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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 4, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VINCE FONG to act as 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.

PROTECTING SNAP FROM BUDGET CUTS

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

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the cruel cuts Republicans want to make to SNAP, the food assistance program. These would be the largest cuts in our Nation's history.

No one in the United States should go hungry. Unfortunately, President Trump and Republicans don't agree. They want to make the largest cuts in our Nation's history to the food assistance program that we call SNAP.

House Republicans just voted to do this. When did they do it? They did it in the middle of the night so it wouldn't be covered and so nobody would see. House Republicans voted to take away food assistance from hungry Americans.

House Republicans' plan would slash and cut \$300 billion from SNAP. That means ripping away meals from children, seniors, veterans, and families just trying to get by. Why? It is all to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

SNAP is not a handout. It is a lifeline. Behind every SNAP benefit is a person. It is a mother, a veteran, and a neighbor doing everything they can to survive.

We also know that food assistance helps keep people healthy, and it helps them survive. What do Republicans say when constituents have expressed concerns about cuts to things like healthcare and programs to keep them healthy like SNAP? This is what they say: "We are all going to die." This is an actual quote. This is what Republicans are telling the American people. We are going to die anyway. How outrageous is that? How cruel is that?

Mr. Speaker, that may be true someday. It is no excuse to let people starve today and not because of Republicans' cruel policies. We should not turn our backs on millions of Americans and their fight to survive poverty and live with dignity.

Republicans are doing nothing to bring down costs. Instead, their policies and their failure to act are making life more expensive for hardworking Americans during a time when inflation and a rise in grocery prices make it harder for people to get by.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you about Tylynn. Tylynn is a single mother of four from Wilmington, California, in my district. She fell on hard times. Tylynn was homeless and lost custody of her children because she simply

could not afford to feed them. SNAP changed everything. With help, she got back on her feet. Today, she has a stable home and has regained full custody of her children.

Mr. Speaker, let me also tell you about Michael. Michael is a 66-year-old disabled veteran from San Pedro, California, in my district. He served in the Army for 7 years. He and his partner, Suzanne, now rely on SNAP to afford groceries. Without it, they go hungry.

For Tylynn, for Michael, and 42 million Americans, food assistance programs like SNAP are so critical. It is not a luxury. The Republican budget bill to cut SNAP is a direct threat to their well-being and to millions of Americans.

House Democrats stood strong and voted to oppose these cuts. The fight is not over. We will not stand by silently while Americans are pushed into hunger.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Senate to reject these cuts. I urge my House Republican colleagues to grow a spine to fight so Americans don't go hungry.

HONORING MIKE LEACH

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Leach, a dear friend, a brilliant coach, and one of the most original minds college football has ever known. His long overdue path to the College Football Hall of Fame was finally cleared with last week's decision to revise the hall's eligibility criteria. As such, Mike Leach will be eligible for the Hall of Fame in 2027.

Mike Leach wasn't just a coach. He was the most influential mind in college football in the last 30 years. No one is more deserving of being in the Hall of Fame.

Mike was a pioneer. He was the architect of the Air Raid offense, a system that changed the game and

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launched the careers of countless players and coaches. It revolutionized football from the high school level to the heights of the NFL. More than that, Mike Leach was a thinker and a storyteller. In life, for me, he was a cherished friend.

Most Hall of Fame coaches inherit programs steeped in tradition. Mike didn't. In fact, he didn't even play football at the college level. He was a rugby player who earned a law degree. He took on the challenge of rebuilding, starting at the lowest levels of college football. He worked his way up in the true American Dream fashion.

He coached at Texas Tech, Mississippi State, and, most importantly for me, at Washington State University. He didn't just win games; he changed cultures. He made football fun, fearless, and innovative.

Off the field, Mike was just as remarkable. A few years back, together, we created and taught the insurgent warfare in football class at Washington State University, which we then taught on a special basis at Mississippi State University.

When I first met Mike, I had come off some time working with the State Department in Iraq where I had the privilege of working very closely with General Petraeus and came to know General Mattis.

When I thought about Mike and the connection to football and how he was an innovator and an insurgent warrior, I thought about the football analogy. General Petraeus and General Mattis would be a little more like Nick Saban. How do we win when we have all the heavy firepower, the four-star and five-star recruits?

Mike was more like Ho Chi Minh, sitting out in the jungle. How do we win with two-star recruits and three-star recruits?

We created this class to look at asymmetric strategy. It was a great success and great fun. Mike and I would speak two to three times per week, often about politics and culture.

Together, we traveled the world, visiting over 10 countries, from Israel to Dubai, Tanzania to Panama. He was a pirate with a playbook. He was intellectually curious, endlessly witty, and genuinely kind. His insights on leadership, war, and human nature are a fundamental reason of why I am here today.

Mike and I also talked about him running for office someday. Not many folks know that, but he looked seriously at coming to Congress. At the time he did so, I told him that he has a young team. He is making over \$5 million a year. He can always run again. Unfortunately, he was taken from us too soon when he passed.

His legacy lives on, and his greatest love was for people, for his players, his friends, and his family. Coach Leach finished with a career just .004 below the previous threshold-winning percentage for the Hall of Fame. With last week's decision by the National Foot-

ball Foundation to revise the rule, the door is now open, and rightfully so.

If the Hall of Fame is about more than just numbers, if it is about impact, innovation, and legacy, then Mike Leach belongs there without question. I urge the foundation to complete this long overdue recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my friend, who I have no doubt is watching Congress every day, that he always did things his own way. Now, even the Hall of Fame is catching up to him.

JOB CORPS CUTS

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, we know that the Trump administration just cut a 60-year program called Job Corps that provided young people with stable housing and career training.

This is why I joined several of my Michigan colleagues in a letter to the Trump administration, demanding that they reverse this reckless decision to abruptly shut down Job Corps centers across the Nation.

This action is yet another example of the cruel actions taken to dismantle programs for our families. Many of them depend on this. They are lifelines for our families.

Mr. Speaker, in Michigan alone, Job Corps has three centers with more than 700 students in Flint and Grand Rapids, including 200 young people in the city of Detroit.

Everyone deserves the ability to shape their own future with access to career training and hands-on experience. The sense of stability and direction Job Corps provides for our youth is invaluable.

Now, the sudden closing of these centers has left students devastated. I wish my colleagues would see the images of the young people dragging their black trash bags through the parking lot with nowhere to go.

It is heartbreaking for these students, who have worked so hard to join the workforce, to have the rug pulled out right from underneath them with only hours of notice. It is disgraceful that our government would turn its back on them like this.

There is one young person in my district in the city of Detroit whose mother has cancer. She is trying to seek treatment and trying to live. Her son depends on Job Corps for housing and for future career opportunities.

Yet again, here we are, cutting these vital programs that many people across the country support, no matter political affiliation.

I want them to know that they deserve better and that not all of us in this Chamber will turn our backs on them. We are going to fight together to restore the funding. I will continue to call out these inhumane and lawless actions.

It is very important for the American people to know this Congress and this

Chamber authorized the funding for Job Corps. The President of the United States does not have the authority to snap his fingers and cut the funding.

The American people must continue to speak up about the impact of having Job Corps cut. Again, we are going to work together to try to restore it.

HEAD START

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, last week was the 60th birthday of Head Start, which is a lifeline and a life-changing experience for many of our families and has anchors all across the country and communities. It has helped our young children for decades.

I do want to bring a story from my district. Alex, a public school speech therapist in Dearborn Heights, said that several of her students are directly impacted by threats to Head Start funding. Students attending Head Start are entitled to receive necessary special education services.

As a parent of a 2-year-old daughter, she also knows that there are opportunities for her to start her education in the welcoming community that Head Start provides.

This year alone, nearly 750,000 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers will receive Head Start services, supporting early childhood learning, development, and health. These centers rely on us to make sure we keep that Federal funding to provide the care for our children.

Again, I know earlier this year we were all thrown into a panic when the Trump administration recklessly decided to cut off the Federal funding. I led 23 of my colleagues with the Congressional Mamas Caucus in a letter to President Trump. We demanded he take immediate action to restore the Head Start funding, many of them, again, months and weeks without receiving funding.

Our fight isn't over, though. Head Start is essential to countless communities in every State and every corner of our Nation. The threat to Head Start is real. Colleagues must work together to try to protect it.

As the chair of Congressional Mamas Caucus, I will continue to lead efforts in Congress to defend these critical programs for generations to come.

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DISCRIMINATORY AUTO INSURANCE RATES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I don't know about you, but I have no idea that someone's income, occupation, education, ZIP Code, marital status, credit score, or homeownership status have anything to do with somebody's auto insurance rates or whether or not they are a good driver. It has absolutely nothing to do with it. Yet, we are allowing in this country for the auto insurance industry to use non-driving factors to discriminate and to allow predatory practices to determine auto insurance rates.

In my district alone, I have seen many families with auto insurance, which is required by law, see their rates go up almost 40 percent, keeping

them in the cycle of poverty and keeping them in survival mode when they should be able to drive.

Auto insurance rates should be based on how good a person's driving record is, period. It is outrageous that many continue to allow these discriminatory practices to be applied.

Please support the PAID Act. It is good legislation to continue to protect our residents and make sure they get insurance that they can afford.

JC FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the unique opportunity to say congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade Team Army flag football team for winning the Northwest Tucson Under the Lights spring championship, a team that I had the pleasure and the privilege of coaching.

The spring season was our third undefeated season in a row and the second championship in the last three seasons. With this spring season championship, we have qualified to compete in the national tournament in Florida this July.

I absolutely love coaching, and I don't think there is anything better than that. I have been coaching most of these boys since they were in second grade, and it has been amazing seeing them grow up, compete together, and support each other like teammates always should.

My players—Kenny Ciscomani, Augie Axen, Mateo Brandt, Cooper Brayant, Braeydn Darby, Isaiah Davis, Bas Guthrie, Preston Harshberger, Warrick Mendoza, Dominic Olivito, and Cor Pinneo—throughout the entire year, and this season's playoffs in particular, played with grit, determination, and passion. In spite of being down by several possessions at different points, they kept their composure and executed the game plan perfectly against tough opposition. I congratulate the boys. They earned this victory. I am so proud to display the trophy right here in my office in Washington, D.C.

I thank the coaches who often had to take over due to my hectic schedule. We would not be here without them.

I thank the families and fans who came to cheer us on for being with us throughout it all. They were truly an indispensable part of our remarkable season.

The team should enjoy this championship. They earned it.

Now, on to nationals representing Arizona. Let's go get it.

CONGRATULATING JANE STRAIN ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and Army veteran Jane Strain on a well-deserved retirement as a trustee of Cochise College's governing board after an incredible 27 years.

Since even before being elected, I have been lucky to have Jane as a resource, and I have come to deeply respect her role as a community leader, a tireless advocate for our veterans, and a devoted volunteer.

A fighter and leader by example, Jane's work on behalf of our veterans is well known across Arizona, which is why I jumped at the opportunity to ask her to be a part of my veteran advisory council.

Jane's powerful voice, grounded by personal experience and genuine desire to help those who served, has been an invaluable resource for me and has greatly informed my efforts working to support the nearly 80,000 veterans in my district that they call home.

Jane's exceptional record reaches beyond our veterans. It also focuses on education and empowering our youth to reach their potential.

As a trustee of Cochise College's governing board, Jane has been instrumental in shaping Cochise College into the innovative institution it is today.

While Jane's retirement marks the end of an extraordinary chapter, I have no doubt that she will continue to do amazing work and will enjoy this new chapter being closer to her children and grandchildren.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank Jane so much for her service. I look forward to hearing about Jane's next adventure and all the amazing things she will still be doing and be able to achieve.

CONGRATULATING SALPOINTE MEN'S BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say congratulations to the Salpointe men's baseball team for their remarkable achievement in winning the 4A State championship.

In a thrilling match, they defeated Flagstaff by a score of 8 runs to 0, truly an incredible performance by all the players.

This victory earned Head Coach Danny Preble his second State championship since 2017.

I thank and congratulate Coach Preble, his staff, the players, parents, fans, and everyone who played a part in this special season. They made their school and community incredibly proud.

Once again, I congratulate them. Go Lancers. This is their victory. They earned it, so enjoy.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROJECT CANCELATIONS

(Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in fierce objection to the hasty, ill-considered decisions made by the new administration that undermine new investment in America's future energy and manufacturing systems.

Rather than enhancing new energy generation and bolstering good-paying jobs in the United States of America across all energy sectors, including ad-

vanced energy manufacturing, the U.S. Department of Energy has ceded ground to global competitors like Communist China.

Last Friday, U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright announced that the Department of Energy was canceling \$3.7 billion of previously appropriated funding for 24 advanced energy projects inside the borders of the United States of America.

Our goal must be to make America energy independent inside our borders in perpetuity.

These initiatives were designed to reduce energy costs and to reinvest in American-based manufacturing firms, our Nation's future.

These projects were funded under the Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. The goal was to resecure the United States as the global leader in energy innovation, but now, the Department of Energy has pulled the rug out from the future by walking away from leading-edge U.S. manufacturers. I never thought I would see that from this administration.

Two weeks ago, I raised this issue of strategic U.S. investment during a hearing with the new Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright. In terms of these companies, he said: "If it is viable, and it is going to create jobs, and it is going to do these great things, we are going to support that project."

The Secretary said that he would ask these questions to make the decisions: Is the investment legal? Is the technology viable? Is the engineering done competently? Is there a market for it? Does it add to our national or economic security?

The projects in question check all of these boxes, so what has changed? The Department of Energy claims that it conducted a "thorough and individualized financial review of each award." It found that "these projects failed to advance the energy needs of the American people [and] were not economically viable."

Every company is economically viable.

Turning America's back on recognized U.S.-based manufacturing—I will underline that—facing fierce global competition—I underline that—is an insult.

This includes hundreds of hard-working constituents even across northwest Ohio. If the goal is to Make America Great Again, then the U.S. Department of Energy just failed royally. Each of these U.S. manufacturing companies has developed plans to modernize operations and to position themselves and our communities to fight back toward economic success in a fierce global economic race.

America can lead in the energy sector, but we cannot roll back the clock to a former era when America became economically paralyzed due to oil embargoes and dirty manufacturing.

Three of the projects across our country for which funding had been assured are from well-respected Ohio

companies: Libbey Glass, Owens-Illinois Glass, and Kraft Heinz.

Let's talk about Libbey. This historic company holds deep roots in my hometown of Toledo, long known as the Glass City. Glass requires lots of energy. The firm has been working for years to maintain competitiveness in a terrible international glass environment while reducing its environmental footprint.

Making glass requires huge amounts of power, as I said, and the funding Libbey was awarded would have helped it transition to more powerful glass furnaces with cleaner manufacturing technologies. These jobs are union jobs with living wages and benefits that strengthen Ohio as a hub for advanced industry.

Owens-Illinois Glass, another recognized heritage glassmaking firm, is headquartered in Perrysburg, Ohio. It had similar plans at its Zanesville, Ohio, plants to remain viable and globally competitive.

Third, Kraft Heinz, a giant in the food industry, is in Fremont, Ohio.

I simply do not understand how canceling these projects makes America great again. Instead, it emboldens our foreign competitors.

I invite President Trump to Ohio to visit these companies. He can change these decisions by his Secretary of Energy.

America can't look in the rearview mirror. We have to look forward to America's new energy future, and the Department of Energy's misguided decisions will really hurt American advanced manufacturing.

