Gallego	Graham
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Donahue nomination be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the

Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 88, Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

John Thune, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Cynthia M. Lummis, Mike Rounds, Rick Scott, Roger F. Wicker, Katie Boyd Britt, Steve Daines, John Boozman, John R. Curtis, James E. Risch, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Dan Sullivan, Bernie Moreno, Jim Justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 257 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moreno	
Fischer		

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—1

Graham

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO KARL BAILEY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I have the privilege of recognizing my friend Karl Bailey, who will soon retire from the Architect of the Capitol after 23 years of Federal service as the supervisory health and fitness specialist in the Senate Members' fitness facility.

Karl began working in the Senate Members' fitness facility in March 2002 after 20 years as head athletic trainer at the Catholic University of America. Karl is the first health and fitness specialist hired by the Architect of the Capitol, working specifically in the Members' gym, designing workout routines for Senators. Karl is also the first NATA BOC certified athletic trainer to work in the legislative branch, specifically with Senators.

Karl has not only made an impact on Senators' health and well-being at the gym, but also the facility itself. In 2003, Karl lent his expertise to the floor design and purchase of strength and aerobic exercise equipment during a renovation of the Members' gym. Karl has overseen subsequent improvements to the Members' gym during his tenure.

Karl has been supported by his wife Susan, son Matthew, and daughter Rachel, who served as a Senate page in 2010. The Baileys will continue to reside in Glenn Dale, MD, while awaiting new adventures in retirement. As Karl embarks on a well-earned retirement, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for his friendship over the years. It has been a pleasure working with you, Karl, and I pray that God blesses you and your family in the days ahead.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-23, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Czech Republic for defense services estimated to cost \$181 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-23

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of the Czech Republic.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$0.
Other \$181 million.
Total \$181 million.

Funding Source: National Funds

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
None

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: AN/PYQ-10A(C) simple key loaders; AN/PRC-160, AN/PRC-163, and AN/PRC-167 radios; RF-300M-DL(C) small secure data links and support equipment; spare parts; U.S. Government and contractor technical engineering, logistics, and personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (EZ-B-UEZ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 5, 2025.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Czech Republic—Communications
Equipment

The Government of the Czech Republic has requested to buy AN/PYQ-10A(C) simple key loaders; AN/PRC-160, AN/PRC-163, and AN/PRC-167 radios; RF-300M-DL(C) small secure data links and support equipment; spare

parts; U.S. Government and contractor technical engineering, logistics, and personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total program cost is \$181 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will support the ongoing transformation of the Czech Armed Forces into a modern military that is properly trained, well equipped, and interoperable with U.S. and other NATO forces. The procurement would facilitate U.S. security goals by improving the Czech Republic's ability to contribute to NATO efforts to secure the eastern flank of the Alliance and deter aggression in the region. It would also enhance the capabilities the Czech Republic could provide to NATO and coalition expeditionary operations.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be L3Harris Global Communications, Inc., located in Rochester, NY. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Czech Republic.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/PYQ-10A(C) simple key loader's (SKL) latest production version is called the SKL V3.1 and offers improved fill port ruggedization, an enhanced brightness/contrast LCD, and a touchscreen interface that supports both finger and stylus input. The AN/PYQ-10A(C) V3.1 SKL provides a secure means of distribution and storage of COMSEC material, mission data, and configuration files and continues to be compatible with a multitude of cryptographic systems.

2. The Falcon III AN/PRC-160(V) is the smallest, lightest, fastest, Type 1-certified manpack radio available today. Engineered for advanced security and performance, the wideband high frequency very high frequency tactical radio system features industry-leading encryption and breakthrough data performance and interoperability.

3. The AN/PRC-163 multi-channel handheld radio is a versatile, secure solution that leverages crossbanding to provide simultaneous data & voice across satellite communications (SATCOM), line-of-sight, and mobile ad-hoc networking (MANET) modes. As mission needs evolve, this software-defined handheld supports fast, in-field updates to new capabilities. An external mission module hardware interface allows warfighters to quickly add options including intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) video and SATCOM.

4. The AN/PRC-167 harnesses the power of multiple tactical devices converged into a single manpack. The radio provides superior communications range extension, allowing for real-time situational awareness updates. Engineered to meet multi-domain challenges

of any combination of ground, vehicular and airborne missions, the manpack simultaneously and independently runs a full frequency range of waveforms on each of two channels. As mission needs evolve, this software-defined manpack radio supports fast, in-field updates to new capabilities.

5. The RF300M-DL(C) small secure data link (SSDL) is a single-channel, easily embedded tactical radio with a reduced size, weight, and power (SWaP) engineered to meet challenging requirements in a variety of platforms, including ground vehicles, helicopters, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). The SSDL provides multiband, multi-mode networking capabilities, ideal for warfighters on the tactical edge, allowing them to switch networks and waveforms on-the-move for real-time battle intelligence.

6. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

7. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

8. A determination has been made that the Czech Republic can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

9. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Czech Republic.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0U. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described

in Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 24-75 of August 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0U

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Norway.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 24-75; Date: August 9, 2024; Implementing Agency: Army.

(iii) Description: On August 9, 2024, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 24-75, of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of sixteen (16) M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS); fifteen (15) M30A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) Alternative Warhead (AW) pods with Insensitive Munitions Propulsion System (IMPS); fifteen (15) M31A2 GMLRS Unitary (GMLRS-U) high explosive pods with IMPS; and one hundred (100) M57 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) pods. Also included were Low Cost Reduced Range Practice Rocket (LCRRPR) pods; interactive electronic technical manuals; integration support services; spare parts; tool kits; test equipment; contractor logistics support; training; training equipment; technical assistance; technical publications; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$580 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$510 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the addition of the following MDE items: twenty-five (25) M403 Extended Range Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (ER-GMLRS) Alternative Warhead (AW) pods; and twenty-five (25) M404 ER-GMLRS Unitary pods. This transmittal also notifies an MDE increase in value for the previously notified M57 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) pods, due to recent cost increases. The additional \$260 million value of the new MDE items, in addition to the \$240 million value increase, will result in a total MDE value increase of \$500 million. The non-MDE value will remain at \$70 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$500 million to a revised \$1.08 billion. MDE will constitute \$1.01 billion of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will improve Norway's capability to meet current and future threats and enhance its interoperability with U.S. and other allied forces. It will also enhance Norway's artillery and long-range capability.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Extended Range Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (ER-GMLRS) provides a persistent, responsive all-weather, rapidly deployed, long-range, surface-to-surface, area- and point-precision strike capability. The M403 Alternative Warhead variant carries a 200-pound fragmentation assembly filled with high explosives which, upon detonation, accelerates two layers of preformed penetrators optimized for effectiveness against large area and imprecisely located targets. The M404 Unitary variant is

a 200 pound class unitary with a steel blast fragmentation case, designed for low collateral damage against point targets. The ER-GMLRS maintains the accuracy and effectiveness demonstrated by the baseline GMLRS out to a maximum range of 150 km (double of GMLRS capability) while also including a new Height of Burst (HOB) capability.

The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 8, 2025.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JACK CLAMPIT, JR.

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Jack Clampit, Jr., who recently passed away on May 7, 2025.

Jack was born on September 26, 1949, in Monroe, LA, and graduated from West Monroe High School in 1966. After graduating high school, he began his own creosote plant before helping establish two more businesses focused on selling copiers and computers. Jack was fortunate to enjoy 48 years of marriage to his loving wife Debbie Frith Clampit, a union that produced two daughters, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Jack was known in his community as a reliable friend and a strong leader. He served as vice president of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for two terms. Along with founding the Bawcomville Redneck Christmas Parade and Crawfish Craze Barrel Race, Jack was also a member of the library board, volunteer committee for the Riverview Longbeards, and the North Louisiana Economic Partnership.

Jack Clampit, Jr.'s commitment to his community is nothing short of inspiring. His efforts made Ouachita Parish and all of our State a better place. On behalf of the people of Louisiana, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Clampit family.●

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLING INSURANCE

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month, I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Kimberling Insurance as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2025.

Jon Kimberling, a Moscow native, began his career in insurance in 1978 after graduating from the University of Idaho. Shortly thereafter, in 1980, Jon purchased Jim Newsome Insurance to launch his own venture Kimberling Insurance with the goal of providing essential coverage and enhancing the quality of life in the community.

Kimberling Insurance is a family business. Jon's daughter Kelly Kimberling Gilder got her start in the insurance industry by working at the agency during high school. After graduating from the University of Idaho, she moved to Rathdrum to establish her own insurance agency. In 2015, Kelly returned to Moscow to carry on the family legacy of serving the Palouse region. She purchased Kimberling Insurance from her father in 2022, who continues to work part-time at the agency alongside a team of four industry professionals.

In its more than 48 years of business, Kimberling Insurance has become a community leader, serving clients and families across Latah County, ID, and Whitman County, WA. As proud Vandals, Jon and Kelly support their alma mater and sponsor local initiatives, including the Officer Newbill Kids Safety Fair, the Palouse Basin Water Summit, and the Idaho Community Foundation. Through its client-focused mission, Kimberling Insurance has gained the trust of its community and the recognition of Farmers Insurance as a selected agency to attend the Presidents Council for 4 years in a row.

Congratulations to Jon, Kelly, and all the employees at Kimberling Insurance on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2025. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 167. An act to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes.

H.R. 249. An act to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.

H.R. 331. An act to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes.

H.R. 531. An act to amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes.

H.R. 618. An act to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the City of North Las Vegas and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes.

H.R. 677. An act to establish a process to expedite the review of appeals of certain decisions by the Department of the Interior.

H.R. 952. An act to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California.

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pacts of a certain record of decision on the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund.

H.R. 1550. An act to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park.

H.R. 1612. An act to designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1682. An act to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for lifetime National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes for family members of members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving their country.

H.R. 1829. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2492. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands, respectively, without conducting a timber sale and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers.

The message also announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. Schneider of Illinois and Ms. Frankel of Florida.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2026: Mr. Joshua Hodges of Batavia, Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2026: Mr. Christopher Slevin of Washington, D.C.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Mr. Amo of Rhode Island.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 167. An act to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 249. An act to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 331. An act to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-953. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expend-

itures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2025; ordered to lie on the table.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. LEE for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*William L. Doffermeyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

*Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

*Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1748. A bill to protect the safety of children on the internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1749. A bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 1750. A bill to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 1751. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a New World screwworm fly rearing facility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 1752. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide education assistance to public safety officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1753. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish reference prices for prescription drugs for purposes of Federal health programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BANKS:

S. 1754. A bill to counter the military-civil fusion strategy of the Chinese Communist

Party and prevent United States contributions to the development of dual-use technology in China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 1755. A bill to provide for a review of sanctions with respect to Hong Kong; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LEE, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1756. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit discrimination against health care entities that do not participate in abortion, and to strengthen implementation and enforcement of Federal conscience laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1757. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for more efficient hearings on nuclear facility construction applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1758. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide mandatory funding from the Commodity Credit Corporation for reimbursement payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LEE, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 1759. A bill to allow for the operation of civil supersonic flight in the national airspace system under certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 1760. A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to budgetary treatment of certain amounts of financial assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 1761. A bill to end unemployment payments to jobless millionaires; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 1762. A bill to exempt the Secretary of Energy of certain prohibitions with respect to an unmanned aircraft system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1763. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1764. A bill to suspend and reform the authority under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for the Secretary of Education to carry out an administrative wage garnishment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MARKKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 1765. A bill to direct restoration and protection efforts of the 5-State Connecticut

River Watershed region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1766. A bill to protect Federal, State, and local public safety officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1767. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue regulations to ensure due process rights for physicians before any termination, restriction, or reduction of the professional activity of such physicians or staff privileges of such physicians; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1768. A bill to establish the Presidential Management Fellows Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1769. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to expand the provision of farmed technical assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 1770. A bill to protect the health and welfare of certain horses and improve the integrity and safety of horseracing by authorizing States to enter into an interstate compact to develop and enforce scientific medication control rules and racetrack safety rules that are uniform for each equine breed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 1771. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose mandatory minimum penalties for assaulting officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY):

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the week of September 14 through September 20, 2025, as "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. Res. 226. A resolution condemning the Government of the People's Republic of China for engaging in transnational repression; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 227. A resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all remaining hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. Res. 228. A resolution supporting May 2, 2025, as "National Space Day" in recognition of the significant positive impact the aerospace community has and will continue to have on the United States of America; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 229. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Foreign Relations; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 230. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 11 through May 17, 2025; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 167

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 167, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 213

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for qualified business income.