Ohio knows what it means to get left behind. We have seen the effects of globalization. We have lived it. We have seen the effects of outsourcing and automation. The United States simply should not be hurting our legacy companies.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL BOONDOGGLE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, what began as a concept to connect California's two largest cities with high-speed rail has become a national embarrassment and one of the most expensive boondoggles in modern infrastructure history.

After more than 17 years and \$6.9 billion in just Federal money, and overall \$17 billion raised over 17 years, not a single mile of high-speed rail track has been laid, just a few bridges built.

A report released today by Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy and the Federal Railroad Administration confirmed what many of us have been saying for years and years: This project is not viable. It is riddled with mismanagement, massive cost overruns, missed deadlines, fantasy-level ridership projections, and even promising 1.1 million jobs in the process. After they got pinned down in committee at

the State legislature, they finally admitted it was 1 million job-years.

If you do the math on that, Mr. Speaker, they claim 10,000 workers there currently, so that would mean about 100 years to equal 1 million job-years. They seem to be right on track for 100 years in building this project.

It is still \$7 billion short just to build a sliver of this segment between Merced and an almond orchard somewhere outside of Bakersfield, hardly the world-class system voters were promised back in 2008.

The original vision for the project from S.F. to L.A. also included spurs to Sacramento and San Diego possibly, which would have been about an 800-mile network.

Now, well after a decade, what is left is simply the 119-mile stretch through the Central Valley I just mentioned, which doesn't really connect any major metro areas. That segment is years behind.

The whole project should have been done by 2020. They are hoping to get that Central Valley Project done by maybe 2030.

That project, the Central Valley part by itself, would be \$38.5 billion. The original concept of the whole thing was \$33 billion from S.F. to L.A.

The total estimated cost today is a staggering \$128 billion. As I mentioned, over a 17-year period from 2008 to now, they have raised only \$17 billion. They are short \$110 billion. They think they are going to come to the Federal Government and ask for that here? Are they going to hit the taxpayers for more? Are they going to pass more bonds to raise \$110 billion—what?—five or six times more than what they have already raised over 17 years?

There is no serious plan to even secure that kind of money. There is no credible timeline to finish the construction. There is no evidence that the California High-Speed Rail Authority is even capable of delivering or operating the system. The authority has failed to meet even the most basic terms of its Federal grant agreement.

That is why I am so pleased that Secretary Duffy has taken a good hard look at this and has come up with the conclusions they have.

They have not acted in good faith. They have downplayed the risks. They have run out of time and money. Basically, the voters—the people, everybody—have been lied to in order to keep this project alive.

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Even Governor Newsom, about the first week or two he was in office as Governor, for a moment there he said, you know, maybe we need to relook at this thing because it is not going very well. He must have got a hot set of phone calls from some angry donors, or somewhere in the system in Sacramento, because he got right back on track, so to speak.

The Trump administration is right to put this project on notice, claw back

whatever Federal money is still unwasted in that, and make sure that not a single dollar goes toward this boondoggle.

As a Californian, I can see plenty of other needs that California has that are grave, such as our water infrastructure, our electricity infrastructure, our highways, and our levies that prevent floods. I would probably dwell mostly on the water supply situation, as more and more of it seems to be devoted to fish, running it right out to the Pacific Ocean. Less and less agriculture is being planted and operated in California, including the issue in the San Joaquin Valley where more acres are taken out, which creates a higher dust situation, which contributes to more of what is known as Valley fever, a big problem. Instead, they want to put so-called solar farms—calling solar panels “farms” is an insult anyway.

So much of the Nation's food supply comes from California, the specialty crops: tomatoes, almonds, pistachios, so many things that America consumes. Many of these crops are 100 percent grown in California or 90-plus percent grown in California. Yet, they still want to keep wasting money on this high-speed rail boondoggle that, as I said, is \$110 billion short of today's projections of finishing this thing when they have only raised \$17 billion over 17 years.

Certainly, the California High-Speed Rail Authority has shown that it can't deliver on this project. Shift the money to something else. California could build 25 large dams and store enough water to grow everything it could ever want to grow in California. It is time to focus on infrastructure that really makes a difference for Californians, the American people, and keeping food on the table.

RECOGNIZING FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Fauquier High School class of 2025.

Last month, the 301 graduates and their families gathered at the packed Jiffy Lube Live to celebrate this milestone.

This senior class has a lot to be proud of, including beating their teachers in the students versus faculty basketball game.

The graduates excelled not only in the classroom but also on the field and in their ability to persevere through challenges. Whether they are heading into the workforce, trade school, college, or embarking on their service at institutions like the Air Force Academy or Virginia Military Institute, the values of hard work and determination that they learned as a Falcon will always be with them.

I congratulate the class of 2025 at Fauquier High School.

RECOGNIZING RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Rappahannock County High School class of 2025.

This year's graduating class is a remarkable group of students, including future firefighters, servicemembers, college and trade school students, and workers ready to contribute across many sectors.

In their time at Rappahannock County High School, they have achieved a lot of great things, including bringing home a Class 1 State title for the women's basketball team and winning a Scholastic Bowl regional championship. Whether on the field, in the classroom, in the drama club, or as part of one of Rappahannock County High School's bands, I know they will carry the lessons they have learned as a Panther to whatever comes next.

I congratulate the class of 2025.

RECOGNIZING KETTLE RUN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 287 graduates in Kettle Run High School class of 2025.

The graduates, as Cougars, have balanced life as students, teammates, and coworkers, and through it all they have learned the value of perseverance. They have excelled across a wide range of fields: In band, in chorus, and in orchestra, on the stage and in the art room. They brought home a golf State championship and led the football team all the way to the State championship game.

They left their mark on Kettle Run, and I look forward to watching all that they will accomplish in the future.

I congratulate the class of 2025 of Kettle Run High School.

RECOGNIZING LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 347 graduates of Liberty High School's class of 2025.

The graduates, as Eagles, have achieved so much and, most importantly, have learned how to tackle whatever challenges come next.

As their principal said to them:

You are bold, you are brilliant, and roughly a third of you are bilingual. And you are all just enough unhinged to change the world.

Whether their next stop is college, trade school, the workforce, or the military, I can't wait to see what their future has in store, and I look forward to watching them change the world. The graduates should always remember that once an Eagle, always an Eagle.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Liberty High School class of 2025.

EFFECTS OF TARIFFS IN VIRGINIA

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, in his inauguration address, President Trump declared that America was entering a golden age, a new chapter of economic prosperity.

For Virginians, and millions across the country, that promise remains

unfulfilled. Instead of prosperity, Americans are facing economic hardship and uncertainty.

This administration's steep tariffs are taking a real toll here in Virginia.

I heard from a constituent, like the one who started his own small business selling action figures. After a lot of success selling preorders of the action figures, his business is now facing budget shortfalls because they don't know what the tariffs on China will be from month to month. They don't want to raise prices on customers, but the tariffs have made it impossible to plan for his business and for his future.

They are not alone. Businesses, small and large, are feeling the pain all across the Commonwealth. They are unable to plan, unable to predict what this administration is going to do, and in many cases unable to keep their employees, or keep their doors open in some cases. This uncertainty is weighing on a lot of families as well. According to one poll, 59 percent of Virginians expect to face financial difficulty in the years ahead. This doesn't sound like the golden age. It sounds like fool's gold.

MERIT-BASED HIRING

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of merit-based hiring, especially in the Federal Government, because this administration, which has talked a lot about the evils of diversity and fired veterans left and right, is now focusing its hiring efforts exclusively on one thing, blind loyalty to the President. It is like DEI for MAGA.

According to a recent memo from the Office of Personnel Management, all of the civil servant applicants will now be required to answer a series of questions explaining which of the President's executive orders are their favorites and how they will advance the President's pet projects.

Now, to be fair, there are other countries that do similar loyalty tests, like North Korea, the former Soviet Union, and Iran, just to name a few, but those are authoritarian regimes. That seems to be this administration's model.

I ask instead that everyone should swear loyalty to this country and not to the President, and instead of spying on Federal workers and contractors and firing ones who aren't the most blindly loyal that the best are chosen, the brightest, the most qualified people to serve our Nation, to keep us healthy, safe, and secure.

PROTECTING FEDERALISM

(Ms. GREENE of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House about a clause that is in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

This clause would take away States' rights to make laws or regulate AI for 10 years. I think federalism is something that must always be protected, and I warn against the dangers of pro-

tecting a tech industry where we have no idea what the future of this industry will hold.

AI is rapidly developing. AI has developed quickly over the past few years. Imagine what it will be 1 year from now, 5 years from now, and 10 years from now.

When people look to the future, they cannot take away States' rights to regulate or make laws to protect the people in their State or to regulate businesses that operate in their State. That would be destroying the very foundation of this country, which is federalism. Federal power must always be limited and State power protected.

Now, the pushback and the reasons that I have been told about this is that American tech and AI companies must be able to compete with China. Well, American tech and AI companies can compete with China, and they should compete with China. However, don't destroy federalism in order to allow them to do that. That would be a fool's errand.

Here is how this can work: Governors and State legislatures can make their States friendly for tech companies in AI, bringing these companies in by making it easy for these companies to operate in their States. That is how it has been done for every single innovation, industry, manufacturing, and all companies across America. You don't destroy federalism for one industry. You protect it and allow States to compete to bring those companies into their States. That is the right way to handle this going forward.

Here is a lesson for us all. No matter what political party holds office and is in charge, my colleagues should all watch carefully the bills that are passed and should be mindful about protecting not only State rights but the rights of the American people and looking to the future.

When I was a freshman Member of Congress in 2021, I was told that America would be at war with China within 5 years. Well, here we are approaching 5 years later. I don't think America should have to go to war with China. America can beat China economically.

Ask yourself: Why do we send our food to be processed over in China? Why do we rely on China to produce our critical supply chain like medicines? Why would we depend on this country for the American people's supplies, and why would we go to war with them when we can be innovative right here at home, in America, producing critical chain supplies, medicines, and processing our own food?

A war is nothing America should ever strive for, look for, or prepare to have to engage in. Americans should conduct ourselves here at home in a way where we don't have to go to war, we don't have to depend on foreign countries, and we never destroy federalism for the future of an industry that we have no idea what it will do.

With this warning, I urge all of my colleagues that when the House gets to

vote on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act again after it leaves the Senate, that my colleagues make sure that we protect federalism and, at the same time, urge our colleagues in the Senate to pull this clause out of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

This bill should be about tax policy, protecting Americans to not have to have a tax increase of over \$4.7 trillion. It should be about America-first energy and Americans' border security, not about allowing AI to run rampant and destroying federalism in the process.

RECONCILIATION

(Ms. STANSBURY of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the cruel and morally bankrupt healthcare agenda moving through this Chamber that would gut Medicaid; gut Medicare; collapse our healthcare systems; and cut food assistance to millions of children, seniors, and veterans across this country.

You don't have to take my word for it because Elon Musk, himself, called this a big, disgusting abomination, this bill that currently stands in the Senate. While here in the House the GOP is trying to gut healthcare and mental health care and addiction services through the budget.

These cuts will be devastating for New Mexico. New Mexico already has a healthcare crisis, where two-thirds of New Mexicans are on Medicaid and Medicare, where even with the best healthcare insurance you can get, you still can't get in to see a specialist, and where thousands of our rural and Tribal residents must travel hours just to get basic care.

Let me be clear. People will die if these cuts go through. What is the GOP doing here in this week? They are running a bill that is at best window dressing, hypocrisy, saying that they are supporting healthcare and addiction programs while they literally gut the programs that fund them. It is a complete lie.

Like so much of what they do, these cuts are a scam, not just on the American people, but on themselves because apparently they don't read their own bills.

Let's be clear. Republicans are gutting healthcare and behavioral health programs. DOGE has cut thousands of employees at healthcare agencies, frozen funds for vital medical research, and eliminated mental health and substance abuse programs. They have rescinded a billion dollars in State and local behavioral health programs and cut 40 different mental health programs across the country. They are proposing to literally eliminate the vast majority of SAMHSA, which is the mental health program for this country, in the fiscal year 2026 budget. They just transmitted a rescission package to this Chamber last night that would cut billions of dollars in public health

assistance for starving children and people suffering from AIDS and preventable infectious diseases across the world.

I ask my colleagues: What is this country becoming, where it dismantles our own healthcare system and literally allows children to starve and die across the world? What has literally become of the GOP?

Let me just say this. This is personal for me. This is personal in New Mexico, as somebody who grew up in a low-income family, as somebody who grew up relying on public healthcare and assistance programs, as somebody who has lost friends and family from the fentanyl crisis, and as somebody who represents one of the strongest and resilient set of communities in the country but who struggle every single day.

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This is not leadership. This is a moral failure.

It is why I show up every single day to this Chamber with my full heart and my full fight for our communities.

It is why I have reintroduced my bill this week to expand Indian Health Service. It is why I introduced legislation to stop fentanyl, to address the public health nursing crisis, and to ensure that our rural communities can access telehealth and that they can actually stay in business with our rural clinics.

It is why I have secured millions for New Mexico for mental health and addiction recovery. It is why I submitted funding this year for the fiscal year 2026 budget to build a state-of-the-art trauma center in Valencia County and mental and behavioral health services in Sandoval.

It is why I have secured millions for transitional housing for veterans; a sobering center; behavioral health centers in Albuquerque; mobile school health centers in APS; and new fire and EMS stations in Moriarty, Sandia Pueblo, Peralta in Valencia. This is what leadership looks like.

I will just say this: In New Mexico, we know, of course, that we are all going to die, but we do not allow people to die because of policy failure and moral corruption.

We are here to fight. We will fight this abomination of a bill. We will fight the draconian cuts in the budget, and we will fight this corrupt rescission package. I will keep working every single day for New Mexicans because that is who we are.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY'S NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a momentous achievement by the men's volleyball team at Southern Virginia University in Buena Vista, Virginia, which has brought home the

school's first-ever NCAA Division III National Championship victory.

On Monday night in Salem, Virginia, the Knights defeated powerhouse Springfield College in a thrilling straight-set sweep of 25–20, 25–23, and 27–25, capping an extraordinary 35–1 season. This victory wasn't just a win on the court but the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and belief.

Led by veteran Coach Tom Peterson, who has now guided three different programs to NCAA titles, the Knights embodied excellence in every sense. Senior outside hitter, Christian Sheaffer, named the tournament's most outstanding player, led the charge with 13 kills, while his teammates, including Kristo Bianchin, Kyler Evans, Justin Madsen, and sophomore setter Gehrig Tolman, delivered in every critical moment.

From a heartbreaking quarterfinal loss last season to the national championship podium this year, this team exemplifies resilience and heart.

I congratulate the Knights, Coach Peterson, and the entire SVU community. This championship belongs to all of them.

HONORING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORFOLK AND WESTERN CLASS J NO. 611 LOCOMOTIVE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of a true icon of American railroad history, the Norfolk and Western class J No. 611 steam locomotive.

Built right in Roanoke, Virginia, in May of 1950, this bullet-nosed, coal-fired marvel remains a shining example of American innovation and craftsmanship. Spanning 110 feet and weighing 872,000 pounds, the 611 generated a staggering 5,400 horsepower and reached speeds of up to 100 miles an hour. For nearly a decade, it connected communities from Virginia to Ohio, proudly pulling passengers across the heartland.

In 1952, it famously hauled President Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign train from Columbus, Ohio, to Kenova, West Virginia.