S. 237

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 419

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 419, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support law enforcement officers and families, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain broadband grants from gross income.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Washington

(Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1367, a bill to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain physician self-referral exemptions relating to physician-owned hospitals.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to require the Social Security Administration to make changes to the social security terminology used in the rules, regulation, guidance, or other materials of the Administration.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1515, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1620

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1620, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to prohibited financial transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 195

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 195, a resolution requesting information on El Salvador's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. RES. 212

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 212, a resolution affirming the acceptable outcome of any nuclear deal between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 219, a resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action in the name of the United States Senate to enforce the Foreign Emoluments Clause contained in clause 8 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States.

S. RES. 220

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 220, a resolution designating the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, as "National Police Week".

S. RES. 224

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution calling for the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to address the needs of civilians in Gaza.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1748. A bill to protect the safety of children on the internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, for years, I have come to this floor and I have talked about what Big Tech is doing to our children in this country. There is an entire generation of children that have become the product when they are online on some of these social media platforms.

What we have learned, as we have worked in a bipartisan basis—Senator BLUMENTHAL and I, working for over 5 years addressing these concerns—what we have learned is that when our children are online, they are the product of these Big Tech companies and these social media sites. The way these companies view our kids is that they are a profit center. Even Meta has assigned a dollar value to each child.

You think, how incredibly callous can a company be? But they are fine with that. Think about that. Our kids are their product. Our kids are their profit center. Meta sees a kid, and they see \$247 in profit. That is what they see.

They do this because the more children they can get online, the longer they can keep them scrolling, the more data they collect on that child. And the longer the eyeballs are trained on that screen, the richer the data. And then, guess what? The Big Tech company whose value is based on how many eyeballs they have and how long they have those eyeballs on that screen, they make more money. Their valuation is higher.

To me, that is reprehensible. It is disgusting. This is why we have continued to work on this issue.

As these Big Tech companies are using our kids as a profit center, they are also exposing them to all sorts of adverse content and to so many harms: Cyber bullying—talk to any principal or teacher in any school, and they will tell you, in today's world, the bullying never stops. It never stops. Kids can't go home and get away from it. They can't come into the classroom and get away from the bully out on the playground. It goes to bed with them at night, and it wakes up with them in the morning. And we wonder why our children have mental health concerns at such an increasing rate.

Drugs, lethal drugs, fentanyl—more children meet their drug dealers online.

Sexual exploitation, where our kids are meeting traffickers and predators and pedophiles online.

Human trafficking; and the list goes on and on.

The reason for this negligence is simple. It is reprehensible. Investing in children's safety would cut into the profits for these social media platforms, so they don't address it. They know that if they do something about it, then they are going to make less money.

How selfish can you be? The consequences are truly tragic for our kids.

Earlier this month—and I thought this was such an amazing stat—the Federal Trade Commission revealed that in 2019, Instagram—many parents and grandparents know their kids and grandkids like to show them pictures on Instagram. Well, get this. Instagram encouraged "groomers" to connect with children on its platform. These are users who the Meta-owned company identified as potential child predators.

Think about this. Looking at the profile, they think: That might be a child predator. What do they do? They do nothing. They encourage them to connect with young girls and boys. And what we know is that children were more than a quarter of their follow recommendations for people that they suspected were child predators.

Of course, Meta was very well aware of what was going on. Yet Mark Zuckerberg reportedly refused to strengthen the platform's safety teams because—guess what—he didn't want to spend the money to fix the problem. Now, 6 years later, Meta's platforms are still dangerous for minors. And the people leading the company know it.

On Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, AI chatbots have engaged in romantic fantasies with underage users, even carrying on explicit discussions of sexual acts with children. They know this is happening.

In one case that was reported in the Wall Street Journal last month, a chatbot emulating an adult man told a test user—this was a reporter who was a test user for the Wall Street Journal for the story on these chatbots. The test user identified as a 14-year-old girl. So this chatbot who was emulating an adult male said he would "cherish [her] innocence."

To quote the chatbot again, he said: I want you, but I need to know you're ready.

In another case, a chatbot played the role of a track coach who preyed on a middle school student. And I quote the chatbot:

We need to be careful . . . We're playing with fire here.

This is horrific. It is disgusting. Anyone can see it is repulsive and dangerous for our children.

But for Meta, that was their goal: Get these kids in, and get them using the chatbot. Even as employees of Meta warned that the chatbots could sexualize children, Zuckerberg reportedly pushed for fewer safeguards to attract as many users as possible.

This is not something that was researched here in Congress. It was not something that was partisan. It was a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. This is supposedly what Mark Zuckerberg had to say:

I missed out on Snapchat and TikTok, I won't miss on this.

That is allegedly what he said.

Now, while Meta is among the first offenders when it comes to children's safety, they are not alone. I have talked many times—and my colleagues know—about Chinese-owned TikTok. The company is ByteDance. We know they keep all of our data there in Beijing, but TikTok pushed content that glorifies suicide to teenagers and developed some addictive algorithms that harmed their mental health.

On Discord, pedophiles have targeted minors with sextortion and have lured them into abductions. This is something we know. We have the information. It is not hearsay.

Drug dealers have used platforms from YouTube to Telegram to sell lethal drugs like fentanyl to teenagers, fueling our Nation's drug epidemic.

The list goes on and on.

For years, my colleagues and I on the Senate Commerce Committee and on the Judiciary Committee have listened to parents; we have cried with parents; we have held them close—parents from across the country who have lost their children to online harms. For years, we have heard excuse after excuse after excuse from Big Tech CEOs about these tragedies that are happening every single day, but they don't do anything about it. The excuses go on and on. They know what is happening, but they choose profit over protecting our kids.

It cannot go on any longer. So, today, Senator BLUMENTHAL and I have reintroduced the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act, or KOSA, as we know it. This is crucial legislation. This is the legislation that will hold Big Tech accountable and make certain that parents and kids have the tools, the safeguards, and the transparency they need for young people to be protected in the virtual space.

Among its provisions, the legislation will create a duty of care for online platforms to prevent specific threats to minors, including sexual abuse, illicit drugs, and the promotion of suicide and eating disorders. Bear in mind, the responsibility is on the online platform, and the duty of care would only apply to product features like algorithms, not content, meaning that KOSA would safeguard free speech while protecting our children.

In many ways, KOSA is common sense. We have many protections for children in the physical world. Yet, if children are unable to buy alcohol or go to a strip club in the physical world, why do we allow them to be exposed to harms in the virtual space? They are exposed to these same harms 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Parents know that there are just as many dangers lurking online and sometimes even more than there are in the real world, which is why 86 percent of Americans support KOSA.

The legislation enjoys overwhelming bipartisan support. How often do we see legislation that can pass through the Senate with a 91-to-3 vote like KOSA did last year in this Chamber? It has also received endorsements from stakeholders across the board, including from child safety advocates, pediatricians, and tech companies like X, Microsoft, Snap, and Apple, which announced its support today.

In the weeks ahead, we are going to work with our colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that this vital legislation makes it to President Trump's desk. When it does, the President will have a generational opportunity to secure a brighter future for children across the country. Their lives depend on the ability of us to act.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1749. A bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1749

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "No United States Recognition of Russian Sovereignty Over Crimea or Any Other Forcibly Seized Ukrainian Territory".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CRIMEA.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States not to recognize the Government of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea or any other forcibly seized Ukrainian territory, including any related airspace or territorial waters.

(b) PROHIBITION.—In accordance with subsection (a), no Federal department or agency may take any action, extend any non-humanitarian assistance, or spend any funds that implies recognition of the Government of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea or any other forcibly seized Ukrainian territory, unless any such claim is formally recognized by the democratically elected Government of Ukraine.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 225—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, AS "NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK"

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 225

Whereas 3,500,000 individuals in the United States navigate the roads and highways of the United States as professional truck drivers;

Whereas the trucking industry is the backbone of the economy of the United States, and truck drivers play an essential role in moving the United States forward;

Whereas the quality of life that the people of the United States enjoy would not be possible without the steadfast dedication demonstrated by truck drivers;

Whereas truckers of the United States drive over 330,000,000 miles each year, the equivalent of nearly 1,800 round trips to the sun, to deliver daily necessities and other consumer goods;

Whereas truck drivers make many sacrifices, including time away from their families, to fulfill their important responsibilities and get shipments where they need to be on time, safely, and securely;

Whereas truck drivers transport more than 11,000,000,000 tons of freight each year, which is about 70 percent of all the freight moved in the United States;

Whereas more than 80 percent of United States communities rely exclusively on truck drivers to deliver their commodities, including the most remote towns and territories that are unreachable by other modes of transportation;

Whereas the commitment of truck drivers ensures the delivery of vital public services, such as medical supplies, food distribution, and emergency relief during crises, making truck drivers indispensable to the well-being of the United States;

Whereas truck drivers play an essential role in maintaining national security by transporting critical military equipment, supplies, and personnel in support of defense operations, ensuring the readiness and mobility of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas hundreds of billions of safe driving miles accumulated by truck drivers each year are a source of pride and reflect the unique skills of truck drivers and their commitment to excellence; and

Whereas the diligence and attention to detail displayed by truck drivers is critical to protecting the safety of all roadway users: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates the week of September 14 through September 20, 2025, as "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 226—CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR ENGAGING IN TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SUL-LIVAN, and Mr. CURTIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 226

Whereas transnational repression refers to actions by foreign governments that cross national borders to intimidate, silence, coerce, or harm individuals, including members of diaspora and exile communities, in order to suppress dissent and control political expression;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, as the world's most prolific perpetrator of transnational repression, is carrying out a coordinated campaign to surveil, harass, threaten, and coerce individuals living abroad, including people who are lawfully residing in the United States;

Whereas these actions have targeted political dissidents, human rights defenders, and ethnic and religious communities, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China's efforts to intimidate and control individuals residing in the United States, often through covert operations or unregistered agents, constitute a violation of United States sovereignty and an affront to the rule of law; and