Thanks to the vision and tireless efforts of local advocates like Bev Fitzpatrick and the dedicated team at the Virginia Museum of Transportation, the 611 has undergone two major restorations, in 1982 and again in 2014, and it continues to operate as a living monument to our railroading past.

Named a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1984, designated Virginia's Official State Steam Locomotive in 2017, and added to both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2023 and 2024, the 611's legacy endures.

Mr. Speaker, as we mark this milestone, let us salute 611 and all of those in Roanoke and beyond who have kept its whistle echoing through the Blue Ridge and across the Nation.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE DELIVERING ON THEIR PROMISE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans delivered on our promise last month to the American people by passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This landmark legislation makes the Trump tax cuts permanent, slashes taxes for working families and seniors, and eliminates taxes on tips and overtime. If you earned it, you should keep it.

It secures our border by finishing the wall, funding mass deportations, and giving our agents the resources they need to stop the fentanyl crisis and protect our communities.

It restores fiscal sanity by identifying \$1.6 trillion in wasteful spending for savings, ends taxpayer-funded transgender surgeries, and implements real work requirements for able-bodied adults who are benefiting from Medicaid or food stamp programs.

It unleashes American energy by reversing Biden's anti-energy mandates and brings back American jobs. It strengthens our national defense by modernizing our military, our shipyards, and our missile defense systems to keep America safe.

This bill reflects what Americans want: security, prosperity, and leadership. The Senate needs to act. Let's get this to President Trump's desk and deliver real results for the American people.

HONORING DAVID KIRSCHTEL

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a good man and an exceptional leader in my district, David Kirschtel, the chief executive officer of JCC Rockland.

Marking 25 years in June of this year, David has poured his heart into building the JCC into what it is today: a thriving center for fitness, early childhood education, summer camps, and cultural life.

The JCC has served not just the Jewish community, but the broader Rockland community, as well.

David's legacy goes beyond just the JCC. He was a driving force behind the global effort to honor the Munich 11, Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Olympics. Thanks to his work and the work of many others, the world finally paused to remember these victims with a moment of silence at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

In addition, he has been a leading voice in the effort to combat anti-Semitism, especially after the terrorist attack on October 7, 2023.

I am proud to call him a constituent and even prouder to call him a friend.

I thank David for setting an example that reminds all of us what it means to lead with heart, purpose, and persistence.

HONORING BOB STAGG ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of my

pastor and dear friend, Father Bob Stagg of the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Father Bob has been a guiding presence in my life and the lives of countless parishioners. Whether through his unwavering support for bringing folks of all walks of life into the fold, his thoughtful homilies, or the warmth of his many parish gatherings, Father Bob has led with heart, humor, and humility.

He is the kind of priest who is not afraid to speak plainly, laugh loudly over a beer, or show up when it matters most. Through it all, he has reminded me that living the Gospel truth means meeting people where they are, with compassion first.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 50 years since his ordination, and we thank Father Bob for his decades of faithful service. I thank him for the profound impact he has had on my faith and my family.

He will be missed at Sunday mass, but his presence will be felt in the community he helped to build.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM VINCENT MOTTO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Vincent Motto, a lifelong resident of Nyack, New York, who passed away on May 8, 2025, at the age of 87.

Bill spent more than 41 years with Orange and Rockland Utilities as a line foreman and gave nearly 70 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Orangetown Fire Company No. 1. He served as captain, as a longtime commissioner for the Nyack Fire Department, and as a driver, always stepping up for his neighbors and his community.

He was also a devoted family man. Bill and his wife, Beverly, were married for nearly 65 years, raising three daughters and building a life grounded in love, faith, and hard work. Whether it was woodworking, fishing, or taking his annual trip to South Bend to cheer on Notre Dame, Bill lived a full and meaningful life.

His commitment to service, his love of family, and his deep roots in Rockland County are what made him such a respected figure.

I extend my condolences to Beverly, their children and grandchildren, and all who knew and loved him.

May he rest in peace.

IN MEMORY OF FRANK "BUTCH" HAGEN

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank "Butch" Hagen, a proud veteran, a devoted public servant, and a beloved resident of Rockland County.

Born in the Bronx in 1950, Frank spent his life in service to others, first in the National Guard and the Army, and later as a village trustee and deputy mayor in Suffern. He was a steady presence in local organizations like The American Legion and the Lions Club, always showing up and always giving back.

More than anything, Frank was a family man. He raised four boys with

heart, humor, and grit. His sons remember him not just for his selflessness but for the joy he brought to life.

For instance, he led a sled ride down a snowy road in an old plastic boat because if it was fun, it was an option, and Frank made it happen.

He kept the peace. He led with love, and he never backed down from a challenge. His life was full, and his legacy will live on through his children, his grandchildren, and all who were lucky enough to know him.

I was proud to call him a friend, and his memory will always be a blessing to the Suffern community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JOSEPH GRAVINO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district, Officer Joseph Gravino of Orangeburg, New York, who passed away suddenly on May 23 at just 37 years old.

Joe served the NYPD with distinction for 12 years, most recently as part of the Strategic Response Group. He faced every challenge with calm resolve, earning the trust of his colleagues and the gratitude of the city he served. He protected New Yorkers with honor, courage, and a deep sense of duty.

Yet, Joe's greatest role was at home as a husband to his beloved wife, Katie; and as a devoted father to their three children, Anthony, Juliana, and little Dominic.

Whether coaching a Little League game, showing up for a dance recital, or simply spending time together, Joe gave his heart fully to his family. Being described by those who knew him well, Joe Gravino was simply full of love.

Today, the people of Rockland County and the city of New York mourn his loss. May his memory be a source of strength to his family and community in the coming months and years.

CONGRATULATING NATHAN LUND ON RECEIVING MINNESOTA'S AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM 2025 OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Nathan Lund of Starbuck, Minnesota, on receiving Minnesota's Agriculture in the Classroom 2025 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

This award is given to K-12 educators who can creatively incorporate agriculture concepts into their teaching.

Nathan has taught fifth and sixth grade students at Glacial Hills Elementary School since 2001. His students have been able to grow their appreciation for agriculture through hands-on learning experiences, like maintaining a school garden and hosting food-making contests.

Community members have been grateful for Nathan's work in the classroom, as he has inspired many students

and helped them build important life skills.

I congratulate Nathan on this amazing achievement, and I wish him the best of luck as he continues his fantastic career.

CONGRATULATING DOMINIQUE CLASEMAN AND
AHREN JURGENSEN

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dominique Claseman and Ahren Jurgensen of Olivia, Minnesota, on raising nearly \$120,000 for a veterans memorial in their hometown.

Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, Dominique raised over \$77,000 to construct a memorial for veterans. Since then, he has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is currently completing his basic training.

In less than a year, his younger brother, Ahren, who also intends to join the military after high school, raised \$40,000 to expand on the memorial, installing additional plaques, benches, flags, and pavers.

I congratulate Dominique and Ahren on their amazing achievements, and I thank them for their service to their community and to their country.

CELEBRATING LAWRENCE WEINRICH'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lawrence Weinrich of Ottertail, Minnesota, on turning 100 years old last Friday, May 30.

Lawrence was born in Fergus Falls and grew up during the drought in the 1930s. He was one of the first drafted for the Korean war, serving 13 years. When he returned, he went to work for a lumber company and only quit chopping wood a couple of years ago.

Today, Lawrence is an avid dancer who goes out dancing at least five times a month in the winter and even more during the summer.

Lawrence credits his agility and dance ability to his active lifestyle as he walks frequently and has had several successful deer hunts. Reaching the century milestone is a testament to his strength, wisdom, and many lives he has touched over the years. I wish Lawrence a happy birthday and congratulate him on 100 amazing years.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 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. FINSTAD) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, draw us nearer to You this day that we may enjoy Your loving tenderness and so be inspired to share both Your grace and Your mercy with those around us.

As sure and confident as we may be in our intellect and abilities, in Your presence we are humbled to acknowledge how much more, in Your omniscience, You know. Yet, You allow us our mistakes and missteps. As You have forgiven us our faults, may we forgive others'.

As strongly and passionately as we are in the positions we take, in Your perfect will, we are enlightened by Your impartial embrace that receives us all despite our disparate leanings. As You value our ardor, may we find it in ourselves to respect others'.

As adamantly opposed as we are, not just in our politics but in our personalities, in Your peace, a peace that passes our simple understanding, we are compelled to set aside our enmity and strive for amity as we each seek to serve Your people. Because You first loved us, may we love one another.

Live in us this day, O Lord, as we pray in Your merciful name.

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 New York (Mr. MORELLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORELLE 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.

HAMAS' DECLARATION OF MURDER

(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, on October 19, 2023, I gave a 1-minute speech which is, sadly, more true today than ever, with all deaths in Gaza being solely responsible to Hamas with the invasion and then using of children as human shields as directed by Iran, which must not have a nuclear weapon.

The enemies of civilization are gruesomely clear in their murderous intentions, as detailed in the Hamas Covenant of August 18, 1988, article 7: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees. . . . 'There is a Jew hiding behind me. Come and kill him.'"

The goal of Hamas, financed by Iran, is to murder all Jews worldwide. It is fake news that they care about the Palestinian people. Suffering by the Hamas-suppressed people of Gaza is solely Hamas dictated, which uses Palestinians as human shields to be murdered.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Donald Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump with record drone attacks, murdering civilians. Now, 4,000 Soviet-built tanks have been destroyed by talented Ukrainians—20 years of production.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration is going after the food budgets of regular people, canceling programs that improve access to nutritious, locally grown produce.

It is bad for consumers, bad for hungry people, bad for public health, and bad for farmers.

Last week, Trump doubled down on this cruelty, cutting the benefit for fruit and vegetables in the WIC program by two-thirds.

Who does that?

WIC provides pregnant women, new moms, and young children with the nutritious food they need to remain healthy, and the fruit and vegetable benefit has meant families can eat more nutritiously.

This budget would mean young kids get just \$10 per month, and breastfeeding moms will see their benefits reduced to \$13 per month.

Mr. Speaker, you have been to the grocery store, and \$10 doesn't buy you a whole lot of nutritious food in Trump's economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues in Congress to do the right thing for once. Reject Trump's budget. Fully fund WIC to reverse the cuts to food programs, and end hunger now.

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

HONORING DAVID C. MUNSON, JR.

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary leader, visionary, educator, and friend, David C. Munson, Jr., on his retirement after 8 transformative years as president of the Rochester Institute of Technology and over four decades in higher education.

Under President Munson's leadership, RIT soared into the top 100 national universities, doubled global learning opportunities, expanded Ph.D. programs, and guided over \$500 million in capital projects that have reimagined the student experience. His visionary work has positioned RIT as a nexus of technology, design, and global impact.

Dr. Munson's legacy will continue to inspire generations at RIT. I am grateful for his friendship, unwavering commitment to creativity, and belief in the limitless potential of students and scholars alike.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him and his wife, Nancy, all the best in his well-earned retirement.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR EDESIA'S PLUMPY'NUT

(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 15th time to call on the Trump administration to honor its commitment to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for children around the world.

This is Plumpy'Nut. This is used to treat malnourished children and get them back to health. It saves millions of lives a year, or at least it did until the Trump administration cut off funding earlier this year.

A couple of weeks ago, Secretary Rubio was back here at the Capitol, testifying to the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Appropriations Committee. He said that the Trump administration was going to restore funding for this emergency food aid. He is the Secretary of State, and he is also the Acting USAID Director. He said under oath that they are going to do it, so why haven't they?

As we speak, this is sitting in warehouses in the United States. Production has virtually shut down while we wait for the administration to honor its commitment.

I will continue to speak on the floor every legislative day until the administration follows through on its word to save the lives of starving children around the world.

HANDS OFF CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, Oregon's Crater Lake National Park is a national treasure. As a lifelong hiker and

camper, I have a deep affection for it among other national parks.

During my high school and college years, road trips to national parks like Crater Lake were all I could afford, but what they offered was priceless: awe, adventure, and connection.

For families across this Nation, these parks provide an affordable way to explore, learn, and build lifelong memories.

Just as Oregonians are gearing up for a summer of enjoying our most treasured places, Trump is driving out the public servants who protect them. Kevin Heatley, Crater Lake National Park's superintendent, has resigned.

Trump cut off one-half of his permanent staff, leading to unsustainable workloads and the deterioration of the care that Crater Lake demands.

Experienced professionals are being driven out under this administration's corrosive leadership. Our public lands deserve better, and Americans deserve better.

I will not stand by while Trump attacks our public lands. We must protect our national parks and the public servants who protect them.

Hands off Crater Lake, and hands off our national parks.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa.) I would like to welcome all of the students to your Congress. Thank you for joining us here today.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2483, SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2931, SAVE SBA FROM SANCTUARY CITIES ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2966, AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS FIRST ACT OF 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2987, CAPPING EXCESSIVE AWARDING OF SBLC ENTRANTS ACT OF 2025

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 458 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 458

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In

lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-4 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2931) to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the 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 Small Business or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2966) to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the 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 Small Business or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the

bill (H.R. 2987) to amend the Small Business Act to require a limit on the number of small business lending companies, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the 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 Small Business or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), 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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. 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 gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I are here today to debate the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2931, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act; H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act; H.R. 2987, the CEASE Act, which will be considered under a closed rule; and H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act to be considered under a structured rule.

One hour of debate each for H.R. 2931, H.R. 2966, and H.R. 2987 shall be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Small Business Committee, or their designees.

One hour of debate will also be provided for H.R. 2483 and shall be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, or their designees.

The rule provides a motion to recommit for all four bills.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues are here to deliver on the Trump administration's agenda and solidify his executive actions with commonsense legislation. With Congresswoman VAN DUYN's American Entrepreneurs First Act, my colleagues are going to help codify the work that the Small Business Administration is doing to ensure that businesses receiving Federal benefits are 100 percent owned by U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and busi-

nesses that employ illegal immigrants are ineligible for these funds. This is part of our ongoing effort to stop subsidizing previous open-border policies. It makes sense that only law-abiding American citizens should have access to programs that American taxpayer dollars go towards.

SBA offices are being located out of sanctuary cities and into places that do not limit their cooperation with Federal agencies that are charged with immigration enforcement. The SBA Administrator announced that the agency would be relocating offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, New York City, and Seattle, and moving them to less costly and more accessible locations to better serve the mission and comply with Federal immigration law. With Congressman FINSTAD's bill, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act, Republicans are supporting this plan with legislation, giving the SBA 120 days to deliver on this commitment and relocate those offices. Sanctuary cities need to be held accountable and need to see the consequences of their disregard for Federal law.

With Mr. BRESNAHAN's CEASE Act, it is strengthening SBA's programs by limiting the number of nonprofit small business lending companies licensed by the SBA to 16. This will allow the agency to provide the necessary oversight to ensure that they are effectively serving the small businesses that Congress intended.

Finally, my colleagues are here to debate the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act. I thank Mr. GUTHRIE for introducing this important legislation. This bill reauthorizes the 2018 legislation President Trump signed into law and strengthens it. I am glad to say that across the country we are seeing a decline in overdose deaths. Of course, the work is not over. My colleagues are making sure we are investing in overdose prevention and equipping communities to counter substance abuse disorders.

The Energy and Commerce Committee has taken a hard look at what worked best from the 2018 law and built off its success by continuing to provide resources for prevention, education, treatment, recovery, workforce, and law enforcement to help patients struggling with substance use disorder. It ensures first responders are able to administer lifesaving drugs, ensures HHS cannot require States to use one specific vendor over another, clarifies that Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's State and Tribal Opioid Response Grants can be used for test strips, and requires that Administration to identify and address serious mental illness.

This bill is part of President Trump's and the Congressional Republicans' promise to stop the flow of fentanyl by securing our borders and then combat the crisis caused by these drugs in our communities. President Trump has done his part to secure our border, and Republicans will supply him with more

resources to do so in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Through the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act, we will combat the existing opioid crisis in our communities.

I am proud to stand in support of these bills. I look forward to this debate, and I hope my colleagues can stay focused on the topic in front of us today as we discuss these proposals that are important to American families and taxpayers.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, last time Members were here, House Republicans rammed through their latest GOP tax scam, a bill that would rip healthcare away from over 15 million Americans by slashing Medicaid and, let's be honest, likely Medicare. I am sorry the gentlewoman doesn't think that that is in the interest of the American people, but my colleagues on the Democratic side do. My colleagues think when Republicans are taking away people's healthcare in this country, it is a big deal.

This bill, this tax scam bill, would literally take food out of the mouths of kids, and take nutritious food from senior citizens and veterans. For what? To give massive tax breaks to billionaires and to add trillions of dollars to our national debt.

Mr. Speaker, their ugly, big bill is a disgrace, and it does not serve working people. It serves the GOP's donors. It is a scam, a handout to the rich, paid for by nickel-and-diming moms and dads who are just trying to get by.

Even Elon Musk, one of Donald Trump's top advisers, called the Republican bill a "disgusting abomination." Let me repeat that, a disgusting abomination. He said: "Shame on those who voted for it. You know you did wrong."

Now, let that sink in. Let that sink in. Elon Musk, the man who spent hundreds of millions of dollars to elect Donald Trump and other Republicans, is now saying Members should be ashamed of themselves for voting for this disgusting bill.

Remember when Republicans were falling all over themselves calling Elon a genius and he could do no wrong?

I have got to be honest, Mr. Speaker, it gives me whiplash. I think I need a neck brace to deal with all of these contrary quotations coming in.

The icing on the cake, Mr. Speaker, is the number of Republicans who are now publicly claiming buyers' remorse for voting for this bill.

This is a tweet from one of my Republican colleagues from Georgia. People are going to love this. She says: "Full transparency, I did not know about this section on pages 278 to 279 of the OBBB that strips States of the right to make laws or regulate AI for 10 years."

"I am adamantly opposed to this, and it is a violation of State rights, and I would have voted no if I had known this was in there."

This needs to be stripped out of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, this takes my breath away. All my colleague from Georgia needed to do was to read the bill. I know that is a tough thing to ask Members of Congress to do, but read the damn bill. If she wasn't going to do that, if she was like our President, who doesn't like to read and only gets his information from the TV, she could have tuned in to the Rules Committee meeting where for 20 hours, beginning at 1:00 a.m., the Rules Committee debated not only this bill but even this policy that she was concerned about.

In fact, I offered an amendment to strike the awful AI provisions from this bill. There was a debate on it, and every single one of her Republican colleagues on the Rules Committee, every single one of them voted against it.

Get this: According to this article in *The New York Times* titled: "After Muscling Their Bill Through the House, Some Republicans Have Regrets," our colleague from Georgia wasn't the only Republican who didn't read the bill before voting to pass it. Another one of our conservative colleagues from Nebraska admitted he did not know the bill makes it harder for the courts to hold the Trump administration officials in contempt for defying a court order. Get this: He claims he would have voted against the bill had he known it was in the bill. I can't make this stuff up.

Another conservative Republican colleague from Pennsylvania tweeted: "Elon Musk is right to call out House leadership. I wish I had a nickel for every time the House Freedom Caucus sounded the alarm and nobody listened, only to find out the hard way that we were right all along."

Right all along? From what he just said, I would have thought that he voted against the bill or that the entire Freedom Caucus voted against the bill.

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Yet, he voted for it, and so did the Freedom Caucus. I think every Republican but one voted for the bill.

Mr. Speaker, here is the deal: Republicans are really good about making statements and speeches, but that is about it. Yet, where is their backbone? If my Republican colleagues believe some of the stuff is bad, why didn't the majority vote against the bill?

One by one, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle caved. The budget hawks wanted a bill that wouldn't add to the debt. This bill adds trillions to the debt, and Republicans caved.

Moderates said they wouldn't vote for a bill that slashes Medicaid and threw people off of healthcare, which this bill did, and guess what? They folded. They folded.

Where I am from, in Massachusetts, that is what we call a cheap date. Re-

publicans from across the ideological spectrum caved and got nothing. The majority listened to Donald Trump and closed their eyes and just voted for it without reading it, without a CBO analysis. Whatever Trump wants, Trump gets.

Mr. Speaker, quite frankly, it is embarrassing. It is embarrassing for this institution, and it is embarrassing for our country. It is making a mockery of this House of Representatives. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves.

I thought all of us ran for Congress, regardless of party, to try to help people. What Republicans did a little over a week ago was about not only hurting people but screwing them over. That is sad.

Then, look at today. Some of the bills at one time were bipartisan. H.R. 2483 reauthorizes funding for programs that help communities fight the opioid crisis. It is something I support and something I voted for in the past.

Mr. Speaker, over 20,000 lives have been lost in my home State of Massachusetts alone to this crisis over the past decade. Yet, in Massachusetts, we actually saw a 33 percent drop in fatal overdoses for the first time last year, showing that public investments that we all voted for, public investments in treatment and in prevention, are actually starting to make a real difference.

Mr. Speaker, I am horrified, and I am outraged that Trump is actively dismantling our ability to respond to the opioid crisis moving forward.

The administration recently sent over more details about Trump's "skinny" budget, which proposes very large cuts to health programs that American families rely on. These include eliminating programs of regional and national significance at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, otherwise known as SAMHSA, which encompassed nearly all programs aimed at substance use and mental health, including the ones in the bill before us today.

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to take Republicans seriously when the majority is actively dismantling the very programs and the very agencies that this bill is trying to reauthorize. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were serious about this crisis, my Republican colleagues would stop undermining the solutions.

I guess maybe the rationale for Republicans bringing this bill to the floor is to have some cover as Trump basically undoes all of the programs that are authorized under this bill. Yet, what a cynical thing to do, and it is going to cost lives. This isn't a game we are playing. At this point, this really shouldn't be about pleasing the guy in the Oval Office. This should be about serving our constituents and supporting what is already working and showing some promise.

Then, Republicans claim the other three bills in this rule support small businesses. Yet, there is no surprise. They do the exact opposite.

DOGE already shuttered an SBA office in my district in Massachusetts, forcing a lot of rural small business owners to have to drive hours to get to the office in Boston. Now, under this bill, if Republicans force the closure of the Boston office out of political spite, which Republicans seem to be really good at, it will leave small businesses in Massachusetts with nowhere to turn. Yet, it is not just Massachusetts, but it is a whole bunch of other States that will fall under these cuts.

It will also have disastrous, long-term consequences for the rural entrepreneurs and working-class families in my home State who rely on the SBA to navigate Federal assistance and recover from economic setbacks, like the increased costs they are facing because of Trump's reckless trade war.

Mr. Speaker, while we are having this debate and Trump is having tantrums day in and day out and tariffs this and tariffs that, do you know who is paying the price? It is small businesses. Do you know what is happening in this country? People are beginning to get laid off. Again, there is silence. There is silence from the other side.

Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. Trump's tariff chaos does, in fact, punish small businesses the most. Unlike the megadonors who bankroll Republican campaigns, small business owners can't hedge against the kind of volatility that we see playing out in the economy right now.

Every time Trump throws another tantrum on trade, Republicans are tossing small businesses into a tailspin with no warning, no help, and, frankly, no concern.

Maybe that is the point. Republicans don't care about new small business entrepreneurs or those people struggling with opioid addiction. If the majority did, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would uplift successful programs and agencies like SBA or SAMHSA, not gut them.

Unless you are a mega-donor or a loyal MAGA mouthpiece, you do not matter to this Republican majority. What is happening here isn't just irresponsible. Mr. Speaker, it is immoral, and it is a damned disgrace. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am just a little confused. My colleague mentioned "whiplash," and I am feeling a little whiplash over here because Democrats liked Elon Musk. Then, the minority hated Elon Musk. Now, my Democratic colleagues like him again?

I am just a bit confused and ask that maybe someone can clear that up for me because it goes back and forth, and I feel like there is lots of whiplash going on.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mrs. FISCHBACH. I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I don't like Elon Musk.

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

Mr. Speaker, it sure does feel like Democrats are going back and forth on him, and there is lots of whiplash going on, so my colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to make it clear because now Democrats are quoting him on the floor.

What is embarrassing really, truly, is that the Democrats adhere to their talking points and repeat them and repeat them, and this is a perfect example of where Democrats are spreading misinformation.

The minority wants the public to believe that Republicans are cutting Medicaid, and we are not. We are making sure it goes to those people who need it and that we use every taxpayer dollar wisely. That means we are making sure that American tax dollars go to American citizens.

That means strengthening the system so care can get to those who need it most and that we weed out waste, fraud, and abuse. Individuals who are suffering from substance addiction, like those we are working to help with the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act, are not subject to the work requirements in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Mr. Speaker, 11 Democrats voted for the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act coming out of committee. I think that we need to make sure that we are sticking to the facts instead of Democratic talking points.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. FINSTAD).

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague from Minnesota for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2931, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025.

Over the past 4 years, the Biden administration's open-border policies have allowed millions of illegal immigrants to pour into our country. Making matters worse, Democratic politicians in cities across our country have enacted sanctuary city policies that have further encouraged waves of illegal immigrants to come into our communities, circumventing Federal law and raising serious public safety concerns.

Last November, the American people overwhelmingly elected President Trump with a clear mandate to secure the border and restore public safety in our communities. Since taking office, President Trump has delivered on this promise.

Despite the incredible efforts by this administration to secure our border and remove criminal aliens from our country, Democratic mayors have doubled down on their failed sanctuary city policies that harbor criminal illegal aliens and defy cooperation with Federal immigration enforcement.

In my home State of Minnesota, the local SBA office is based in the city of Minneapolis, and it is responsible for serving all 87 counties throughout Minnesota. For years, Minneapolis has passed several sanctuary city policies while at one point attempting to defund its own police department, further jeopardizing public safety.

My legislation, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025, would require the Small Business Administration to relocate its offices out of sanctuary city jurisdictions to better ensure that resources benefit American small businesses in rural communities without being entangled in local policies that promote lawlessness.

Our small business owners and those who rely on the SBA for loans, disaster relief, and support deserve access to these services in a safe, secure environment.

This bill would codify two of President Trump's executive orders: Protect SBA employees, and safeguard the entrepreneurs who fuel our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and the underlying bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think the idea that quoting somebody means that you like them is kind of absurd. I quote Trump a lot, and I could assure the Speaker that he is not anywhere on my top two-millionth list of people who I like.

In any event, earlier today, Mr. Speaker, just for the record, I point out that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office put out new estimates on the Republicans' tax scam, which shows that this bill is even worse than we thought, if that is even possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter the new CBO cost estimate into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

SUMMARY—ESTIMATED BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF H.R. 1, THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT, AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 22, 2025

| | By fiscal year, millions of dollars— | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2025–2029 | 2025–2034 |
| INCREASES OR DECREASES (–) IN DIRECT SPENDING OUTLAYS, REVENUES, AND DEFICITS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Title I. Committee on Agriculture: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | 453 | –12,597 | –16,168 | –30,026 | –30,058 | –29,094 | –28,121 | –30,535 | –30,874 | –31,065 | –88,396 | –238,085 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | 453 | –12,597 | –16,168 | –30,026 | –30,058 | –29,094 | –28,121 | –30,535 | –30,874 | –31,065 | –88,396 | –238,085 |
| Title II. Committee on Armed Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | 1,957 | 40,299 | 42,019 | 23,548 | 16,779 | 9,367 | 4,878 | 2,889 | 1,514 | 742 | 124,602 | 143,992 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | 1,957 | 40,299 | 42,019 | 23,548 | 16,779 | 9,367 | 4,878 | 2,889 | 1,514 | 742 | 124,602 | 143,992 |
| Title III. Committee on Education and Workforce: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –197,940 | –14,271 | –12,706 | –12,649 | –15,714 | –18,455 | –19,118 | –19,236 | –19,422 | –19,591 | –253,280 | –349,102 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –197,940 | –14,271 | –12,706 | –12,649 | –15,714 | –18,455 | –19,118 | –19,236 | –19,422 | –19,591 | –253,280 | –349,102 |
| Title IV. Committee on Energy and Commerce: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –1,145 | –28,487 | –66,042 | –95,483 | –111,573 | –128,936 | –146,869 | –153,462 | –149,810 | –145,436 | –302,730 | –1,027,243 |
| Estimated Revenues | –26 | –231 | 4,045 | 6,441 | 8,640 | 9,942 | 12,025 | 13,220 | 4,120 | 171 | 18,869 | 58,347 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –1,119 | –28,256 | –70,087 | –101,924 | –120,213 | –138,878 | –158,894 | –166,682 | –153,930 | –145,607 | –321,599 | –1,085,590 |
| On-Budget Deficit | –1,126 | –28,509 | –70,701 | –102,952 | –121,294 | –139,990 | –160,050 | –167,908 | –155,221 | –146,962 | –324,582 | –1,094,713 |
| Off-Budget Deficit | 7 | 253 | 614 | 1,028 | 1,081 | 1,112 | 1,156 | 1,226 | 1,291 | 1,355 | 2,983 | 9,123 |
| Title V. Committee on Financial Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –16 | –352 | –800 | –926 | –948 | –973 | –1,013 | –1,090 | –1,160 | –1,200 | –3,042 | –8,478 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | –473 | –724 | –720 | –752 | 1,081 | –410 | –427 | –443 | –455 | –2,669 | –3,323 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –16 | 121 | –76 | –206 | –196 | –2,054 | –603 | –663 | –717 | –745 | –373 | –5,155 |
| Title VI. Committee on Homeland Security: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | – | 2,488 | 9,218 | 14,008 | 13,995 | 13,623 | 11,145 | 7,984 | 4,556 | 2,130 | 39,709 | 79,147 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | – | 2,488 | 9,218 | 14,008 | 13,995 | 13,623 | 11,145 | 7,984 | 4,556 | 2,130 | 39,709 | 79,147 |
| Title VII. Committee on the Judiciary: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | – | 6,426 | 10,277 | 15,080 | 18,795 | 13,657 | 8,207 | 2,625 | –530 | –1,122 | 50,578 | –73,415 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 2,394 | 5,916 | 6,193 | 6,990 | 8,004 | 8,397 | 8,635 | 8,872 | 9,008 | 21,493 | –64,409 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | – | 4,032 | 4,361 | 8,887 | 11,805 | 5,653 | –190 | –6,010 | –9,402 | –10,130 | 29,085 | 9,006 |
| Title VIII. Committee on Natural Resources: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –122 | –321 | –499 | –1,269 | –1,300 | –1,930 | –2,129 | –2,480 | –3,227 | –3,866 | –3,511 | –17,143 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 65 | 130 | 130 | 135 | 140 | 140 | 145 | 150 | 150 | 460 | 1,185 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –122 | –386 | –629 | –1,399 | –1,435 | –2,070 | –2,269 | –2,625 | –3,377 | –4,016 | –3,971 | –18,328 |