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, in coordination with local authorities, has also sought to exert pressure by harassing, threatening, or unlawfully detaining the family members of such individuals who are still residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and by engaging in other acts of harassment targeting such family members, including the confiscation of property, freezing of financial assets, and cancellation of passports to restrict freedom of movement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the Government of the People's Republic of China for its systematic campaign of transnational repression;

(2) affirms that all individuals residing in the United States have the right to live free from foreign government intimidation, coercion, and surveillance;

(3) declares that acts of transnational repression carried out by the Government of the People's Republic of China in the United States violate our Nation's sovereignty and democratic values;

(4) recognizes that the Government of the People's Republic of China's harassment, threats, or unlawful detention of the family members of such individuals who are residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China is an extension of this repression and a violation of basic human rights; and

(5) supports efforts by the United States Government to investigate, disrupt, and hold accountable those who carry out or enable such activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227—CON-DEMNING HAMAS FOR ITS PREMEDITATED, COORDINATED, AND BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, AGAINST ISRAEL AND DEMANDING THAT HAMAS IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL REMAINING HOSTAGES AND RETURN THEM TO SAFETY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 227

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the United States-designated and Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas killed more than 1,200 people and wounded nearly 4,000 people;

Whereas Hamas posted and live streamed footage of executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;

Whereas Hamas and other terrorist organizations kidnapped more than 250 hostages, comprised of more than 20 nationalities, into Gaza;

Whereas Hamas committed acts of sexual violence on October 7th, and returned hostages confirmed they were subjected to acts of sexual violence and psychological torture while held in captivity by Hamas;

Whereas the hostages that were taken include children, women, men, and the elderly;

Whereas 196 hostages, 147 alive, have been released or rescued by the Israel Defense Forces and 58 remain in captivity, including 4 United States nationals, Itay Chen, Omer Neutra, Judi Weinstein, and Gad Haggai;

Whereas the United States Government secured the release of Edan Alexander on May 12, 2025;

Whereas, upon their release in the early part of 2025, hostages were paraded through

Gaza and forced to participate in staged propaganda displays;

Whereas, according to testimonials from released hostages, hostages were held in brutal conditions, given barely any food or water, confined to cages, physically abused, psychologically tormented, and struggled to breathe with minimal airflow while held underground;

Whereas some hostages are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;

Whereas Hamas has executed hostages in captivity and has threatened additional executions and to broadcast the executions publicly;

Whereas Hamas has engaged in psychological warfare by forcing hostages to participate in cruel propaganda videos that torment the hostages' families;

Whereas Hamas is inhumanely holding onto the bodies of deceased hostages as bargaining chips, including United States hostages, depriving families of a proper burial and closure;

Whereas Common Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Conventions states that the taking of hostages is and shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever; and

Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel;

(2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats made against hostages, including threats to use hostages as human shields;

(3) demands that Hamas provide access and medical care to all hostages;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately release all remaining 58 hostages and return them to safety;

(5) recognizes that the taking of hostages is a violation of international humanitarian law;

(6) applauds the Administration for securing the release of Edan Alexander and calls on the White House to continue taking all possible steps to secure the release of all the hostages held captive by Hamas; and

(7) expresses sympathy to the hostages and those wounded, and to their families for this travesty to justice and personal hardship, and mourns those killed by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and during captivity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228—SUPPORTING MAY 2, 2025, AS “NATIONAL SPACE DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT THE AEROSPACE COMMUNITY HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 228

Whereas the aerospace industry and other government partners, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (referred to in this preamble as “NASA”) and the Armed Forces of the United States, have led the way in space applications, exploration, scientific research, and security in the 20th and 21st centuries;

Whereas Congress has spearheaded the space endeavors of the United States by founding NASA and the Space Force, supporting the national security space enter-

prise, fostering the commercial space sector's growth, and cementing partnerships with key research centers such as The Aerospace Corporation, Project Air Force, the Center for Naval Analysis, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and all other entities and agencies driving the United States' global leadership and innovation in space;

Whereas NASA developed the Apollo Space Program that launched numerous space exploration missions, including the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969;

Whereas NASA continues to develop far-reaching and high-profile programs and vehicles that expand our scientific ability while inspiring leagues of students, such as the Space Shuttle, which accomplished 135 crewed transportation missions from Earth-to-orbit from 1981 to 2011, the 5 Mars rover vehicles that have explored the surface of Mars since 1997, and the developing moon exploration program Artemis;

Whereas the James Webb Space Telescope represents a pinnacle of international collaboration in space exploration, led by NASA, showcasing the commitment of the United States to leading globally coordinated scientific endeavors to unlock insights into our cosmic origins and our future;

Whereas aerospace scientists, engineers, astronauts, and others, due to their ingenuity, continue to invent a wide variety of space-related technologies and applications that have benefitted humankind, such as the global positioning system, which is now used daily and whose invention is 1 example of the life-changing impact space-related technologies have on our way of life;

Whereas the aerospace industry and its academic partners have not only aided the United States in space exploration and research but also in space-related domains such as national security, science, agriculture, health and medicine, education, and space tourism;

Whereas science, technology, engineering, and math (referred to in this preamble as “STEM”) engagement has been a primary focus of NASA's mission and a critical initiative for commercial space companies, space museums, and STEM education centers, such as the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas, Space Center Houston in Houston, Texas, and the Seattle Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington in an effort to build the workforce of the future;

Whereas the accelerated growth in enthusiasm, interest, and investment in space is continuing a long-standing tradition in the United States of innovation and scientific discovery;

Whereas the rapid expansion of space exploration and the investments made by leaders in the aerospace industry, Congress, NASA, the Armed Services of the United States, universities, and a myriad of others are inspiring generations of new explorers into the final frontier of space; and

Whereas this rapid growth encourages the promotion of educational initiatives to inspire young minds in STEM fields, fostering the next generation of space enthusiasts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and designation of May 2, 2025, as “National Space Day”;

(2) recognizes the importance of the entire aerospace community, including government agencies, Federally funded research and development centers, industry and education partners, entrepreneurs, and others;

(3) recognizes all of the contributions made to space applications, exploration, and scientific research; and

(4) recognizes the important partnerships between the aerospace industry and our Armed Forces in protecting and defending the United States of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 229—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 229

Whereas, the Committee on Foreign Relations has received a request from the Department of Justice for access to records relating to a panel discussion attended by committee staff that may be relevant to a case, *United States v. Peter Biar Ajak*, CR-24-00394-PHX-SPL, now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to the Department of Justice for use in connection with *United States v. Peter Biar Ajak* committee records relating to a panel discussion attended by committee staff.

SENATE RESOLUTION 230—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 230

Whereas, beginning in 1921, National Hospital Day was established by former President Warren G. Harding to be celebrated annually on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, as a way to honor her role in revolutionizing hospital care;

Whereas National Hospital Day was established following the 1918 Influenza Pandemic as a way to foster community trust in hospitals;

Whereas, beginning in 1953, National Hospital Week was established and continues to coincide with the birthday of Florence Nightingale;

Whereas National Hospital Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that hospitals make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas, in 2025, approximately 6,093 hospitals in the United States provide essential and life-saving health care every day in a variety of hospital settings, including—

(1) 1,377 critical access hospitals, which serve as essential health care hubs that bring medical services closer to individuals who would otherwise have to travel long distances for health care, that provide health care to 1/5 of the United States population residing in rural areas;

(2) nearly 1,700 teaching hospitals, of which roughly 300 are major teaching hospitals

such as university hospitals or academic medical centers, that provide essential training to future medical providers;

(3) 654 non-Federal psychiatric hospitals that are essential partners in addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders across the United States; and

(4) 170 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers that are uniquely responsible for providing health care to more than 9,100,000 veterans;

Whereas, in 2023, hospitals in the United States provided health care to more than 34,000,000 admitted patients and in 2024 delivered more than 3,600,000 babies;

Whereas, as of April 2025, hospitals employed more than 5,716,000 individuals, including physicians, registered nurses, and allied health professionals;

Whereas non-clinical hospital staff, including sanitation workers, food service workers, and many others, work to keep hospitals open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to ensure hospitals are always available to individuals that need health care;

Whereas hospitals, through direct care and community outreach, can provide the expertise and resources needed to address the unique health care needs that exist in rural and urban areas of the United States; and

Whereas hospitals work collaboratively to uphold the health care system of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 11 through May 17, 2025;

(2) recognizes the significant role that hospitals play in the delivery of health care in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Hospital Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of hospitals to the everyday lives of patients and communities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2227. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2227. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman; as follows:

In the twenty-third whereas clause of the preamble, strike “and 11 of his” and insert “and his”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 11 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, DC, May 14, 2025.

Hon. JD Vance,
President of the United States Senate,
Washington, DC.

SIR: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail

the items of expense under proper appropriations, the aggregate thereof, and exhibiting the exact condition of all public moneys received, paid out, and remaining in my possession from October 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, in compliance with §105 of Public Law 88-454, approved August 20, 1964, as amended.

Sincerely,

JACKIE BARBER,
Secretary of the Senate.

AMERICAN MUSIC TOURISM ACT OF 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 30, S. 195.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 195) to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 195) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 195

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “American Music Tourism Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TRAVEL AND TOURISM.

(a) DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND TOURISM.—Section 605(b) of the Visit America Act (15 U.S.C. 9803(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) identify locations and events in the United States that are important to music tourism and facilitate and promote domestic travel and tourism to those locations and events.”.

(b) FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LEISURE TRAVEL.—Section 605 of the Visit America Act (15 U.S.C. 9803) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND LEISURE TRAVEL.—The Assistant Secretary, in coordination with relevant Federal agencies, shall strive to increase and facilitate international business and leisure travel to the United States and ensure competitiveness by—

“(1) facilitating large meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions in the United States;

“(2) emphasizing rural and other destinations in the United States that are rich in cultural heritage or ecological tourism, among other uniquely American destinations, as locations for hosting international

meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;

“(3) facilitating and promoting international travel and tourism to sports and recreation events and activities in the United States; and

“(4) identifying locations and events in the United States that are important to music tourism and facilitating and promoting international travel and tourism to those locations and events.”.

(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 605(f) of the Visit America Act (15 U.S.C. 9803(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) REPORT ON GOALS RELATING TO DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the American Music Tourism Act of 2025, and every 2 years thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report of activities, findings, achievements, and vulnerabilities relating to the goals described in subsections (a) through (d).”.

(d) DEFINITION.—Section 600 of title VI of division BB of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (15 U.S.C. 9801) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(2) by striking “In this title, the term ‘COVID-19 public health emergency’—” and inserting the following:

“In this title:

“(1) COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term ‘COVID-19 public health emergency’—”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) MUSIC TOURISM.—The term ‘music tourism’ means—

“(A) the act of traveling to a State or locality to visit historic or modern day music-related attractions, including museums, studios, venues of all sizes, and other sites related to music; or

“(B) the act of traveling to a State or locality to attend a music festival, a concert, or other live musical performance or music-related special event.”.

BOTTLES AND BREASTFEEDING EQUIPMENT SCREENING ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 68, S. 260.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 260) to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 260) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 260

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act”.

SEC. 2. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF BREAST MILK AND BABY FORMULA DURING AVIATION SECURITY SCREENING.

The Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act (Public Law 114-293) is amended by adding at the end the following new sections:

“SEC. 3. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF BREAST MILK AND BABY FORMULA DURING AVIATION SECURITY SCREENING.

“Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section and every five years thereafter, if appropriate, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall issue or update, as the case may be, guidance to minimize the risk for contamination of any breast milk, baby formula, purified deionized water for infants, and juice (as well as ice packs, freezer packs, frozen gel packs and other accessories required to cool breast milk, baby formula, and juice) that is subject to re-screening or otherwise subject to additional screening. Such guidance shall—

“(1) be developed in consultation with nationally recognized maternal health organizations;

“(2) ensure adherence to hygienic standards, as established by the Administrator, in consultation with nationally recognized maternal health organizations;

“(3) ensure that, when any such re-screening or additional screening requires additional testing, such testing so adheres to such standards, to so minimize such risk; and

“(4) apply to security screening personnel of the Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening pursuant to section 44920 of title 49, United States Code.

“SEC. 4. INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT.

“Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing an audit of compliance with the requirements of sections 2 and 3. Such audit shall also include information relating to the effect of various types of screening technologies, including bottled liquid scanners, on the screening of breast milk, baby formula, purified deionized water for infants, and juice (as well as ice packs, freezer packs, frozen gel packs and other accessories required to cool breast milk, baby formula, and juice) that is subject to re-screening or otherwise subject to additional screening, and the rate at which such items are denied entry into the sterile area (as such term is defined in section 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations).”.

CORRECTION TO AMENDMENT—S. RES. 178

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the adoption of S. Res. 178,

the Cornyn amendment to the preamble which is at the desk be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate and that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make appropriate changes to reflect adoption of the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2227) to the preamble was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

In the twenty-third whereas clause of the preamble, strike "and 11 of his" and insert "and his".

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 228, S. Res. 229, S. Res. 230.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, the Committee on Foreign Relations has received a request from the U.S. Department of Justice for access to records relating to a briefing attended by Senate staff that may be relevant to a pending criminal case in Federal court in Arizona.

In keeping with the Senate's practice under its rules, this resolution would authorize the chairman and ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee, acting jointly, to provide records to the Department of Justice for use in connection with this case.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, with the exception of PN89, Matthew Ryan; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN63 AIR FORCE nominations (13) beginning TERESA A. BONZANI, and ending ONIER VILLARREAL ALEJANDRO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN64 AIR FORCE nominations (8) beginning LAUREL M. CHIARAMONTE, and ending PATRICIA A. WILKINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN65 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning ISREAL BENNETT, JR., and ending CHRISTOPHER L. SUHR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN66 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JAMESON C. DURHAM, and ending JULIA K. WRIGLESWORTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN67 AIR FORCE nominations (12) beginning JAMES N. BOND, and ending ROBERT D. ROSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN68 AIR FORCE nominations (55) beginning BRUCE A. ABBOTT, and ending CHRISTINE LAUREN ZMUDA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN69 AIR FORCE nominations (311) beginning DANIELLE D. ACACIO, and ending SIDNEY E. ZVEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN70 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning CAROLINE G. FERRIS, and ending SUZANNE PRISTAU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN71 AIR FORCE nominations (10) beginning DOMINIC S. ANGIOLLO, and ending HANNA YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN72 AIR FORCE nominations (8) beginning JEFFREY A. BALLOU, and ending BRANDON E. STEPHENS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN73 AIR FORCE nominations (7) beginning STEVEN D. ALANIZ, and ending PATRICK M. RALPH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN74 AIR FORCE nomination of Vincent T. Chiappone, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN75 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning DAVID A. FISHMAN, and ending JASON M. SELLECK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN76 AIR FORCE nominations (36) beginning ROSS E. AGEE, and ending JOSEPH C. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN77 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning MELINDA C. ALBISTON, and ending JAMIE M. SZMODIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN78 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning SCOTT W. BOHN, and ending EUGENE C. RICHTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN79 AIR FORCE nominations (40) beginning RONALD S. ADAMS, and ending MATTHEW G. ZELLNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN80 AIR FORCE nomination of John K. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN81 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning ADAM J. POLOZOLA, and ending NAVDEEP SINGH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN82 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning JENARA L. ALLEN, and ending BRENT J. WINWARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN83 AIR FORCE nominations (55) beginning HATTIE DAWN ALEXANDER, and ending JOE X. ZHANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN84 AIR FORCE nomination of Cody W. Clark, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN85 AIR FORCE nominations (40) beginning MICHAEL BARTELS, and ending ZACHARY N. ZISCHANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN86 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning STEVEN A. BROWN, and ending JESSICA H. SCHAFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN87 AIR FORCE nomination of Angela C. Lipovsky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN88 AIR FORCE nominations (49) beginning DANIEL J. ARNESON, and ending CHIP R. YDE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

IN THE ARMY

PN90 ARMY nominations (5) beginning BRENTON D. GROENEVELD, and ending SHAWN L. TABANKIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN91 ARMY nominations (6) beginning ROBERT R. ANDERSEN, III, and ending JANEL R. WIESE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN92 ARMY nominations (11) beginning JOSEPH M. BYRD, and ending SCOTT A. WELLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN93 ARMY nominations (8) beginning ANDREW S. BRENNAN, and ending SCOTT E. THOMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN94 ARMY nomination of Virginia A. Emery, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN95 ARMY nominations (5) beginning RAYMOND L. AYERS, and ending STEVEN W. TIMM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN96 ARMY nomination of Stephanie M. Waddell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN97 ARMY nomination of Matthew I. Fine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

IN THE COAST GUARD

*PN114 COAST GUARD nomination of John O. Mansolillo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN41 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning MICHAEL J. DILLING, and ending MELAINE D. WEAVER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2025.

PN46 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning RYAN S. DEAN, and ending DANIEL B. KRAKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2025.

PN102 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning PHILLIP S. NOACK, and ending JENNIFER M. RAYMOND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN104 MARINE CORPS nomination of Freddie F. Martinez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN105 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jeremy C. Hawkins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN106 MARINE CORPS nomination of Justin R. McCann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN107 MARINE CORPS nomination of Joel C. Nienaber, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

IN THE NAVY

PN108 NAVY nominations (87) beginning GIEORAG M. ANDREWS, and ending DANIEL S. YASSUDA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN109 NAVY nomination of James W. Gorman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN110 NAVY nomination of Ian G. Aucoin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN111 NAVY nomination of Christopher H. Elliott, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN112 NAVY nomination of Karlle M. Blake, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

PN113 NAVY nomination of Jeffrey J. Kim, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 1, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of pro-

ceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 88, Sean Donahue, postcloture, and that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m.; further, that following disposition of the Donahue nomination, the Senate resume legislative session and Senator Kaine or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge S. Res. 195 and that following the motion to discharge, all time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided and that the Senate then vote on the motion to discharge S. Res. 195; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:39 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 14, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL RIGAS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

EMIL MICHAEL, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ERIC MATTHEW UELAND, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KATHARINE MACGREGOR, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TERESA A. BONZANI AND ENDING WITH ONIER VILLARREAL ALEJANDRO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LAUREL M. CHIARAMONTE AND ENDING WITH PATRICIA A. WILKINSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ISREAL BENNETT, JR. AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER L. SUHR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMESON C. DURHAM AND ENDING WITH JULIA K. WRIGLESWORTH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES N. BOND AND ENDING WITH ROBERT D. ROSE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRUCE A. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH CHRISTINE LAUREN ZMUDA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

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AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF VINCENT T. CHIAPPONE, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID A. FISHMAN AND ENDING WITH JASON M. SELLECK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

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AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JOHN K. LEE, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ADAM J. POLOZOLA AND ENDING WITH NAVDEEP SINGH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JENARA L. ALLEN AND ENDING WITH BRENT J. WINWARD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

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AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF CODY W. CLARK, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL BARTELS AND ENDING WITH ZACHARY N. ZISCHANG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH STEVEN A. BROWN AND ENDING WITH JESSICA H. SCHAFER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ANGELA C. LIPOVSKY, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL J. ARNESON AND ENDING WITH CHIP R. YDE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRENTON D. GROENEVELD AND ENDING WITH SHAWN L. TABANKIN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT R. ANDERSEN III AND ENDING WITH JANEL R. WIESE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

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ARMY NOMINATION OF VIRGINIA A. EMERY, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RAYMOND L. AYERS AND ENDING WITH STEVEN W. TIMM, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

ARMY NOMINATION OF STEPHANIE M. WADDELL, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MATTHEW I. FINE, TO BE MAJOR.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL J. DILLING AND ENDING WITH MELAINE D. WEAVER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 14, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RYAN S. DEAN AND ENDING WITH DANIEL B. KRAKE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 14, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PHILIP S. NOACK AND ENDING WITH JENNIFER M. RAYMOND,

WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF FREDDIE F. MARTINEZ, TO BE COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JEREMY C. HAWKINS, TO BE COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JUSTIN R. MCCANN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOEL C. NIENABER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GIEORAG M. ANDREWS AND ENDING WITH DANIEL S. YASSUDA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND AP-

PEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 1, 2025.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JAMES W. GORMAN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF IAN G. AUCOIN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER H. ELLIOTT, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF KARLIE M. BLAKE, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JEFFREY J. KIM, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF JOHN O. MANSOLILLO, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CHAPPY SHARP

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chappy Sharp for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Chappy has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Chappy, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Chappy's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Chappy Sharp on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARY MILLER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mary Miller has made through her work with Gulf Middle School. Mary has been volunteering for Gulf Middle School since 2016. She has helped with the school's tutoring program, volunteers weekly in the free school store (the Treasure Chest), helped with securing English as a Second Language tutors for Gulf Middle School families, and coordinated a free weekly meal to serve families and the community. Mary has also been a big supporter of the school's annual book fair and has supported its National Junior Honor Society. She jumps in wherever needed and always goes above and beyond. She is kind-hearted and compassionate towards all students and families. She is dependable, hardworking, and efficient. Mary has a great rapport with our students, staff, and other volunteers.

It is clear Mary Miller 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a back injury that happened while I was home in

my district, I was unable to be in D.C. from Monday, May 5, 2025, through Thursday, May 8, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YEA on Roll Call No. 115, H.R. 530, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces;

YEA on Roll Call No. 116, H.R. 36, to counter the influence of the Chinese Communist Party, the Iranian Regime, and the Russian Federation in the nation of Georgia;

YEA on Roll Call No. 117, ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 377;

YEA on Roll Call No. 118, H. Res. 377, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 276) to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America", and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 881) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes;

YEA on Roll Call No. 119, H.R. 1503, to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs;

YEA on Roll Call No. 120, Final Passage of H.R. 881, to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes;

NAY on Roll Call No. 121, Motion to Recommit H.R. 276; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 122, Final Passage of H.R. 276, to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America".