SUMMARY—ESTIMATED BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF H.R. 1, THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT, AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 22, 2025—Continued

| By fiscal year, millions of dollars— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | 2025–2029 | 2025–2034 |
| Title IX. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | 0 | 40 | –6 | –223 | –597 | –965 | –1,296 | –1,545 | –1,742 | –1,899 | –786 | –8,233 |
| Estimated Revenues | 8 | 64 | 160 | 258 | 359 | 459 | 563 | 668 | 775 | 887 | 849 | 4,201 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –8 | –24 | –166 | –481 | –956 | –1,424 | –1,859 | –2,213 | –2,517 | –2,786 | –1,635 | –12,434 |
| On-Budget Deficit | –8 | –21 | –169 | –481 | –956 | –1,424 | –1,859 | –2,213 | –2,517 | –2,786 | –1,635 | –12,434 |
| Off-Budget Deficit | 0 | –3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Title X. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –612 | 536 | 1,642 | 3,809 | 5,060 | 4,388 | 3,924 | 3,674 | 3,354 | 1,974 | 10,435 | 27,749 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | 423 | 1,742 | 3,405 | 5,230 | 7,064 | 8,815 | 10,660 | 12,556 | 14,414 | 10,800 | 64,309 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –612 | 113 | –100 | 404 | –170 | –2,676 | –4,891 | –6,986 | –9,202 | –12,440 | –365 | –36,560 |
| Title XI. Committee on Ways and Means: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | 593 | 7,650 | 12,927 | 7,581 | 1,153 | –6,785 | –6,720 | –7,764 | –9,089 | –10,152 | 29,907 | –10,602 |
| Estimated Revenues | –89,234 | –483,642 | –557,949 | –551,520 | –470,310 | –298,373 | –241,385 | –294,641 | –375,516 | –402,413 | –2,152,662 | –3,764,990 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | 89,827 | 491,292 | 570,876 | 559,101 | 471,463 | 291,588 | 234,665 | 286,877 | 366,427 | 392,261 | 2,182,569 | 3,754,388 |
| On-Budget Deficit | 89,827 | 491,109 | 570,448 | 558,409 | 470,578 | 290,616 | 233,629 | 285,781 | 365,267 | 391,030 | 2,180,377 | 3,746,702 |
| Off-Budget Deficit | 0 | 183 | 428 | 692 | 885 | 972 | 1,036 | 1,096 | 1,160 | 1,231 | 2,192 | 7,686 |
| Interactions Among Titles: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | 0 | 1,649 | 4,736 | 7,614 | 9,544 | 13,355 | 13,111 | 15,981 | 10,063 | 6,925 | 23,543 | 80,978 |
| Estimated Revenues | 0 | –75 | –4,968 | –9,106 | –12,208 | –14,505 | –16,998 | –18,782 | –10,253 | –7,077 | –26,357 | –93,972 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | 0 | 1,724 | 9,704 | 16,720 | 21,752 | 25,860 | 30,109 | 37,763 | 20,316 | 14,002 | 49,900 | 174,950 |
| Total Changes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimated Outlays | –196,832 | –3,060 | –15,402 | –68,936 | –94,864 | –134,748 | –164,001 | –182,959 | –196,367 | –202,560 | –372,971 | –1,253,605 |
| Estimated Revenues | –89,525 | –481,475 | –551,648 | –544,919 | –461,916 | –286,188 | –228,853 | –280,522 | –359,739 | –385,315 | –2,129,217 | –3,669,834 |
| Net Effect on the Deficit | –107,580 | 484,535 | 536,246 | 475,983 | 367,052 | 151,440 | –64,852 | –97,563 | 163,372 | 182,755 | 1,756,246 | 2,416,229 |
| On-Budget Deficit | –107,587 | 484,102 | 535,201 | 474,263 | 365,086 | 149,356 | 62,660 | 95,241 | 160,921 | 180,169 | 1,751,071 | 2,399,420 |
| Off-Budget Deficit | 7 | 433 | 1,045 | 1,720 | 1,966 | 2,084 | 2,192 | 2,322 | 2,451 | 2,586 | 5,175 | 16,809 |

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.
—between zero and \$500,000.
Sources: Congressional Budget Office; staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.
In keeping with reconciliation instructions from the House Committee on the Budget, this estimate reflects CBO's January 2025 baseline projections updated to reflect enacted legislation and administrative and judicial actions. It includes budgetary effects through fiscal year 2034.
This estimate incorporates interactions among provisions within each title. (Budgetary effects of interactions among titles are shown on the "Interactions Among Titles" tab.)
Because of the magnitude of its estimated budgetary effects, H.R. 1 is considered major legislation as defined in House Rule XIII(8). That rule requires cost estimates, to the extent practicable, to account for the budgetary implications of certain bills' macroeconomic effects. CBO has not yet completed an analysis of the macroeconomic effects of H.R. 1 or their additional budgetary effects.
The revenues and outlays of the Social Security trust funds and the net cash flow of the Postal Service are classified as off-budget.
The Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, stipulates that revenue estimates provided by the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) will be the official estimates for all tax legislation considered by the Congress. As such, CBO incorporates those estimates into its cost estimates of the effects of legislation. The estimates for the revenue provisions of some sections of the legislation were provided by JCT.
CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1 would increase by 10.9 million the number of people without health insurance in 2034. That total includes an estimated 1.4 million people without verified citizenship, nationality, or satisfactory immigration status who would no longer be covered in state-only funded programs in 2034.
CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1 would lower gross benchmark premiums, on average, in marketplace plans established by the Affordable Care Act by an estimated 12.2 percent in 2034. (That is, the premiums for the plans used to determine premium tax credits, but before those credits are accounted for.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the document shows that the Republican bill, the bill that the gentlewoman supported, will blow a massive hole in our deficit, costing taxpayers close to \$3 trillion over the next decade.

Here is what is particularly galling: The Republicans' bill would also kick more than 15 million people off of their healthcare through devastating cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, including the millions of Americans who will lose coverage on the exchanges once Republicans let the premium tax credits expire.

This isn't me saying it. This is the CBO saying it, that the majority's bill is going to throw millions and millions of our fellow citizens off of their healthcare. Republicans are doing it and are going forward with it like it is no big deal.

At the same time, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are giving a tax break to billionaires. Why, again, are Republicans adding trillions to our debt and kicking millions off of their healthcare? Again, it is to hand out \$3.7 trillion in tax cuts, which overwhelmingly benefit billionaires, wealthy heirs, and corporations. It pains me to say that I agree with Elon Musk on some of his criticisms here, but the Republican tax scam really is a disgusting abomination.

Mr. Speaker, I urge people who watch this debate not to take my word for it and not to take the gentlewoman's word for it but to actually google CBO. Look up what the facts are. The facts, quite frankly, are damning.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 2753, the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act of 2025, which would block the Republican budget from cutting Medicaid or SNAP benefits and kicking people off of these lifesaving programs.

Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, House Republicans jammed through their multi-trillion-dollar budget scam by a one-vote margin—a one-vote margin—and now we are learning that some Republicans didn't even know what was in the bill, which is inexcusable. Yet, that is what they are claiming publicly.

Let me remind my colleagues: Republicans are giving more tax breaks for billionaires, wealthy heirs, and corporations, while lower income Americans are made worse off through the largest cuts to healthcare and food assistance in our Nation's history. This is the biggest cut to our nutrition programs in the history of our country.

Again, Elon Musk called this bill a disgusting abomination, but it is not too late. Republicans can still correct their grave injustice and vote to protect healthcare and SNAP for millions of Americans by voting to bring up the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act of 2025.

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, to discuss our proposal, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. OLSZEWSKI).

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague from Massachusetts for the time and for offering this bill, which is simple. It would block any budget reconciliation language in the House or Senate that reduces Medicaid or SNAP benefits. In other words, it would block any legislation that would unnecessarily increase human suffering and that would harm fellow Americans.

Mr. Speaker, this is day No. 152 of the 119th Congress, and American families have seen no relief. Instead, this Republican majority is poised to make things worse through the reconciliation process.

In pushing \$300 billion in cuts to food support, congressional Republicans will make groceries even more expensive for the 42 million families already struggling to put food on the table every day.

Mr. Speaker, 80 percent of these households include a child, a senior, a disabled person, or a veteran. Let that sink in.

SNAP provides \$6 a day in food assistance to hungry Americans. It is a small amount, but it is enough, Mr. Speaker, to lift millions of Americans out of poverty and to create a foundation of health and well-being. Just \$6 a

day can create a pathway to opportunity.

□ 1245

Republicans want to take food away from hungry people, not to balance the budget. We know the bill actually increases the deficit by nearly \$3 trillion, and they are not doing it to better serve our veterans. The bill actually reduces funding for our vets, too.

Republicans are doing this to fund tax breaks for the wealthiest of individuals and big corporations. If that is not enough, the House Republican bill slashes nearly every bit of Medicaid funding needed, \$1 trillion, taking away healthcare from 14 million Americans, including children, mothers, seniors, and low-income families. Many will die.

While a Senate colleague correctly pointed out this week that, yes, death is inevitable, we should not actively work to expedite it. I would hope and pray that we can all agree on that point.

We are public servants. We are called to lead with compassion, to feed the hungry, and to care for the sick.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, there isn't a single Member of Congress who doesn't represent families who rely on SNAP or Medicaid to make ends meet. It is simple. These cuts will lead to suffering, and we must stop them.

I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so that we can bring this important legislation to the floor.

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

Mr. Speaker, I was just thinking about what we are talking about. The notion that my colleagues are really considering voting against the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act is baffling to me. Really, I think it all shows that they hate President Trump so much that they are willing to vote against legislation that would help communities combat opioid abuse.

They want to stick to their anti-Trump, anti-Republican talking points and avoid talking about the bills that are in front of us. I would like them to try taking that message, the message that they refuse to provide resources to their communities to combat opioid abuse, back to their constituents.

This bill brings resources to our constituents to combat opioid abuse. That is what we are talking about. It is that simple. They can hate the President, or they don't have to, but don't let these people facing substance addiction and our communities suffer for their talking points.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me just respond to the gentlewoman by saying that I don't know how Democrats are going to vote. I think some will vote for the bill, and some will vote against the bill.

What people are really upset about is the fact that we are bringing a bill to reauthorize programs that, as we speak, Donald Trump is cutting. My friends on the other side of the aisle are saying not a damn thing. This is what the American people hate about Congress, when Members of Congress get up and say one thing and then do another thing.

He is trying to eliminate SAMHSA. He is firing people as we speak. I mean, every State is being negatively impacted by this.

I supported these programs and this reauthorization in the past. I support the underlying programs, but I am furious that as we are having this debate, making believe to the American people that somehow we are on their side and that we are fighting substance use disorder, fighting addiction and the opioid crisis, and that we are really serious about this, while we are having this debate, the President of the United States and this administration are gutting these very programs, and my friends are saying not a damn thing.

Maybe the gentlewoman supports what the President is doing. Maybe she supports gutting these programs, but I don't. I don't, and if you truly support what these bills are authorizing, you would be screaming as loud as we are.

This is bad for our constituents. This is bad for our country. We have made progress in my home State of Massachusetts in reducing the number of opioid-related deaths. We can point directly to some of these programs that have made a real difference, but as we are speaking right now, these things are being undermined. That is what has us so upset.

I mean, let's make no mistake about it. We, in a bipartisan way, moved these programs forward in the past. That is because we believed it was all real, that it wasn't fake, wasn't show business. What is happening here is not real.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SYKES).

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to talk about an issue that touches every community in this country, mental health.

More than one in five adults in the United States lives with a mental illness. These are our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members. For many of us, the issue is deeply personal.

Whether one lives in a big city or a small town, almost everyone has a person in their life who is struggling. Chances are that they know someone who has struggled or that they could be struggling themselves.

In Ohio, we have seen just how urgent this crisis has become. We have

only about half of the mental health behavioral workforce that we need to meet the demand. In fact, there is just one psychiatrist for every 6,000 Ohioans. That is not just a workforce problem. That is a public health emergency.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act would authorize hundreds of millions of dollars and much-needed Federal funding to address this crisis. It also includes my bipartisan legislation, the Mental Health Improvement Act, which provides tens of millions of dollars annually to expand our behavioral health workforce, helping to train, recruit, and retain mental health professionals across the country.

It is a commonsense solution that will bring resources directly to communities like mine and yours, Mr. Speaker, helping to address addiction, reduce suicide, and ensure more Americans get the care they need when they need it.

It is important that this program and others that are included in this bill actually reach the communities that desperately need the assistance. That is why I urge my colleagues to not only pass this bipartisan legislation but also to continue to advocate for its implementation.

Just a few weeks ago, I visited a federally qualified health center in my district. It is called the I Promise Health Quarters, which is supported by the LeBron James Family Foundation. In a meeting with the behavioral health services there, they said they don't have enough people to work for the need that is in our community. This bill would be able to help it.

While we have worked with and come up with a serious solution to this crisis, the administration has proposed cuts and fired hundreds of workers at agencies that are supposed to implement these very programs.

This is unacceptable, undermining the Medicaid program and getting people kicked off. I can't even support this really great underlying bill because of the funding mechanisms. This is unacceptable, and this is why we must show the American people that we have put partisanship aside and put people first.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, we can deliver meaningful results. We need to put programs in place that will help our citizens, save lives, and keep our communities safe.

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

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues on the other side have been using the same anti-Trump, anti-Republican talking points for months and months, and I understand that they don't like what the House Republicans are doing and don't like what the

President is doing, but the American people do.

Poll after poll is showing that an increasing number of people now believe this country is heading in the right direction. A Rasmussen Reports survey shows that this is the first time in 20 years that the majority of respondents have felt that way.

Go ahead and vote against these things that will increase work to stop the opioid crisis, curb wasteful spending of the American taxpayer dollar, and address illegal immigration, but know that it will be a vote against the will of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER), another colleague of mine.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, this is an important topic.

As a former police officer in Duluth, Minnesota, one of the worst calls an officer can get is an overdose. When they go there, the individual is deceased. They make sure that it was an overdose, that nothing else took the life of that individual. Then, they have to formulate a plan on how they are going to notify mom or dad or the next of kin.

That is the most gut-wrenching thing a law enforcement officer can do. It is like rock slag. It is very hard to do that, to knock on that door. They are about to give a loved one the worst news ever. The officer knocks on a door, and a loved one opens the door and sees a police officer in full uniform. They know something is up, and then, the officer has to tell them, has to be straight up with them, that their son or daughter or their loved one died.

The first question is how. Mr. So-and-so, Mrs. So-and-so, we believe it was a drug overdose. The toxicology test will confirm, but we believe it was a drug overdose.

Then, all holy you-know-what breaks out in the house, from crying tears to frustration at the individual who delivered the worst news in their lifetime. They never forget that police officer, what he or she looked like, the demeanor he or she had, what they smelled like, what time of day it was, how hard the knock was, how many times you rang the doorbell.

Mr. Speaker, it is tough. This is a very good bill to stop drug overdoses.

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

Mr. Speaker, for the record, again, what we are objecting to is the fact that all the programs that are contained in this bill that are being authorized are being gutted by this administration, and my friends are saying nothing about it. That is the ultimate kind of cynical maneuver.

I mean, this administration is cutting money for first responder training, cutting money for pregnant and postpartum women, cutting programs to help prevent children from going down the road to addiction, cutting programs to track opioids, and cutting comprehensive opioid care centers. They are proposing that they be totally eliminated.

I mean, we are having this debate while, as we speak, they are gutting these programs, and my friends are saying nothing, like, "No, everything is great." Give me a break.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Massachusetts for yielding to me.

I rise in strong opposition to this rule and to the divisive, destructive bills that it brings to the floor, especially H.R. 2931, the so-called Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act, because, in reality, this bill doesn't save anything.

It continues to eviscerate small businesses in order to benefit the greediest, biggest corporations and their CEOs, who don't even need the Small Business Administration. Do you know who does? Small businesses that just want customers, employees, and the chance that SBA affords them to attain success.

This bill actually punishes small businesses and immigrant communities to score cheap political points, forcing the SBA to close or relocate offices in cities like Los Angeles, my home, simply because we refuse to bend a knee to the President and to MAGA Republicans' anti-immigrant agenda, which is about retaliation, not good governance.

Immigrants start businesses, and do you know what? They hire other immigrants. Do you know who benefits? Everyone because they are paying taxes, hiring our neighbors, delivering a service, and growing our economy.

L.A. is home to over 244,000 businesses. Is the goal for this administration to shut all those businesses down, the red businesses, blue businesses, and independent businesses, because there is a problem with L.A. and because the administration doesn't like immigrants?

They are businesses like Dulan's, a family-owned business in my district that has been open for 30 years. After the L.A. urban fires, they fed victims. They need and deserve SBA, as do the millions of small businesses like them. This bill gives them the finger on top of the chaos of the TACO taxes.

I am urging a "no" vote on the rule and the cruel, unnecessary legislation that it brings forward.

This is an alternate reality, this floor, when I am hearing from Republican colleagues who are not talking at all about the millions of Americans who are going to be harmed by these destructive bills.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I know the gentlewoman doesn't want me to talk about Elon or what Elon said, but we are going to talk about it anyway.

Mr. Speaker, as Elon Musk said: Trump's one big, beautiful GOP tax scam is a "disgusting abomination."

Let me break it down for you and for the American people. Here are 10 of the most egregious abominations in this bill.

One, the GOP tax scam is a massive giveaway to the wealthiest in our country. We are talking about investment and hedge fund managers paying a lower tax rate than regular income earners like schoolteachers or firefighters. It would cut taxes for the top 5 percent of taxpayers while reducing critical resources for the poorest households, setting off what would be the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history.

Two, Trump's bill guts Medicaid and likely Medicare, too. If this bill is signed into law, we will expect to see widespread hospital closures, and 15 million individuals, including sick children, seniors, and the disabled could lose their healthcare coverage.

Three, it raises costs for people on individual health insurance plans. Republicans' under-the-radar tweaks to the Affordable Care Act could increase health insurance premiums by hundreds of dollars and force tens of thousands of people out of the marketplace.

Four, this bill attacks food stamps. Millions will lose access to their SNAP benefits, taking food off the plates of hungry families, seniors, and veterans.

Five, it terminates the IRS Direct File program, a successful, free tax filing service that helped over 140,000 people file their taxes in 2024.

Six, it increases fees on asylum seekers and dumps billions into Trump's mass deportation efforts.

Seven, get this: The Republicans' bill is great for Big Oil and Gas. It turns over millions of acres of public lands to big corporate drillers and would allow them to pay to get their projects rubber-stamped without any input from the public.

Eight, it guts green energy subsidies, including investments in renewable energy projects that are already underway.

Nine, it blocks State AI regulations in a giveaway to Big Tech, completely trampling over State legislatures.

Ten, it scraps nearly a century-long tax on gun silencers. Who does that? Who does that? It is truly horrendous. We have a gun violence epidemic, and the Republicans want to make it easier for dangerous people to access deadly gun attachments.

Mr. Speaker, clearly this tax scam bill is no good, and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I will clarify some things. My colleague continues to talk about the tax bill, which is not actually in front of us right now. We are talking about different things. I do feel

the need to address that in that tax bill that he is talking about, in the reconciliation bill that he trashes and says that it is tax breaks for billionaires.

I will just use my district as an example.

In my district, in the Seventh District of Minnesota, the reconciliation bill that he opposes would prevent a 25 percent tax hike for most people in my district where the average income is \$70,000, not billionaires, \$70,000.

It also increases the standard deduction. It increases the child tax credit. It helps small businesses through the 199A deduction. This is a solid tax bill. We looked at what we can do to help the average citizen in the country, and we made sure that it was a solid tax bill.

I just wanted to make sure that we are correcting some of the talking points that the Democrats are using because this does provide tax breaks for the middle income.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let's talk about people in the gentlewoman's district in Minnesota. I point this out because I am learning that a lot of Republicans didn't read what was in the bill, so let me just provide some information for her.

Under this bill, 5,800 people would lose coverage under the Affordable Care Act in her district alone; 15,367 in her district alone would lose Medicaid coverage; 21,167 people in her district alone would lose their health insurance outright.

I mean, really? Is that what representation is all about? Please. That is what is in this bill that most of you never read.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I find it laughable that for the last several decades, the GOP has branded themselves as the party of fiscal responsibility and economic development when they are trying to pass a bill right now that would blow a hole through the deficit, \$37 trillion over 30 years, while they are trying to gut the infrastructure that helps small businesses survive.

They have attacked the Small Business Administration. They have a bill on the floor this week that would take SBA out of our communities. They slashed the New Mexico Minority Business Development Agency. We are talking about millions of dollars in lost revenue. They paused Job Corps and are going to cut it in communities across the country. They have gutted funding for NGOs and paused funding on the IRA. They are trying to directly attack our small businesses.

Now, when I think about the impacts of these cuts, I cannot do so without thinking of John Garcia, who has been the director of SBA for the last 8 years. He is a Vietnam veteran who has dedi-

cated 40 years of his life to ensuring that our communities and our veterans have the resources they need to thrive, and yet DOGE didn't care. Elon Musk didn't care because he is one of those Federal employees, who just a few months ago was planning to do an expansive economic development plan across the State of New Mexico when he received the fork-in-the-road letter.

These are real people's lives, and you all are standing around here clowning us, pretending like you actually care about the American people and the economy and the deficit, and it is just a lie. You are running a scam on the American people. You are running a scam on yourselves, and you are hurting real people.

Mr. Speaker, I stand against this rule and the bill that it would advance.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, again, I always have to take the opportunity to correct things. What we are doing in the reconciliation bill—because this bill in front of us is not what they are talking about because they have digressed into Democrat anti-Trump, anti-Republican talking points, but I do have to make a few things clear.

In the reconciliation bill for Medicaid, we have for able-bodied individuals without dependents, there is a work requirement. That work requirement could also be schooling or it can be community engagement.

We will be removing illegal immigrants who should not be on Medicaid. We also are looking at that waste, fraud, and abuse. The people that will be removed should not have been on Medicaid in the first place. They shouldn't have been on the rolls.

We are not removing people that need Medicaid because those people who need it will be getting it. It is that work requirement, the illegal immigrants, and those who should not have been on it in the first place.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me just say to the gentlewoman that, according to CBO, undocumented immigrants are not receiving Federal funds for Medicaid. My colleagues should read CBO. Don't listen to your Republican talking points. Actually read the stuff that we pay people to provide to us with the information to make sure we have the facts.

Mr. Speaker, these bills are not stand-alone ideas. They are part of a larger Republican playbook, one that protects the powerful and punishes the rest.

It is more tax breaks for billionaires, more crumbs for working people, more favors for Wall Street, more struggles for Main Street, more cruelty towards the vulnerable, more indifference to

anyone who isn't writing a campaign check. We have never seen pay-to-play as much as we have seen in this Congress and in this administration.

This isn't governing. It is greed. It is corruption and cruelty masquerading as policy. The American people deserve a hell of a lot better than this dark vision. The idea that you could take healthcare away from people is unconscionable and that you will do so with a straight face is unconscionable.

This big, ugly bill is a disgrace.

Today, you are attacking small businesses and you are attacking programs that help combat drug abuse addiction in this country. Vote "no."

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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Minnesota has 14½ minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will take an unorthodox step and associate myself with the remarks of one of my Democrat colleagues from New Mexico in the Rules Committee last night.

What is astonishing is that my Democrat colleague finally admitted what we have been telling the American people for weeks. As I mentioned, we are talking about the illegal immigrants in light of the CBO score that 1.4 million illegal immigrants are, indeed, on the rolls of State healthcare systems.

Now, our colleague tried to take us down a rabbit hole, and she ended up twisting herself in knots to find the terminology to aid her in the talking points. The latest argument, apparently, to hide the fact that illegal immigrants are accessing Medicaid is that they are only accessing State health systems, not the Medicaid program. I will point out in a news flash that Medicaid is a State administered program that supports State health systems.

Mr. Speaker, don't take it from me. Let me quote the Congressional Research Service: "Medicaid is a joint Federal-State program . . . The Federal Government requires States to cover certain mandatory populations and services," but "allows States to cover other optional populations and services." Due to this flexibility, there is substantial State variation in "factors such as Medicaid eligibility, covered benefits, and provider payment rates." In addition, several waivers and demonstration authorities and statutes "allow States to operate their Medicaid programs outside of [certain] Federal rules."

Now, even Democrats are admitting that Medicaid dollars are being used to benefit illegal immigrants and that is what we are trying to stop, the draining of this program of funds that are intended to help American citizens in need.

Mr. Speaker, as expected, my colleagues are unable to focus on the task

at hand. Instead, they want to continue their fear-mongering and falsehoods about what is in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

For the record, again: It does not cut Medicaid for any U.S. citizen who needs it. It does strengthen the system and makes sure it benefits the people who really need it. We need to be responsible to the taxpayers, and we are going after waste, fraud, and abuse.

I will say it, again: Anyone who needs Medicaid will have it.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has the only time remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, as expected, my colleagues deviated completely from the task at hand today, and instead, like I said earlier, they wanted to continue these attacks on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. As I have mentioned repeatedly, Medicaid is not cut for those who need it.

We are ensuring that American taxpayer dollars are going to help American businesses. The American Entrepreneurs First Act does not prevent people with temporary visas or other legal immigrant statuses from holding jobs at American businesses or from owning their own small businesses. It just says that if you want support from American tax dollars, you need to be an American citizen or a lawful permanent resident.

Mr. Speaker, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act further supports that mission, a mission that the majority of Americans support, to end pro-illegal immigration policies by showing these cities that the SBA is serious and is going to move its offices if sanctuary cities do not start following Federal law.

□ 1315

Mr. Speaker, we are here to further the great work that is being done by our communities to put a stop to the terrible overdose and substance abuse issues in this country through the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act. I do not believe that there is a person in this Chamber who does not see this as one of the most serious issues facing our Nation today.

I support the rule and the underlying legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 458 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2753) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a point of order against reconciliation measures that cut benefits for Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of

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

SEC. 6. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2753.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. 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.

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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 for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 16 minutes p.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. NEWHOUSE) 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:

Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 458; and

Adoption of H. Res. 458, if ordered.

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 a 5-minute vote.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2483, SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2931, SAVE SBA FROM SANCTUARY CITIES ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2966, AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS FIRST ACT OF 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2987, CAPPING EXCESSIVE AWARDING OF SBLC ENTRANTS 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. 458) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2931) to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to relocate certain offices of the Small Business Administration in sanctuary jurisdictions, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2966) to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2987) to amend the Small Business Act to require a limit on the number of small business lending companies, and for other purpose, 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 213, nays 206, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 148]

YEAS—213

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| Cammack | Fine | Harris (NC) |
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Kennedy (UT) Murphy
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Kiley (CA) Newhouse
Kim Norman
Knott Nunn (IA)
Kustoff Obernolte
LaHood Ogles
LaLota Onder
LaMalfa Owens
Langworthy Palmer
Latta Patronis
Lawler Perry
Letlow Pfluger
Loudermilk Reschenthaler
Lucas Rogers (AL)
Luna Rogers (KY)
Luttrell Rose
Mace Rouzer
Mackenzie Roy
Malliotakis Rulli
Maloy Rutherford
Mann Salazar
Massie Scalise

NAYS—206

Adams Evans (PA)
Aguilar Fields
Amo Figures
Ansari Fletcher
Auchincloss Foster
Balint Foushee
Barragán Frankel, Lois
Beatty Friedman
Bell Frost
Bera Garamendi
Beyer Garcia (CA)
Bishop Garcia (IL)
Bonamici Garcia (TX)
Boyle (PA) Gillen
Brown Golden (ME)
Brownley Goldman (NY)
Budzinski Gomez
Bynum Goodlander
Carbajal Gottheimer
Carson Gray
Carter (LA) Green, Al (TX)
Casar Harder (CA)
Case Hayes
Casten Himes
Castro (TX) Horsford
Cherfilus-Hill Houlihan
McCormick Hoyer
Chu Hoyle (OR)
Cisneros Huffman
Clark (MA) Ivey
Clarke (NY) Jackson (IL)
Cleave Jacobs
Clyburn Jayapal
Cohen Jeffries
Conaway Johnson (GA)
Correa Johnson (TX)
Costa Kamlager-Dove
Courtney Kaptur
Craig Keating
Crockett Kelly (IL)
Crow Kennedy (NY)
Cuellar Khanna
Davids (KS) Krishnamoorthi
Davis (IL) Landsman
Davis (NC) Larsen (WA)
Dean (PA) Larson (CT)
DeGette Latimer
DeLauro Lee (NV)
DelBene Lee (PA)
Deluzio Levin
DeSaulnier Liccardo
Dexter Lieu
Dingell Lofgren
Doggett Lynch
Elfrehth Magaziner
Escobar Mannion
Espallat Matsui

Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
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Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Stefanik
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Steube
Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
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Turner (OH)
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dyne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
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Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suozi
Swalwell
Sykes

Baumgartner
Castor (FL)
Gonzalez, V.
Hurd (CO)

Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vargas

NOT VOTING—12

Lee (FL)
Leger Fernandez
Miller-Meeks
Mills

□ 1355

Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. PAPPAS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. BOEBERT changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 217, noes 208, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 149]

AYES—217

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
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Boebert
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Brecheen
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
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Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Davidson
De La Cruz

DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fine
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foorx
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)

Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
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Kennedy (UT)
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Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann

Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
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Meuser
Miller (IL)
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Moore (NC)
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Moran
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Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
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Ogles
Onder
Owens

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Auchincloss
Balint
Barragán
Beatty
Bell
Bera
Beyer
Bishop
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bynum
Carbajal
Carson
Carter (LA)
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Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-Hill
McCormick
Chu
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Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleave
Clyburn
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Conaway
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
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Cuellar
Davids (KS)
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DeSaulnier
Dexter
Dingell
Doggett
Elfrehth
Escobar
Espallat
Evans (PA)
Fields
Figures
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Friedman
Frost
Garamendi

Palmer
Patronis
Perry
Pfluger
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
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Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Stefanik

NOES—208

Garcia (CA)
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gillen
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzalez, V.
Goodlander
Gottheimer
Gray
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlihan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
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Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Khanna
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
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Magaziner
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Matsui
McBath
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McClellan
McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
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Menendez
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Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
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Mullin
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Ocasio-Cortez
Olszewski
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pelosi
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pingree
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Randall
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suozi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman

Wasserman Watson Coleman Wilson (FL)
Schultz Whitesides
Waters Williams (GA)

NOT VOTING—7

Lee (FL) Norcross Vargas
Miller-Meeks Sherrill
Moore (AL) Thompson (CA)

□ 1401

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. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I did not vote on Roll Call Nos. 148 and 149, as I was meeting with constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 148, Ordering the previous question of H. Res. 458, and NO on Roll Call No. 149, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2483, SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025; H.R. 2931, Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025; H.R. 2966, American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025; and H.R. 2987, CEASE Act of 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent Resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 201. An act 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, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) (re-appointment).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 118-144, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution Act:

Louise Mirrer of New York.