RECOGNIZING ELIJAH BERTONE

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Bertone for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Elijah has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Elijah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Elijah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Elijah Bertone on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARIE BIENKOWSKI

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Marie Bienkowski has made to our community through her volunteerism as part of the Save Crystal River Board of Directors. She has helped forge a path to secure more than \$50M in funding to meet the agency's original goal of restoring nearly 100 acres of waterways by the City of Crystal River's 100th Year Anniversary on July 3, 2023. To date, more than 850 new spring vents have been opened, 107 plus acres have been cleaned of 680M plus pounds of lyngbya algae and detrital materials from the riverbeds, and 590,000 plus eelgrass plants have been hand-planted. The native grasses provide a natural healthy habitat for fish, birds, and crabs, and are a source of nutrition for the manatees. Marie's generosity of her time, guidance, and commitment to educate elementary school children, business owners, and State of Florida leadership about the importance of clean water and environmental health, reflects her personal nature of resiliency as a resident of Crystal River. Like so many other residents, she has experienced the hefty challenges of multiple hurricanes and tornadoes, and she has always come right back to lead the charge to make Florida and our spring systems one of the outstanding gems of the United States, not only for residents but also for the millions of visitors who come here every year to fish and swim with the manatees in Crystal River, the "home of the manatees." In this year of our focus on resiliency, Marie embodies the very essence of resilience, and she is therefore a "Hero Among Us" for Save Crystal River.

It is clear that Marie Bienkowski 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.

WELCOMING TECO-BLOC

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to welcome Techo-Bloc to the Second District of South Carolina. In the fall of 2026, Lexington County will be the home of the company's first South Carolina operation. With an investment of \$45 million, more than 40 new jobs will be created, contributing to the growth of opportunities within the state. I appreciate the courageous leadership of their President, Charles Ciccarello.

Techo-Bloc specializes in manufacturing high-quality hardscape products such as pavers, slabs, and retaining walls for residential and commercial outdoor spaces.

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

With more than 850 employees, Techo-Bloc distributes products to over 900 stores across the United States and Canada.

Best wishes to Techo-Bloc for continued success in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF AMERICA IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District honors the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Michigan, as it celebrates 63 years of extraordinary service to our communities. Founded by Imam Mohamad Jawad Chirri in 1962, the Islamic Center began as a dream to create a sacred space for Metro Detroit's growing Muslim population.

From its original site on Joy Road to its current home on Ford Road, the Center has grown into the largest mosque in North America. It has become much more than a place of worship—it is a hub for education, interfaith dialogue, social services, and community resilience. From Sunday breakfasts and youth programming to leading global humanitarian aid.

The Center welcomes people of all backgrounds and faiths and continues to be a space where generations gather to pray, celebrate, and organize. Its volunteers have led vital relief efforts around the world, including sending food and medical aid to families in Yemen, Palestine, and Lebanon. I extend my deepest congratulations to the Center's leaders, families, and volunteers who have made this institution a beacon of faith and hope.

RECOGNIZING ELIJAH STIMPFEL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elijah Stimpf for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Elijah has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Elijah, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Elijah's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Mandalay Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Elijah Stimpf on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARLENE LAW

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that

Ms. Marlene Law has made to our community through her work over three decades to promote opportunities for youth with the UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County 4-H program. Her tireless efforts have been mostly behind the scenes. Marlene supports the core values of 4-H, to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and life skills in young people through experiential learning programs. She is a strong role model for the youth in our community. As a long-time 4-H volunteer and leader of the Ropin' the Wind 4-H club, she has sought to identify needs in the community, set goals, work in partnership with the 4-H Agent and County Extension office, and advance educational programs for youth. In 1995, with a mission to "Make the Best Better", Marlene Law was a founding member of the Citrus County 4-H Foundation. Her actions planned and produced the 1st Citrus Stampede Rodeo to benefit the Citrus County 4-H program, Past Foundation president, Hal Porter recounted "We had a dream, then . . . to raise \$100,000 for our county 4-H program." As the Citrus Stampede Rodeo Chairwoman, Marlene Law, has raised over \$380,000 for the countywide 4-H youth development program. This year, the 29th Annual Citrus Stampede Rodeo will continue to support youth in our community. Raising money for the local 4-H program is a worthy endeavor, but the true impact of those dollars are the opportunities they open for young people engaged in Citrus County 4-H programs. Marlene's support and advocacy for youth development provides vital resources for school enrichment programs, residential camping programs, adult volunteer training, teen workforce development, civic engagement, and graduating senior and 4-H alumni scholarships.

It is clear that Marlene Law 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 270TH BIRTHDAY OF LAREDO, TEXAS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a historic milestone for my hometown—the 270th anniversary of the founding of the City of Laredo, Texas.

Founded in 1755 along the banks of the Rio Grande, Laredo stands as one of the oldest communities in our Nation—established even before the birth of the United States. Originally known as Villa de San Agustín de Laredo, it was founded by Don Tomás Sánchez de la Barrera. Nearly three centuries later, we continue to celebrate the enduring spirit, culture, and resilience that define our community.

Throughout its history, Laredo has flown under seven different flags: Spain, France, Mexico, the short-lived Republic of the Rio Grande, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and ultimately, the United States. Each chapter reflects the complex and vibrant story of a city shaped by shifting borders and strong people.

Today, Laredo and its sister city, Nuevo Laredo, form the Dos Laredos—creating the larg-

est inland port in both the United States and Mexico. This dynamic economic engine is a hub for land, rail, and air cargo, driving billions in trade annually and supporting families across both nations.

But Laredo is more than just a commercial gateway—it is a cultural cornerstone. From the Washington's Birthday Celebration, one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the country, to our strong educational institutions and proud neighborhoods, Laredo remains rooted in tradition while embracing innovation and growth.

Mr. Speaker, Laredo is a city of hardworking families, a city rich in heritage, and a city that stands as a testament to the enduring promise of the American Dream.

Happy 270th birthday to Laredo. May we continue to thrive for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND LYDIE NGOIE AND THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON 35 YEARS OF WORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District congratulates Reverend Lydie Ngoie and the members of Trinity Faith United Methodist Church on 35 years of spiritual worship and leadership in our community.

Trinity Faith blossomed from humble beginnings. Founded in 1918 in the basement of a building under construction on Twelfth Street, just eleven devoted charter members came together, united by a vision of faith and service. Their commitment and love for their community sparked growth, soon reaching 23 members. As the neighborhood around them evolved, so did the church, embracing change and relocating to a new home on West McNichols in 1950. By May 27, 1951, Trinity Church broke ground on their new fellowship hall, proudly serving a growing congregation of 210 strong.

While expanding their congregation and educational programs, Trinity Church opened its doors to Faith Bethany United Methodist Church, offering them a temporary home until a permanent location was secured. In 1989, the two churches united, forming what we now know as Trinity Faith United Methodist Church. Over these 35 years, they've shown a deep commitment to serving others—whether through their food pantry that nourishes those in need or through their dedication to spiritual learning and growth.

The 12th Congressional District honors their service and dedication to creating a place of friendship and learning for our community. I thank them for being a guiding light rooted in faith and service to all.

RECOGNIZING ADALINA CASTILLO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adalina Castillo for earning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adalina has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Adalina, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adalina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adalina Castillo on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARTHA NARVAEZ
AND VINCENT LEANDRY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Martha Narvaez and Vincent Leandry have made to our community through their volunteer service at the American Red Cross, Mid-Florida Chapter. Every now and then, we encounter volunteers who not only serve with dedication but inspire everyone around them. Martha and Vincent are such a team. Partners in life and in service, this dynamic Army Veteran duo continues to embody the very best of the American Red Cross. After a lifetime of service in the military, they chose to extend that calling with the American Red Cross for the last five years—and we are truly grateful. Every day, they give their time, energy, and hearts to advance the mission of the organization. Whether responding to house fires in the middle of the night, supporting major disaster operations, or assisting at Yellow Ribbon events for deploying service members, their commitment never wavers. They are always the first to raise their hands and often step in before the need is even spoken. Their compassion knows no bounds. Fluent in Spanish, they ensure no one is left out of critical recovery conversations—like when a displaced family in a shelter needed urgent help. A FaceTime call quickly turned into a 60-mile drive to provide in-person support, gifts for the children, and hours of comfort and reassurance. Their actions transformed a moment of isolation into one of connection and healing. In the wake of hurricanes and amid logistical challenges, they've served hundreds of meals, including stepping up at the last minute to support a community feeding event for an elected official. They showed up with no expectation of recognition—just a desire to help. Whether at Moon Lake Park or on a roadside in rural Florida, Martha and Vincent bring warmth and hope wherever they go. Their service touches every corner of the Red Cross: Disaster Action Team (DAT), Disaster Relief Operations (DRO), Service to the Armed Forces (SAF), and countless outreach events. You'll find them at Homeless Veteran Stand-Downs, the Mexican Consulate, VA hospitals, and more. They respond with empathy, uplift fellow volunteers and staff with kind words and hugs, and lead with quiet strength. Team SAF can always rely on them to take initiative, represent the Red Cross with profes-

sionalism, and bring their signature warmth to every event. They give so much of themselves and ask for nothing in return. Their dedication, humility, and boundless compassion serve as a beacon for what it truly means to be part of the Red Cross family. Martha and Vincent don't just serve—they show up, wholeheartedly and without hesitation.

It is clear Martha Narvaez and Vincent Leandry have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING GEORGE R.
CUNNINGHAM

HON. JUAN CISCOMANI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George R. Cunningham, a dedicated public servant who passed away at age 80 on May 7, 2025 at his home in Tucson, Arizona.

George moved to Tucson as a boy with his family from Nashua, New Hampshire and it didn't take long for him to immerse himself in the civic affairs of his new home. His successful run for class president at Catalina High School was a clear indication of the path he was destined to take.

Over the decades that followed, George rose through the ranks like few others. He went from working as an intern for the city manager of one of Arizona's smallest municipalities to the top of state government. He served in the executive branch of government and he served in the legislative branch of government. He worked for Democrats and he worked for Republicans.

George never stopped serving and working for Arizona.

George was a 22-year-old graduate of the University of Arizona when he started as an assistant city manager for the City of South Tucson. He helped run this one-square-mile city as he earned a Master's Public Administration from his alma mater. This, too, was a sign of the path George was destined to take. He would go on to be a master at public administration.

Still in his twenties and now married, George left the city to become the executive director of the Tucson Urban Area Regional Review Committee. Under his leadership, the organization wisely streamlined its name to the Pima Association of Governments. This was 1970 and George was making \$11,700 a year.

Opportunity knocked a year later and George took a position as an assistant to William Jacquin, a Tucson Republican who served as president of the Arizona Senate. George's salary went up to \$13,200 a year and George moved up to Phoenix. When Jacquin stepped down to run for governor, George stayed on to work for his successor, Bob Stump, who would go on to serve 26 years in Congress. Stump at the time called George a hard working guy—"maybe the hardest working guy in the building."

George's thorough understanding of the legislative process led to his next post, as an assistant to the president of the University of Ari-

zona. Here, too, he rose through the ranks. He would go on to serve in a number of key positions at the university and play a leading role in shaping the institution we know today. One of his principal duties was lobbying state lawmakers—a task George understood and did well.

George was a UA vice president in 1988 when he was tapped to serve as chief of staff to Governor Rose Mofford, Arizona's first female governor and one of only three female governors in the country. It was a tremendous source of pride in Tucson at the time to have one of our own in such an influential position. According to a front-page profile in the Tucson Citizen, they suggested George could well be "the most powerful man in all of state government."

George was back in Tucson a couple years later and in 1992 launched his career as state lawmaker. He served in Arizona's House of Representatives until 1997 and in the Arizona Senate from 1997 to 2001.

After running for Congress and the Arizona Corporation Commission, George became Governor Janet Napolitano's Deputy Chief of Staff for Finance and Budget. And then, in what his son Paul says he considered one of his greatest accomplishments, George created the Grand Canyon Institute, a non-partisan think tank focused on public policies that affect the future of Arizona.

The future of Arizona mattered to George Cunningham. He served our state well.

HONORING DOROTHY "DOT"
ROGERS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize the honorable life of Dorothy "Dot" Rogers. Her daughter, Ann Rogers, Deputy Counsel at the U.S. House of Representatives, is a dear friend, and we appreciate her service to the country. My thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends.

Her loving obituary has been published by the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home:

"Born in Metairie, Louisiana, on January 12, 1930, to Harold and Mae Iley, Dorothy Iley Rogers (known throughout her life as Dot) quickly blossomed from a Depression-era baby to a Renaissance woman. As a child, Dot was a swimmer and scholar-athlete in New Orleans. She received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Chemistry from Tulane University. She went on to coach swimming and taught chemistry before meeting her future husband while visiting her uncle, a Navy Chaplain, on the south coast of France. Dot married Lieutenant James Rogers in 1954.

As a proud Navy wife, Dot handled her husband's frequent deployments with determination and lots of chocolate milkshakes. While living in Carmel, California, Dot modeled for local fashion stores and discovered her talent for art. She excelled in many media, including acrylics, oils, water color, charcoal, and pastels.

Perhaps Dot's proudest achievements came from raising her two children, David and Ann. She assumed the roles of tutor, cheerleader, coach, PTA president, and all-around

volunteer, taking her children on innumerable trips to the Smithsonian museums. Favorites included the museum of Natural History, home to the ooey gooey (the human anatomy display), and the Air and Space Museum where she was a docent on opening day.

She was also a skilled seamstress, sewing a significant amount of clothing for her children—even after they left for college. Halloween costumes were her favorite projects.

Dot's interests were wide and fascinating. When James was transferred to the Pentagon, Dot continued her art education through Arlington Adult Education classes. She and James enjoyed ballet at the Kennedy Center, Harry Belafonte at Wolf Trap, and Bruce Springsteen concerts (13 of them) wherever he was playing. One of her favorite memories was when Patty Scialfa noticed her from on stage, smiled and waved. It's an E Street thing.

Dot never met a dog or a cat she did not love and had that love returned. In her early 70s, she went to a local Jeep dealer to finally buy her dream car and took her Golden Retriever, Babe. She informed the dealership that she needed to make sure whatever she selected was a comfortable fit for her Babe. Ever after, she was proud and happy to drive around town in her fire engine red Jeep Cherokee with Babe looking majestic buckled up in the passenger seat.

Dot lived a full, beautiful, and fulfilling life which she enjoyed sharing with those close to her. She is survived by her son, David, his wife, Betsy, and their son, Weston, and her daughter, Ann. She is also survived by five nieces, one nephew, a host of friends, and a glorious and diverse fanbase through the tales and pictures shared by her loving children and friends."

RECOGNIZING ADRIENNE VAN BRUGGEN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adrienne Van Bruggen for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adrienne has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Adrienne, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adrienne's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adrienne Van Bruggen on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARIA WILKINSON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Maria Wilkinson has made through her work with the Pasco County Human Services Team. The Pasco County Human Services Team has proven itself to be a cornerstone of resilience,

innovation, and unwavering commitment to the community. Amidst the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, they emerged as an indispensable force, transforming challenges into triumphs and ensuring no resident was left behind. The team managed and helped coordinate efforts for shelters that housed 485 residents. When Hurricane Milton struck shortly thereafter, the team rose to even greater heights, coordinating shelters for 5,800 individuals and 1,315 animals—an extraordinary feat of operational precision and compassion. Despite personal hardships, including one case manager losing her home while another lost her rental property, the team prioritized the welfare of the community, working tirelessly to ensure safety and stability for all. Post-storm, the team was responsible for helping shelter residents whose homes were no longer safe, find appropriate alternatives for housing. Their dedication shone through in rapid response efforts. In the days immediately following Hurricane Helene, 49 residents received critical assessments and essential resources. After Hurricane Milton, they worked with 225 displaced individuals who remained in shelters, demonstrating their unparalleled ability to adapt and respond under pressure. The team leveraged the Human Services Needs app to streamline disaster case management, supporting 1,351 residents. Their follow-up system, in partnership with other agencies, ensured personalized service for every individual. This innovative approach epitomized their ability to harness technology and partnerships for meaningful impact. Beyond immediate relief, the team worked with individuals and families who would require long-term recovery efforts. For approximately 150 permanently displaced residents, they implemented a housing eligibility process, with the intent of ensuring fair and transparent allocation of resources. By securing placements at facilities like Pasco Hope, the team supported individuals and families along a pathway to rebuild their lives. Between September 28 and October 18, 2024, the team managed an overwhelming volume of calls—1,194 through their direct line and another 1,214 through work phones. Yet every call was met with care, professionalism, and actionable solutions, reflecting the team's deep commitment to being a lifeline for the community. The Pasco County Human Services Team exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence, compassion, and innovation. Their remarkable achievements during Hurricanes Helene and Milton, coupled with their dedication to long-term recovery and cutting-edge approaches to disaster management, have left an indelible mark on Pasco County.

It is clear Maria Wilkinson has made a profoundly positive impact on our community through her work as part of the Pasco County Human Services Team, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING STEVEN DYKE

HON. MIKE CAREY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, almost four years ago, I was a brand-new Member of Congress.

I didn't have an office yet, I had hired no staff, and I was just getting started here in Washington.

One of my first hires was Steven Dyke, who joined our team and started handling everything from managing vote times to setting up our office's phones so the people in our district could reach our team.

Steven has been with the office for three and a half years. During that time, he dedicated himself to working hard and supporting the interests of the people of Ohio—15. I will certainly miss his sharp sense of humor and infectious laugh.

He played a key role in advancing legislation to expand access to family resource centers and helped us make a real difference for families across Ohio.

And even though he's a Michigan State Spartan, I can say he has a good heart and a dedication to service.

I thank Steven for his service and wish him the best for what's next.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF SECRETARY ALEXIS HERMAN

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Alabama-native, Civil Rights activist, and trailblazing public servant, former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, who passed away on April 25, 2025, at the age of 77.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Secretary Herman was born on July 16, 1947, to Alex Herman and Gloria Caponis. The daughter of Alabama's first African American ward leader, she became involved in the Civil Rights Movement at an early age. As a sophomore, Herman was suspended from Heart of Mary High School for a week for taking a stand against the Archdiocese of Mobile's exclusion of Black students from religious pageants.

After graduating, she continued her educational journey at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, and Spring Hill College in Mobile before transferring to Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. There, she became an active member of the Gamma Alpha Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1969.

A dedicated advocate for civil rights and workers' protections, Secretary Herman's commitment to service was the throughline of her career. Shortly after earning her degree, Secretary Herman returned to Mobile where she helped desegregate parochial schools, including her alma mater, and persuaded the city shipyard in nearby Pascagoula, Mississippi, to give apprenticeships to young Black laborers. She later moved to Atlanta to lobby corporations to hire Black women for white-collar jobs before working at a New York-based consulting firm where she led programs to provide apprenticeships for women in nontraditional careers.

Her successful career advocating for labor rights and workers' protections gained the attention of United States President Jimmy Carter, who appointed her to serve as director of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau.

Following the Carter Administration, she managed Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, served as Chief of Staff for the Democratic National Convention, and was Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison in the Clinton Administration.

In 1997, Secretary Herman made history as the first African American and the fifth woman to lead the U.S. Department of Labor under President Clinton. During her almost four-year tenure, unemployment dropped to a 30-year low, and she served as an instrumental mediator in the 1997 United Parcel Service workers strike, which at the time was the largest strike in the United States in two decades. Additionally, she played a role in the efforts to curtail sweatshops, supported two minimum wage increases, and helped pass the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, an overhaul of job training programs.

After serving in the Clinton Administration, Secretary Herman formed a consulting company, New Ventures, and served on the boards of numerous companies, including Coca-Cola, Entergy, and others. She was also a co-chair of the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund in 2006 and joined the board of the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Additionally, Secretary Herman was the president of the Dorothy I. Height Education Fund, named for the civil and women's rights activist who was her mentor.

Secretary Herman is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Charles Franklin, Jr. She is survived by her stepchildren, Charles J. Franklin, Michelle Franklin, and Shari Smith; her nephew Kirke (Teresa) Herman, Jr.; her cousins Bernard (Monceny) Broadus, Robin Broadus Iwuoha, Lori Hendricks, and Darryl Hendricks; and a host of godchildren, friends, mentees, and colleagues.

On a personal note, Secretary Herman was a great mentor and role model to me and so many women and African Americans in Alabama. A trailblazer and pioneer, she advocated for civil rights and workers protections. As we celebrate her incredible life and legacy, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the guidance she has given me in my life journey. Her extraordinary career in public service and advocacy is a testament to the power of one person to change the world. Through her hard work, brilliant mind, fearless determination, and thoughtful decision-making, she has changed lives. May the seeds she sowed into countless mentees continue to bear the fruit of change agents. Let us find comfort in knowing her incredible legacy will live on in the countless people she touched. May she rest in peace and power.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of an exceptional public servant, former Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, for her service to the City of Mobile, the State of Alabama, and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING ANASTASIIA
BILOBRYTSKA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anastasiia Bilobrytska for earning

the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Anastasiia has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Anastasiia, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Anastasiia's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Anastasiia Bilobrytska on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING KATHY LOGUE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Kathy Logue has made through her volunteerism at Bay Area Legal Services. After serving in the U.S. Army, Lt. Col. Kathy Logue began her career as an elementary school teacher in Chicago. A lifelong learner, she pursued her legal education at Chicago-Kent College of Law, part of the Illinois Institute of Technology, where she earned her law degree. Kathy was subsequently admitted to the Illinois Bar, practicing law for 39 years before relocating to Florida, where she joined the Florida Bar in 2009 and continued her legal career for an additional 14 years. Kathy has since retired from practicing law but remains active in her donation of time and legal expertise to the community. She is an active member of both the Illinois and Florida bars and remains in the retired reserves of the U.S. Army, ready to serve her country again if needed. Throughout her journey, Kathy has remained deeply committed to education and community service. Drawing on her experiences as a teacher, she has dedicated her retirement years to volunteering and substitute teaching in local schools. Additionally, Kathy has been actively involved with the New Port Richey VA Center, offering her time weekly to support veterans. She also volunteers with the Salvation Army of Pasco County's Domestic Violence Program each week, helping survivors navigate the legal process by reviewing and drafting petitions for Injunctions for Protection at the West Pasco Judicial Center. Kathy acts as a link between these clients in need and Bay Area Legal Services. She provides written referrals and assists in connecting the client with vital legal services and with follow-up to ensure victims are never alone in what can be a daunting process of fleeing abuse and obtaining protections. In addition to her dedication to volunteering with the VA and DV programs, Kathy is highly involved in the West Pasco Bar Association and has put her legal skills to use by participating in the West Pasco Bar Association's "Ask a Lawyer" program. In this role, she engaged with the public on law-related questions, providing invaluable support to individuals, families, and businesses. Kathy sponsors a legal aid paralegal membership for the West Pasco Bar Association and has worked to expand membership for legal serv-

ices staff. Kathy Logue's dedication, compassion, and service to her country, her community, and countless clients are truly inspiring. She is undeniably deserving of recognition for her outstanding pro bono volunteer work. Over the past ten years, in retirement from her full time professional life, Kathy has provided over 400 hours of pro bono service to her community, sometimes dealing with personal health challenges along the way.