Amy Gutmann of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 70-770, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) (re-appointment).

SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to include extraneous material in the record on H.R. 2483.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 458 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2483.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Tennessee (DESJARLAIS) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1409

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes, with Mr. DESJARLAIS in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member on the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.

When the Committee on Energy and Commerce led the way on the original SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act 7 years ago under the leadership of Chairman Greg Walden, the opioid crisis looked different. Overdose deaths were largely driven by prescription and semisynthetic opioids, like oxycodone and heroin.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, government-enforced lockdowns hurt patients in recovery and sent more people into despair, increasing the amount of people taking illegal drugs for the first time.

Since then, the heartbreaking stories about the toll illicit fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances have on our communities have continued. The rate at which Americans are dying from fentanyl poisoning is just devastating.

In our first Health Committee hearing this Congress, my colleagues lis-

tened to the testimony of Ray Cullen, who lost his son Zach to fentanyl poisoning. Nobody should have to experience this pain.

Earlier this year, the House took a critical step to get illicit fentanyl off our streets in passing the HALT Fentanyl Act, which was led by my friend, Congressman MORGAN GRIFFITH.

I am proud today to lead the reauthorization of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act. By passing this bill, my colleagues continue our work to help improve treatment and recovery opportunities, bolster prevention initiatives, and fight the fentanyl crisis.

This bill is about offering hope to those in despair, those battling substance use disorder, their families and loved ones, healthcare heroes, and first responders who need continued support to help save lives.

I thank Congresswoman PETERSEN and all the Members who have supported this important bipartisan piece of legislation.

I am hopeful that by reauthorizing programs with proven success and increasing access to treatment, Congress can continue to address and prevent these tragic drug-related deaths and restore hope and healing to those who need it. I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2483, legislation that reauthorizes the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

Last Congress, this bill passed with strong bipartisan support right here on the House floor under suspension of the rules. Today it is coming up under a rule because a lot has changed since last year. There is a new administration, and the Trump administration is attacking mental health and substance use response efforts on every front.

Republicans want to move forward with this legislation at the same time that they are silently watching as the Trump administration dismantles SAMHSA, the very agency that is responsible for carrying out the programs that the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act reauthorizes.

Thanks to our efforts in recent years, significant improvements have been made in combating the opioid overdose epidemic that has devastated families in every community throughout our Nation, but those improvements are now threatened as the Trump administration guts the very programs and funding that have helped us turn the corner.

In the past few months, the Trump administration has completely eroded the mental health and substance use treatment landscape as we know it. It has fired hundreds of workers at SAMHSA, including key senior officials, such as the director of the center focused on mental health. The department continues to refuse to respond to

my repeated requests about how many SAMHSA employees have been terminated and how many additional firings are planned.

□ 1415

The Trump administration has eliminated entire offices that are responsible for collecting data on mental health and substance use and helping people locate treatment services. These actions will only make it harder for people who are seeking treatment to find care.

The Trump administration is also eliminating SAMHSA altogether without congressional reauthorization. It will be combined with other agencies that the Trump administration doesn't care about under the banner of a larger make America healthy again office.

These critical programs to treat mental health and substance abuse will be deprioritized or eliminated in favor of Secretary Kennedy's pet projects, like destroying Americans' access to vaccines. Congress has received zero—zero—information from the administration about how this new office will work and how the work of SAMHSA to address the mental health and substance use treatments needs of our communities will be prioritized.

The Trump administration is also rescinding more than \$1 billion in essential funding that States rely on through block grants. It has also proposed eliminating dozens of different mental health and substance use programs, including eight programs reauthorized by the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.

This includes programs to train first responders who respond to opioid overdose calls, provide residential treatment to pregnant and postpartum women, and support people on long-term recovery.

If Republicans really support these programs, my colleagues should be opposing the President's budget, which lays out plans to cut the very programs Republican Members claim to care about. In fact, the Trump administration budget goes further and proposes eliminating nearly all of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 programs as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle propose to eliminate all of the so-called programs of regional and national significance.

This is the umbrella under which nearly all of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 programs reside. My colleagues have also proposed gutting the mental health block grant, the substance abuse block grant, the State opioid response grants, and consolidating them into one program with a deep funding cut.

I will be clear, Mr. Chair. This is not a budget proposal in the traditional sense. This is a roadmap for what the Trump administration plans to do unless the Federal courts prevent them from proceeding.

Their expansive and limitless view of the President's authority knows no bounds. If DOGE wants to cut entire agencies, eliminate programs, and impound funds, they will do it regardless of the law. The Trump administration is making clear that funding treatment and prevention for mental health and substance abuse issues is not a priority.

Unfortunately, Republican majorities of both the House and the Senate silently sit by and watch all of the destruction and illegal actions. House Republicans have not conducted any oversight of this administration.

Let us not forget also, Mr. Chair, that last month, House Republicans passed the biggest cut to Medicaid in history as part of their scheme to fund giant tax breaks for billionaires. As the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office just announced this morning, the GOP tax scam now cuts 16 million people, up from 13.5 million people, from their healthcare, all to give tax breaks to their billionaire friends.

Medicaid covers 40 percent of all Americans with opioid use disorder. Gutting the program will leave millions of Americans without access to lifesaving care. We can't just go back to business as usual after that devastation was supported and passed by my Republican colleagues.

All of these actions completely undermine the efforts we have made to address substance use disorders in communities across the country. They will have disastrous and deadly consequences on the millions of Americans impacted by substance use disorder. Yet, House Republicans are here on the floor today pretending that we are conducting business as usual here in Washington.

If that were the case, I would join them in supporting the legislation, just as I did last Congress. Yet, this administration is not conducting business as usual, and Republicans are doing absolutely nothing to fight back.

Therefore, Mr. Chair, I can't support this bill while our mental health and substance use treatment infrastructure is being gutted by the Trump administration. There needs to be a functioning agency to implement the programs in this bill. There needs to be actual funding for the agency to carry out these programs. Neither will exist under what Trump has done or is proposing.

If Republicans were really interested in continuing to combat the opioid overdose crisis, they would finally join us in opposing the illegal actions of the Trump administration rather than hiding behind this legislation today.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I point out, as they have had efficiencies in HHS in this area, it has been reported to us that there are no material changes in the programs before us today, showing that the

Trump administration has substance use disorder and drug addiction as a number one priority.

Mr. Chair, I don't understand the logic that the best way to send a message to the President that you support these programs is to vote "no" on the bill. I just don't understand that logic. I hope we can get bipartisan support. We will put the bill on the President's desk, and I believe the President will sign the bill.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chair of the full committee for yielding. I appreciate it.

Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 is one of the most impactful bills the Committee on Energy and Commerce has worked on during my time in Congress. Simply put, we came together to implement bipartisan policies that would save lives.

Gone are the days that substance abuse and addiction are a far off problem that doesn't impact each one of our districts. Instead of hearing the words: "I know someone who knows someone," we hear too often: "I know someone personally who is impacted by addiction."

That is why it is absolutely essential that we reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, which will ensure that we have the right tools at our disposal to fight the scourge of fentanyl and opioids in our communities. We must continue vital resources for prevention, education, treatment, recovery, workforce, and law enforcement to help patients struggling with substance abuse. This reauthorization ensures that we will continue to make progress, continue to fight back, and will continue to save lives.

Mr. Chair, I again thank the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE), for his leadership on this legislation. Let's fix it. Let's promote treatment before tragedy, and stop the drug poisonings.

Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO), the ranking member of the Environment Subcommittee.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding.

Mr. Chair, SAMHSA's stated mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring access to better outcomes for all.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the public servants at SAMHSA work

every day to prevent overdoses and suicides and save lives.

As a longtime champion for behavioral health parity and access to treatment and as co-chair of the Congressional Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus, bipartisan in nature, there have been a few questions on my mind.

For instance, how many public servants need to be fired at SAMHSA before we say enough? How many suicide prevention trainings need to be canceled before Republicans can speak out? How many lifesaving naloxone trainings need to be canceled for Republicans to say anything? How many lives need to be lost before Republicans tell the Trump administration to stop the decimation of SAMHSA?

I have other questions, too. They are simple ones like: How many people work at SAMHSA currently? What divisions have no staff left at all? What programs have they had to cut in local communities?

In February, following the firing of probationary employees, I started asking these questions. Since the firing of nearly 50 percent of SAMHSA's staff, I have continued asking those questions. To date, I have gotten zero answers—zero.

Currently, we have lost 50 percent of SAMHSA's staff, and it is not HHS or the Trump administration that shared that with Congress. We only have confirmation that SAMHSA lost half of its staff from the press and from the former SAMHSA employees. That simply is unacceptable.

As a Congress, if we say we care about behavioral health and if we say there is a crisis, then we should be ashamed that we are okay not knowing this. For 4 months, we have been asking questions. Instead of answers, we have even more concerning questions.

I shared with our Committee on Energy and Commerce chair that, as the committee that has jurisdiction over SAMHSA, how do we not have these very important answers? This affects every community in the country, and our first action should be finding out these answers.

If the administration refuses to come in, then let's bring in the fired employees. These people are some of the most dedicated public servants who did this work for all of the right reasons, and they served an incredible need.

On behalf of all Americans, I thank all of the fired SAMHSA employees for their service to our Nation. They deserved better. Frankly, all Americans deserved better. Our loved ones should have access to effective addiction treatment, prevention and recovery support, and behavioral health support and services.

The recent actions of this Trump administration are betraying the goal of access to behavioral health treatment and support. RFK and Donald Trump have proposed to eliminate SAMHSA as an independent agency, burying it somewhere in the so-called Administration for a Healthy America, or AHA.

Let's remember that the whole reason Congress moved SAMHSA into an independent agency was to ensure that behavioral health was prioritized despite the longstanding stigma.

Instead, AHA would take us back to the time that behavioral health is tucked away in another agency and deprioritized. When the agency is gutted, the programs and the mission suffer. Ultimately, the individuals we are trying to help with their mental health and substance use struggles will simply not get the support they need. People will die.

I beg my colleagues on the other side of the aisle: Let's reverse course. We have an obligation to protect SAMHSA's mission and all of our constituents who SAMHSA serves. Like many of my colleagues, I support the programs in this package, but it is completely disingenuous and, frankly, outrageous that Republicans are here today trying to pat themselves on the back as doing something meaningful for those struggling with addiction while the entire agency we are authorizing programs for is being dismantled.

The people doing the work we are authorizing have all been fired, and the administration is proposing even more draconian cuts for mental health and substance use programs in the 2026 budget.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Chair, give me a break. It is like we are trying to heal a bullet wound with a Band-Aid. I am regrettably going to have to vote "no" and would respectfully ask my Republican colleagues to pause today's vote and, instead, focus our attention on responding to the actual crisis at SAMHSA.

Let's stop this performance. Instead, let's do the right thing and walk out right now and meet, make calls, and work together to stop this madness. Let's actually do something to meet this moment before it is too late and we no longer have an agency focused on behavioral health.

This is truly a performative vote if Republicans are too scared to say anything when the agency is being decimated and the mission is on the line. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to go home and say they voted for support, but my colleagues won't mention that. It will never be implemented because the funding and staff are gone.

Let's return to my initial question: How many lives need to be lost before Republicans tell the Trump administration to stop the decimation of SAMHSA? If Republicans go forward with this vote today while staying silent as this administration takes the chain saw to SAMHSA, then it is clear that my Republican colleagues are willing to let SAMHSA lose all of its capacity to serve its mission to save lives.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER), the chair of the Subcommittee on Health, an important worker on this piece of legislation and my good friend.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of Chairman GUTHRIE's SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.

This critical legislation reflects House Republicans' ongoing commitment to fighting the opioid and fentanyl crisis that is devastating families across this Nation.

Under the leadership of President Trump and Chairman GUTHRIE, we are finally seeing real progress.

Listen to these figures, Mr. Chairman:

For the first time in years, opioid overdose deaths have declined, dropping from over 83,000 in 2023 to under 55,000 by the most recent data.

Those are good numbers. They did not happen by accident. It happened because we took bold action to secure our borders, to prioritize treatments, and invest in recovery programs that work.

We can help continue this trajectory by advancing the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, which is one of the single largest congressional efforts to address our opioid crisis.

Through the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, we are reauthorizing prevention programs and recovery services and ensuring that first responders can access and administer Naloxone. We are ultimately restoring hope and healing by putting a stop to drug overdose and poisoning.

Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman GUTHRIE for his work on this important issue, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation.

Mr. Chairman, let's pass this bill. Let's secure our borders. Let's stem the tide of the growing fentanyl crisis, and let's save lives.

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

Mr. Chairman, I have a great deal of respect for the chairman of the Health Subcommittee, but he goes on to talk about how the Republicans are supporting these programs, and it is simply not true.

Mr. Chair, I have in front of me the "Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in Brief" that came from the Department of Health and Human Services.

On page 35 to 36 of the document, it says: "The budget eliminates the following programs to align investments with the administration's priorities. . . ."

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It lists the following programs. First responder training—there are so many. I don't want to read them all. The chairman mentions helping first responders. That first responder training

program is eliminated under the budget, right? A pregnant and postpartum women program; building communities of recovery; treatment, recovery, and workforce support; comprehensive opioid recovery centers; and youth prevention and recovery initiatives are all eliminated.

I understand that the President is trying to prevent fentanyl from coming in from across the border. I, obviously, support that. The chairman from Georgia said we still need treatment and education. Of course, we do, but that is not what is going on here.

The budget eliminates these programs, so my Republican colleagues can't just come here on the floor and say that they support all this and then authorize the very programs that are being eliminated, so there is no funding and no staff to carry them out. It is not fair. They are giving the impression to the public that they are doing something that they are not.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DUNN), my good friend who is the vice chair of the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act.

This bill is a critical piece of legislation that will help bolster prevention, treatment, and recovery for millions of Americans suffering from substance abuse disorders.

Thanks to the investments from the original SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act in 2018 and the efforts of the Trump administration, we are finally starting to see a decrease in the overdose death rate.

Florida is a shining example of this progress. In Florida, pilot programs have taken innovative steps, such as using long-acting injectables to help fight opioid addiction. I am encouraged by the number, and I also thoroughly believe that Congress needs to continue the program to make this response possible.

One SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 program I am especially excited for is the first responder training program, which helps ensure that first responders are prepared and trained to administer Narcan.

I also strongly believe in the residential treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women. This program is vital to help new moms obtain treatment for substance abuse disorders.

Programs in this bill can change the lives of those who are suffering from substance abuse disorders when they have nowhere else to turn.

For these reasons, I stand in strong support of H.R. 2483. I look forward to voting in favor of this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. DEXTER).

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Chair, I rise today not just as a Member of this body but as a physician who has spent nearly two decades caring for patients in the intensive care unit, many of them fighting for their lives because of a system that has failed to support them before a crisis hit.

In Oregon's Third District, we see every day how critical prevention, treatment, and recovery programs are. We need those programs that my colleague from New Jersey just referred to as being cut. This bill does nothing to repair those cuts.