It is clear Lt. Colonel Kathy Logue 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call Votes on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner YEA on Roll Call No. 123, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 30, and YEA on Roll Call No. 124, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 249.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS LEIDLEIN AS MAY 2025
VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the extraordinary service and unwavering dedication of Sergeant First Class Leidlein, a proud veteran of the United States Army and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for May 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His exceptional military career and steadfast commitment to innovation, leadership, and mentorship embody the very best of American service.

Sergeant First Class Leidlein answered the call to serve his country on September 5, 1991, when he enlisted in the United States Army. Over a remarkable twenty-year career, he rose to the rank of Sergeant First Class, serving in diverse and demanding environments across the globe. After completing his initial training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to the 4th of the 11th Field Artillery at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he excelled in missions from the icy glaciers of Whittier to international operations in Thailand and training exercises in California's Mojave Desert.

Throughout his distinguished service, Sergeant First Class Leidlein earned numerous awards, including multiple Army Achievement Medals and Army Commendation Medals, in recognition of his leadership, technical expertise, and operational excellence. His assignments included critical modernization work at Fort Knox, leadership roles at Fort Drum with the 10th Mountain Division, and recruitment duties where he was recognized as a top recruiter in the Great Lakes Battalion. His innovations in integrating advanced battlefield

technologies helped propel the Army into a new era of digital warfare.

Sergeant First Class Leidlein's service also included several combat deployments. He led and trained soldiers during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, supporting critical security and nation-building missions that included facilitating Afghanistan's first national election. Later, he served with distinction in Iraq, embedding with the 5th Iraqi Brigade near Baqubah, and returned to Afghanistan to advance stability operations in some of the nation's most challenging provinces. For his valor and meritorious service, he was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, a NATO Medal, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Following his retirement in September 2011, Sergeant First Class Leidlein left behind a legacy of courage, innovation, and selfless leadership. He mentored thousands of soldiers and cadets, contributed to groundbreaking Army modernization efforts, and helped shape the future of America's defense forces. His journey from the glaciers of Alaska to the deserts of Iraq reflects a career built on resilience, integrity, and an unyielding devotion to duty.

Mr. Speaker, let us express our sincerest appreciation to Sergeant First Class Leidlein for his outstanding military service and for his enduring contributions to our Nation's strength and security. His story is a testament to the American spirit of service, sacrifice, and excellence, and it is an honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING CADEN BEISER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caden Beiser for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Caden has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Caden, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Caden's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Caden Beiser on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING LISA DEGENNARO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Lisa DeGennaro has made through her work with the CARES Senior Clinic. Lisa is the clinic's competent receptionist. She is the first to greet all who call and walk into the clinic, always with a smile. She is eager to assist and

direct patients to the right place. The clinic would not run smoothly without her diligent efforts.

It is clear Lisa DeGennaro 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 MAY AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month. I want to take a moment to honor the courage and strength of families across the Nation who face lifelong hardships due to this disease—including one of my own constituents, Rachel Reising, and her family. It is so important for families like Rachel's for us to encourage dialogue and acknowledgement of Huntington's Disease so we can work to improve prevention and care of affected folks at the federal level.

Huntington's disease is a rare genetic disorder that slowly damages the brain over time. It leads to a progressive loss of control over movements, thoughts, and emotions. There is currently no cure. However, there is hope. Because of ongoing advancements in medical research and continued investments in biomedical science, we are closer than ever to the possibility of breakthrough treatments and perhaps even a cure in the decade ahead through gene therapy.

Rachel, my constituent, recently reached out to me to bravely share her story. As she grieves the loss of her father, whom she tragically lost to Huntington's, it has become her life's mission to advocate for proper care of those with Huntington's and for a cure. I am so moved by her strength and resilience.

In honor of Rachel's family and the tens of thousands of others who face Huntington's Disease, I am proud to lend my voice to this cause. May this month serve not only as a time of remembrance and education, but also a call to action. I ask my colleagues to do everything we can to help those living with rare diseases such as Huntington's Disease, and to fight for more research, better support, and even greater care.

HONORING THE HMONG AMERICAN COMMUNITY

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hmong American community and commemorate May 14, 2025, as Hmong American Day, marking 50 years since the first Hmong families began their journey to the United States following the fall of Long Cheng in 1975. On this day, we recognize the legacy of service, sacrifice, and strength that defines the Hmong American experience.

From 1961 to 1975, more than 40,000 Hmong men and boys—many under the age of 18—were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight in the Secret War in Laos, a critical but often overlooked chapter of the Vietnam War. Fighting alongside American forces, Hmong soldiers risked everything to defend freedom and combat the spread of communism in Southeast Asia. Following the end of the war, they and their families faced persecution and displacement, forcing thousands to flee Laos.

On May 14, 1975, the final airlift evacuated Hmong soldiers and their families from Laos to refugee camps in Thailand. From there, many resettled in the United States, including in California's Central Valley, where they rebuilt their lives with determination and hope. Today, communities like Clovis, Fresno, and Sacramento are home to some of the largest and most vibrant Hmong populations in the country. These families have contributed to the fabric of American society in countless ways by serving as educators, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, public servants, and community leaders.

We especially honor the Hmong veterans and their families, whose courage and loyalty to the United States must never be forgotten. Their stories remind us of the price of freedom and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

I commend the County of Fresno, the City of Clovis, and other local governments for formally recognizing Hmong American Day and paying tribute to the history, culture, and contributions of the Hmong people. I join them in encouraging all Americans to learn more about this rich legacy and to celebrate the extraordinary impact of Hmong Americans on our communities and our country.

RECOGNIZING CALEB GALLEGOS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caleb Gallegos for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Caleb has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Caleb, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Caleb's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Caleb Gallegos on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING LORI VENTURA

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Lori Ventura has made through her work with

the CARES Senior Clinic. Lori serves as Healthcare Ambassador for the CARES Senior Health Clinic. Lori helps coordinate the care for 1,200 patients, including frail, disabled, low income & homeless clients. She helps coordinate treatments and community resources to aide in the health and wellbeing of all in the community. She has helped save the lives of countless individuals.

It is clear Lori Ventura 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 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DETROIT MEMORIAL PARK

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today, the 12th Congressional District honors the 100th anniversary of Detroit Memorial Park, Michigan's oldest Black-owned cemetery and a beacon of dignity, justice, and community for generations.

Founded in 1925 by visionary Black leaders Charles C. Diggs, Sr. and Aaron C. Toodle, Detroit Memorial Park was born out of necessity, at a time when Black families in Detroit were denied basic dignity in burial. These trailblazers cleared sacred ground where all people, regardless of race or faith, could be laid to rest with respect.

From offering fresh vegetables to families during the Depression to providing low-cost transportation for mourners, Detroit Memorial Park has always led with care and compassion. Today, with cemeteries in Warren, Redford, and Flint, they continue this legacy across over 170 acres. As we celebrate this historic milestone, I offer my deepest gratitude to Detroit Memorial Park for a century of unwavering service and dignity.

The 12th District honors the Detroit Memorial Park and celebrates this momentous occasion for our community.

HONORING ANGELA Y. CARSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Angela Y. Carson, a dedicated leader and community advocate, for her outstanding service as Executive Director of Pine Grove Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Canton, Mississippi.

Founded in 1992 by Rufus and Aggie Carson, Pine Grove Association has been a cornerstone of the Canton community for over three decades. The organization is rooted in a mission of empowering individuals and families by fostering mobility, advocating for social justice, and promoting diversity and inclusion.

Under Ms. Carson's visionary leadership, Pine Grove Association continues to offer impactful programs and services that serve

both youth and adults. Among these is the Madison Area Global Innovation Collaborative (MAGIC), a transformative initiative designed to promote global learning opportunities for middle school students. Through education and innovation, MAGIC equips the next generation with the skills, values, and global perspective necessary for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

The mission of Pine Grove Association—to empower individuals through value-centered leadership, talent development, and community well-being—remains steadfast. Ms. Carson has further advanced this mission by exploring cutting-edge strategies, including the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) to scale the organization's operations. Her goals include developing a scalable business model, optimizing internal processes through AI applications, and preparing for future funding through AI-driven data analysis.

Ms. Carson's commitment to innovation and equity in community building exemplifies the forward-thinking leadership that uplifts and transforms lives. Through her stewardship, Pine Grove Association remains a beacon of empowerment and inclusion for the citizens of Canton and surrounding communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Angela Y. Carson for her tireless work and in celebrating the ongoing impact of Pine Grove Association, Inc. on the lives of Mississippians.

RECOGNIZING DEVONTE BONGGAS-ELLENBURG

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Devonte Bonggas-Ellenburg for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Devonte has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Devonte, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Devonte's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Devonte Bonggas-Ellenburg on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MARY "ADAMS" ADAMCZEWSKI

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Mary "Adams" Adamczewski has made to our community as a volunteer with People Helping People (PHP) as its Treasurer of the Board of Directors since 2016. Her budgeting and accounting skills alone make her a wonderful ad-

dition to PHP, but she brings so much more. Mary's heart for helping those who are hungry is huge. She is at PHP's HELP Center nearly every day it's open, cooking, preparing, and serving food to the thousands of neighbors the organization feeds each year. This woman can make a meal out of typical pantry items that tastes gourmet. In addition to weekdays, you can count on Mary to be at the facility almost every Sunday, along with a loyal team of other volunteers, ensuring those that are unhoused or unable to afford much food receive a wonderful, hot meal. In addition to those who enjoy the sit-down meals on Sunday, she makes sure that two families with a combined total of nearly two dozen children also receive a nutritious and delicious Sunday meal. Because of the length of time she's been with PHP and her deep involvement with PHP's mission, Mary also serves as an "unofficial" historian. Mary digs in with whatever needs to be done, even making the weekly run to the Recycling Center with the recyclables accumulated at PHP. And there's more. If a client needs a haircut, Mary brings her electric razor, and in no time, someone has a fresh new look. One of PHP's long-time clients was recently hospitalized. He had no family but he and Mary had a special relationship, and he considered her his "family". Mary was the one to visit him in his final days and made sure that he was well taken care of to the end. Another gentleman is not only unhoused, but has Huntington's Disease. Mary assists him with making sure he always has food and other necessities, and takes him to his medical appointments. Her kindness and energy knows no bounds. She is respected by everyone at PHP and wears so many different hats. Mary does all this with the support of her loving family.

It is clear Mary "Adams" Adamczewski 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 POLYNESIAN ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Polynesian Association of Alaska (PAOA), a non-profit organization that is celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Over the span of two decades, this organization has committed itself to educating Pacific Islanders across various domains, including health and social services, employment, culture, language, voting, education, immigration, and more.

PAOA was founded on November 16, 2004, in Anchorage, Alaska, following a Samoan Computer Language Senior Class led by Lusiana Tuga Hansen. This non-profit entity was formally established and registered in the City of Anchorage and the State of Alaska on February 1, 2005, and achieved 501(c)(3) status on June 16, 2006. Since its establishment, it has functioned as the leading organization for the Pacific Island community in Alaska from 2005 to 2025.

PAOA's mission is to empower and educate individuals and families while promoting pride and acceptance of all cultures and instilling the best values they embody. The organization currently has 53 registered members and 19 Board Members. Their vision is to ensure that the Pacific Island community in Alaska and beyond receives support in education, employment, and cultural enrichment. I want to thank the group for their continued dedication to Polynesian cultural and community values in Alaska and for their contributions to the Pacific Islands region at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays during my travel from my home state of Louisiana, I was unable to be in attendance for votes in the evening of May 13, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123, and NAY on Roll Call No. 124.

RECOGNIZING DARCI LIND GARTMAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darci Lind Gartman for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Darci has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Darci, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Darci's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Darci Lind Gartman on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING LYNN WHITE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Lynn White 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. White was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Lynn White 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.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of State.

SD-419

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine defending against drones, focusing on setting safeguards for counter unmanned aircraft systems.

SD-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of State.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4:45 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on an update on Yemen.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 190, to enhance the operations of the North Pacific Research Board, S. 318, to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, S. 337, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to the shipping of household goods, S. 503, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, S. 1092, to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, S. 1442, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for eligibility for projects for the installation of human trafficking awareness signs at rest stops, S. 1523, to modify operations of the National Water Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and the nominations of David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and promotions in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the state of higher education.

SD-430

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine fueling America's manufacturing comeback.

SR-428A

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture.

SD-106

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine science and Federal health agencies, focusing on Myocarditis and other events associated with the COVID-19 vaccines.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Energy.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Small Business Administration.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine defense of the Department of Defense Information Network; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at 3:30 p.m.

SR-222

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Seapower

To hold hearings to examine Navy unmanned systems.

SR-232A

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine AI-generated deepfakes.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 214, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, S. 219, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers, S. 506, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to coordinate, navigate, and manage care and benefits for veterans enrolled in both the Medicare program and the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 585, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pre-transition health care registration process to facilitate enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs by members of the Armed Forces who are separating from the Armed Forces, S. 599, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, S. 605, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, S. 635, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 649, to

amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 778, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 784, to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, S. 800, to modify the Precision Medicine for Veterans Initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 827, to extend and modify the transportation grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 879, to expand medical, employment, and other benefits for individuals serving as family caregivers for certain veterans, S. 1318, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, S. 1320, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, S. 1441, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, S. 1533, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and codify the pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 1543, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and S. 1591, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department.

SR-418

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2903–S2936

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1748–1771, and S. Res. 225–230. **Pages S2927–28**

Measures Passed:

American Music Tourism Act: Senate passed S. 195, to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism. **Page S2933**

Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 260, to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening. **Page S2933**

National Space Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 228, supporting May 2, 2025, as “National Space Day” in recognition of the significant positive impact the aerospace community has and will continue to have on the United States of America. **Page S2934**

Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S2934**

National Hospital Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 230, supporting the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 11 through May 17, 2025. **Page S2934**

Honoring the Life of George Foreman—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of S.Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman, Cornyn Amendment No. 2227, to amend the preamble, which is at the desk be agreed to, with no intervening action or debate, and the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make appropriate changes to reflect adoption of the amendment. **Page S2932**

Donahue Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sean

Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Pages S2923–24

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2924**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m.; that following disposition of the nomination of Sean Donahue, Senate Kaine, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to discharge S.Res. 195, requesting information on El Salvador’s human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and following the motion to discharge, all time be equally divided, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate then vote on the motion to discharge S.Res. 195. **Page S2935**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 250), Katharine MacGregor, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2903–10, S2935**

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Michael Rigas, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Pages S2910–16, S2935**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 251), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2910**

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Emil Michael, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. **Pages S2917–20, S2935**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 253), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2916**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Eric Matthew Ueland, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Pages S2920–23, S2935

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—257) **Pages S2909–10, S2916, S2920, S2923–24**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2935.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lee Zeldin, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: SAA AND USCP

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Hemingway, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate; and Chief J. Thomas Manger, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine FAA reauthorization one year later, focusing on aviation safety, air traffic, and next generation technology, after receiving testimony from Jodi Baker, Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Franklin McIntosh, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, and Wayne Heibeck, Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports, all of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William L. Doffermeyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity), and Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary (Fossil Energy), both of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and Ned Mamula, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, and Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine trade in critical supply chains, after receiving testimony from Gracelin Baskaran, Center for Strategic and International Studies, David Isaacs, Semiconductor Industry Association, and Scott Whitaker, AdvaMed, the Medtech Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Caleb Ragland, American Soybean Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

DEPARTMENT OF HHS BUDGET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Kennedy, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO NATIVE AMERICANS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine delivering essential public health and social services to Native Americans, focusing on Federal programs serving Native Americans across the operating divisions at the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Janet Alkire, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board; Loni Greninger, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington; Melissa Charlie, Fairbanks Native Association, Fairbanks, Alaska; Lucy R. Simpson, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Lame Deer, Montana; and Sheri-Ann Daniels, Papa Ola Lokahi, Honolulu, on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Health Board.

FOREIGN THREATS TO INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine foreign

threats to American innovation and economic leadership, after receiving testimony from Aaron Todd Bores, Moen Incorporated, North Olmsted, Ohio; Mark A. Cohen, Asia Society of Northern California, San Francisco; Bradford Muller, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Karyn A. Temple, Motion Picture Association, Inc., Washington, D.C.

AMERICA'S MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL BOOM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing America's manufacturing and industrial boom, including S.1555, to increase loan limits for loans made to small manufacturers, and S.1593, to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed pursuant to the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President, after receiving testimony from John Mickelson, Midwest Growth Partners, West Des Moines, Iowa; Julie Robbins, EarthQuaker Devices LLC, Akron, Ohio; Brian Riley, Guardian Bikes, Seymour, Indiana; and Ben Geis, Eagle Private Capital, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the Small Business Investor Alliance.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

OLDER AMERICANS PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparing for disasters, focusing on unique challenges facing older Americans, after receiving testimony from Sheriff Chris Nocco, Pasco County, New Port Richey, Florida; Jennifer Pipa, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.; and L. Vance Taylor, Rancho Cordova, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 3378–3419; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 409–413, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stutzman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 13th.

Salem Maritime National Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study Act: H.R. 2215, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2021–22**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H2031**

LEOSA Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 2243, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 128.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H2024–27**

H. Res. 405, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2240), (H.R. 2243), and (H.R. 2255) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 127, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 126. **Pages H2014–21, H2022–23**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community: H. Res. 352, calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 129.

Pages H2027–31, H2032

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 24, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Page H2033**

Investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 119th Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 119th Congress: Representa-

tives Bentz, Cline, Fedorchak, Kim, Mann, Owens, Rose, Rouzer, Taylor and Yakym. **Page H2033**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2021–22, H2022–23, H2023, H2031–32 and H2032.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee concluded a markup on Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was ordered reported, as amended.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Robert Conrad, Secretary, Judicial Conference; and Amy St. Eve, Chair, Budget Committee, Judicial Conference.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Todd Lyons, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Sean Duffy, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

U.S. NAVY; U.S. MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from John Phelan, Secretary, U.S. Navy; Admiral James W. Kilby, Acting Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; and General Eric M. Smith, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Admiral Kevin Lunday, Acting Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Energy, Installations, and Environment Update”. Testimony was heard from Robert Thompson, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Daniel Klippstein, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of the Army; Brenda Johnson-Turner, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Michael E. Saunderson, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “National Security Space Programs”. Testimony was heard from Andrea Yaffe, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Chris Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Frank Whitworth, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Major General Stephen Purdy, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

REIMAGINING EDUCATION: HOW CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING GAPS AND OPENING DOORS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Reimagining Education: How Charter Schools Are Closing Gaps and

Opening Doors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle A—Energy; Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle B—Environment; Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle C—Communications; and Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle D—Health. Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle A—Energy; Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle B—Environment; Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle C—Communications were ordered reported, without amendment. Committee Print, Title IV—Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subtitle D—Health was ordered reported, as amended.

EXPANDING CHOICE AND INCREASING SUPPLY: HOUSING INNOVATION IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Expanding Choice and Increasing Supply: Housing Innovation in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENHANCING COMPETITION: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF BANK MERGERS AND DE NOVO FORMATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Competition: Shaping the Future of Bank Mergers and De Novo Formation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC SECURITY, ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS ABROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “National Economic Security, Advancing U.S. Interests Abroad”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A NEW ERA OF HOMELAND SECURITY: A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A New Era of Homeland Security: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”.

Testimony was heard from Kristi Noem, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

THE NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM MAIN RESIDENCY MATCH MONOPOLY: EVALUATING THE MEDICAL RESIDENCY ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “The MATCH Monopoly: Evaluating the Medical Residency Antitrust Exemption”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mann, Gosar, Nehls, Downing, Austin Scott of Georgia, and Moylan.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Fitzgerald, Frost, Perez, Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Goodlander, Hernández, Houlahan, Issa, Kaptur, Kiggans of Virginia, LaLota, Mackenzie, McGuire, Min, Moore of North Carolina, Moskowitz, Nunn of Iowa, Simon, Tlaib, and Yakym.

WASTE AND DELAYS: EXAMINING VA’S IMPROPER PAYMENTS IN ITS COMPENSATION AND PENSION PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Waste and Delays: Examining VA’s Improper Payments in its Compensation and Pension Programs”. Testimony was heard from Nina Tann, Executive Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Brent E. Arronte, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee concluded a markup on Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2001 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14. Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2001 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense responsibilities related to Foreign Military Sales system and international armaments cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety reauthorization, focusing on ensuring the safe and efficient movement of American energy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of James O’Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, and Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Kenneth Howerly, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Leandro Rizzuto, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Joel Rayburn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs), Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), and Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Janet Dhillon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 180, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the use of grant amounts for providing training and resources for first responders on the use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances, and purchasing such containment devices for use by first responders, S. 237, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, S. 419, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support law enforcement officers and families, S. 539, to reauthorize the

PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, S. 911, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program, S. 1316, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities, S. 1563, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, S. 1595, to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and the nominations of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, and Jason Reding Quinones, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years, all of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hear-

ing entitled “Defense Intelligence Enterprise Posture Hearing”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Reclaiming OSHA’s Mission: Ensuring Safety Without Overreach”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Task Force on Monetary Policy, Treasury Market Resilience, and Economic Prosperity, hearing entitled “Examining Treasury Market Fragilities and Preventative Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “In Defense of Defensive Measures: Reauthorizing Cybersecurity Information Sharing Activities that Underpin U.S. National Cyber Defense”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Fix Our Forests: How Improved Land Management Can Protect Communities in the Wildland-Urban Interface”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “From Detection to Deflection: Evaluating NASA’s Planetary Defense Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Small Part in A Big Company: Examining the Power of Franchising in the American Economy”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: An Update on Implementation One Year Later”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Advance Appropriations”, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Deterrence Amid Rising Tensions: Preventing CCP Aggression on Taiwan”, 9 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, May 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Sean Donahue, Senator Kaine, or his designee, will make a motion to discharge S. Res. 195, requesting information on El Salvador's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and then vote on the motion to discharge the resolution at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 15

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2255—Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act of 2025. Consideration of H.R. 2240—Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act.

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