These aren't abstract policy ideas. They are the difference between life and death for many of my constituents. They are critical for the health and safety of Oregonians and Americans across this country.

That is why efforts to sustain and strengthen these programs matter deeply to the communities I represent. They are essential for the parents working two jobs while navigating recovery, for the young people trying to build a future after surviving an overdose, and for families trying to heal.

Let's not kid ourselves. While Republicans bring this reauthorization bill to the floor, they stand by as the Trump administration dismantles the very agency responsible for implementing these programs. They have fired experts, erased offices, and rescinded over a billion dollars already allocated to State and local response. Just 2 weeks ago, they passed the largest Medicaid cut in history out of this Chamber despite the fact that Medicaid covers 40 percent of Americans addicted to opioids.

This wasn't fiscal accountability. It was a decision to directly undermine the access of care for millions of people who need it most. These are people who desperately need our compassion and care.

Do not be fooled by this game of smoke and mirrors. This kind of hypocrisy cannot go unchallenged. Claiming to support recovery while simultaneously gutting the programs that make it possible is politics at its worst.

My Republican colleagues cannot honestly stand for people's need to access treatment while kneecapping the agency that is accountable for providing it.

Lives are at stake, and the American people are watching. They do know what it means when elected leaders say one thing and do another, and they deserve honesty and real action.

Mr. Chair, I thank my colleague from New Jersey for this debate.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I want to point out that Medicaid reform specifically exempted people with substance use disorder from being defined as able-bodied for the purpose of the work requirement. It specifically exempted them. We understand that Medicaid is a big payer for people with substance use disorder recovery services, and our bill exempted them. That will continue.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON), my good friend.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Chair, communities in my district and across the country continue to feel the devastating impact of the opioid and fentanyl crisis. We all know someone who has been affected, and many of us felt that loss ourselves.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, first signed into law by President Trump in 2018, brought vital resources to those on the front lines: patients, families, first responders, and recovery providers.

Since then, overdose deaths have dropped significantly, but as we all know too well in Appalachian Ohio, there is much more work to be done.

Today's reauthorization builds on that progress. This bill ensures access to lifesaving medications for first responders, expands treatment for pregnant women, strengthens prescription drug monitoring, and supports recovery centers and workforce reentry programs.

By continuing this critical work, we can save more lives, restore more families, and bring hope to communities hit hardest by the addiction.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the ranking member of the Agriculture Committee, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG).

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Chair, overdose deaths are preventable, and we should be using all the tools at our disposal to save American families from the pain of losing a loved one to opioids. It is past time we treat the opioid crisis like the public health crisis that it is.

My bipartisan RECONNECTIONS Act will do that by helping get overdose education and prevention tools like naloxone into the hands of those who need it. I am proud that my common-sense bill is included in the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.

It is great to see my colleagues recognizing the urgency of the crisis, but we have to be clear-eyed about the moment we are in. Medicaid is the country's single-largest payer of both mental health and substance use services, and it is on the chopping block if my Republican colleagues' budget bill is signed into law.

We have to protect Medicaid at all costs. I will continue standing up against any cuts to these lifesaving benefits.

Mr. Chair, I thank everyone who has been part of this fight. This bill will save lives.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I want to point out one more time that in Medicaid reform, people with substance use disorder and mental health issues are exempted from having to comply with the work requirement so that hard-working taxpayers who go to work will provide the categories we were just talking about today with Medicaid. They are not going to provide for the able-bodied. There is an exemption

from the able-bodied requirement for substance use disorder recovery and mental health.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK), my great friend and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman GUTHRIE for his leadership on this bill and on this issue.

I have a hard time listening to opposition to this bill. Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle for the last 4 years have continuously voted against the HALT Fentanyl Act and have stood in opposition to any effort to curb the opioid crisis in this country, which up until recently was killing 100,000 people every single year.

That is why, today, I rise to urge passage of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 because this ongoing addiction crisis, fueled in large part by fentanyl, is still killing Americans.

This legislation builds on the hard work that Republicans started back in 2018 under President Trump. Guess what? That work has made a difference.

Instead of studying something over and over, this bill, along with other legislation, has directed resources to the ground where it is intended.

Overdose deaths have dropped by nearly 30,000 last year. That is not just a number. That is moms, dads, sons, and daughters who are still with us today as a result of Congress stepping up.

This reauthorization keeps the momentum going, and it makes sure that first responders—first responders like my husband, Matt, who is a paramedic and a SWAT medic/firefighter—have the resources that they need to save lives in the field.

It doesn't stop there. This bill supports a full range of evidence-based treatment options, from emergency overdose reversal to long-term recovery tools, like medication-assisted treatment, counseling, and peer support.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 has the backing of more than 160 different organizations dedicated to substance abuse disorder treatment and recovery, and it expands care for pregnant and postpartum women, strengthens prescription drug monitoring, and helps individuals in recovery reenter the workforce and rebuild their lives.

That is what real solutions look like, not another study. Stop playing politics with people's lives, please. We need to support prevention, treatment, and recovery at every single level.

Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman GUTHRIE again for leading on this issue, and I urge every single one of my colleagues to support this bill. Let's get it done.

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

Mr. Chair, I want to talk about not only the SUPPORT for Patients and

Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 but the ineffectiveness of what is going on today with this reauthorized bill, but also the Medicaid cuts, which also affect people who are impacted by behavioral or mental health problems.

I put up the budget before. This is the President's budget. This is the Health and Human Services Department's budget. Again, I don't understand how my Republican colleagues can come here and say they are reauthorizing this program and ask what we are complaining about. The programs that I had mentioned that are cut in the President's budget, I am not going to go through them again, but I mentioned the first responder training, the comprehensive opioid recovery centers, and the youth prevention and recovery initiatives. All these programs are reauthorized by the bill before us today, but in the budget, the President eliminates the programs—no funding, no staff, no nothing.

How do they say that they are doing anything when the Trump administration is publicly laying out its plans to eliminate the very programs that they are reauthorizing? My colleagues on the other side are applauding their efforts to pass this bill even though it is meaningless.

How do they support a bill when the programs it reauthorizes are set to be eliminated by the President of the United States and their own party?

The same thing is true with regard to the Medicaid cuts. I hear my colleague, who I respect, the chairman of our Energy and Commerce Committee, keep saying that the Medicaid cuts in the budget bill that they passed a couple of weeks ago affect only the able-bodied, that it doesn't affect people with substance use disorders or those struggling with mental illness because they are exempt from the work requirements or the paperwork, if you will, that is in this bill, which CBO says is going to result in 16 million people losing their health insurance.

This morning, CBO revised their analysis of the Republican budget bill. They had said it was 13.5 million, but now, because of the changes before the bill went from the Energy and Commerce Committee to the floor, it is now 16 million people who will lose their health insurance, primarily because of all this red tape.

Taking health coverage from 16 million Americans is entirely unacceptable, and there is no amount of rationalizing that Republicans can do to make it any better. They said they have exemptions from this paperwork. Those exemptions have never worked.

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We have the example from the State of Georgia, which admitted that there were 300,000 to 400,000 people under expanded Medicaid that were eligible for Medicaid under the State program, but only 4,500 of those 300,000 to 400,000 qualified because of the paperwork.

It doesn't matter what you say. Eliminating these people is simply un-

acceptable, and it just means they are going to go without health insurance. Then the costs are going to go up for everybody else because now the hospitals and the nursing homes that take them are not going to get paid and then all your private insurance and other insurance bills are going to go up. Your premiums are going to go up. Your deductibles are going to go up.

Mr. Chair, I will use, if I can, two examples from organizations that represent people with disabilities and know that the Republicans are taking away their health coverage, regardless of what they say about the red tape.

This is from a coalition of 425 disability and aging organizations. They say: We strongly oppose Medicaid cuts in any form. Whether it is done by imposing work requirements, repealing the eligibility and enrollment rule, or further eliminating the way States fund their share of Medicaid costs, these proposals all lead to the same result: People with disabilities and older adults will lose care and support that keep them healthy and independent. That is the bottom line. No rationalizing away what is happening here.

This is from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I could give you so many examples. I don't want to use up all the time. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation says:

While people with chronic illnesses like cystic fibrosis may be exempt from work requirements, we know exemptions for people with disabilities and caregivers do not work. Exemptions may not happen automatically and can require complex paperwork and regular recertification even for those with chronic lifelong conditions.

The bottom line is, it doesn't matter what you say. It doesn't matter how you do it; 16 million Americans are going to lose their health insurance under this legislation, and no amount of rationalizing on your part is going to change that.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I will remind you that we spend about almost \$700 billion in Medicaid. When this bill goes into effect, 10 years from now, we are going to spend \$1.1 trillion in Medicaid. I just want to make sure that point is made.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE), my good friend and a great leader on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of this bipartisan bill that reauthorizes the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act programs from 2018.

Mr. Chair, we are facing an epidemic of fentanyl overdoses in this country and this bill provides meaningful steps in countering them. The programs that this bill reauthorize provide naloxone for first responders, funding for prevention programs, funding for treatment programs, funding for recovery services, and the efficacy of these programs

is shown in the difference in overdose deaths that we have seen in this country between when the program was first implemented in 2018 and last year.

We have seen, Mr. Chair, a dramatic decline in overdose-related deaths, but more work remains to be done.

Last year, Mr. Chair, over 50,000 Americans lost their lives to opioid overdoses. That is why this bill is so important to reauthorize. I thank my friend and the chairman for including my bill, the 9-8-8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act in this bill. I hope everyone in the Chamber is aware of the 9-8-8 lifeline and the vital services that it provides. It provides 24/7 crisis mental health counseling to Americans that are facing mental health crises and are in danger of committing suicide.

Mr. Chair, recently the crisis line was taken down by a cybersecurity incident and I think we should all be able to agree that that is unacceptable. My bill will solve that problem by improving information sharing between law enforcement agencies and the operators of the lifeline, which will keep that lifeline up for the people who need it.

Mr. Chair, this is a great bipartisan bill. I urge its support.

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

Mr. Chair, I appreciate what the gentleman from California is saying. The bottom line is, if these programs are successful under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and I agree they have been, the numbers in terms of people dying, people who are severely impacted by opioid use and overdoses, clearly they have gone down because of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act programs, but that is the very reason why the Republicans should speak out against the administration that is rescinding a billion dollars in grants that are going for these treatment centers. It is why they should speak out against the budget on the part of President Trump that I have cited several times today that eliminates these programs. It is why they should speak out against these cuts in the staff for these programs.

It is the very fact that the programs have been successful is why the administration should prioritize the programs. The Republican leadership on our committee and in the House should say: What you are proposing, what you are doing, President Trump, is not acceptable because it is going to reverse this. It is going to reverse the trend where opioid use and overdose goes down. It is going to reverse it if we don't have these programs. That is why they are successful.

To just say we are going to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, which is meaningless because they are eliminating the programs, that is not the answer. The answer is for all of you to get up, go down to the White House, join us and say: What you are doing, President

Trump, is not acceptable. It is going to reverse the progress that we have made.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. JAMES), my good friend and very strong leader on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Chair, dramatic pause for effect, I rise today to speak in favor of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025. I thank my friend, Chairman GUTHRIE, for his very hard work and leadership in getting this done.

Fentanyl is a scourge on our Nation, leaving a trail of heartbreak and destruction in its wake. We cannot allow this poison to continue tearing our families apart, and I am proud the House Republicans are, once again, leading the fight to protect our communities and get fentanyl off our streets.

Nationally, in 2022, the United States saw over 107,000 overdose deaths in 1 year. That is 45 more deaths in 1 year than we lost during the entirety of the 20-year war in Afghanistan. It is unconscionable.

While I am thrilled to see that opioid overdose deaths have declined from an estimated 83,000 in 2023 and 54,000 in 2024, there is still so much more that we have to do.

The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 plays a critical role by ensuring first responders have access to lifesaving naloxone, increasing treatment options, and bolstering support services.

I am especially pleased to see that provisions of my Road to Recovery Act were included in this SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025. The bipartisan Road to Recovery Act reauthorizes lifesaving resources vital to addressing opioid addiction and substance abuse across the country.

It provides critical resources for SAMHSA's National Helpline, a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations.

Mr. Chair, the American people are tired of Democrats and Republicans bickering. I imagine both Democrats and Republicans agree on fentanyl and any direction on fixing this scourge is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Chair, with this bipartisan legislation and action that we are taking to save lives, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this crucial legislation.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. SCHMIDT), one of our freshman Members, not a member of the Energy

and Commerce Committee, but he has been on the front lines of the opioid crisis in Topeka as attorney general, and it is great to have his expertise in the Congress.

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman for his leadership on this issue.

This is a subject near and dear to my heart. I come from a part of the country in southeast Kansas where I have got a lot of classmates, friends, and neighbors who have struggled with addiction over the years. I know them personally.

When I started in public service, it was all about methamphetamine in our part of the world. It was the clandestine meth lab in the trunk of a car or an abandoned barn or an old house. We dealt with that, as a matter of public policy, by putting Sudafed behind the counter. We made it harder for people to pilfer Sudafed and go out and cook up their own meth. We knew that that was going to cut down the number of clandestine laboratories, but it wasn't going to decrease the demand; it was just going to increase the demand for meth to come across the southern border, and that is what happened. They created trade routes.

Then along came the 1990s and unrelated to methamphetamine, we had a lot of big drug companies and some bad actors, who decided they were going to make more money by doing a lot of stuff they shouldn't have done to incent the medical community to prescribe more opioids, and they did and it was illegal.

When I got to serve as attorney general, we joined together, Republicans and Democrats. We didn't think about party affiliation, and we sued some of these companies and held them accountable. When I left office, we had recovered about \$340 million, \$350 million for my State of Kansas to deal with drug treatment from Purdue Pharma and other companies that had peddled addiction for profit.

It doesn't sound like a lot of money in this Chamber, but to put it in context, that was many times more than the State of Kansas had ever spent on addiction treatment and intervention and prevention.

We have an obligation to support these folks who are struggling down the street from us with addiction. It shouldn't be a partisan issue. It is more than just closing the border, although we have to do that. It is about helping folks change their behavior and their lives.

There is a lot that needs to be done. This is one piece of it. I am a little bit disappointed that this has been something of a partisan debate. It never has been for me. It never was in my previous public roles. It should not be now.

Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman for his leadership and encourage all my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey has 8 minutes remaining.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair, I want everyone to understand my opposition to this bill.

While the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act was first passed in 2018 with bipartisan support, the idea was to address the opioid crisis by authorizing programs that aimed to prevent substance use disorder and increase access to treatment and recovery, but the Trump administration has unlawfully gutted the agency responsible for carrying out these programs that the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 reauthorizes. Congressional Republicans are trying to have it both ways. You really can't.

They are trying to have it both ways. They are saying we are going to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, but then they silently stand by as the Trump administration dismantles the very program under SAMHSA or the very agency, SAMHSA, that actually implements the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.

The Trump administration is moving forward with its unauthorized and illegal plans to eliminate SAMHSA altogether and combine mental health and substance use programs under this unrelated agency called the new Administration for a Healthy America.

Believe me, Secretary Kennedy has not explained in any way what this new administration will do or how it will continue any of the programs under SAMHSA.

What has the administration done? First, they fired hundreds of workers at SAMHSA, including key senior officials such as the directors of centers focused on mental health and substance use treatment. They have eliminated entire offices authorized by this statute, including the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Lab and the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, which has been opposed by dozens of leading mental health and substance use groups that don't want these agencies eliminated because they actually play a major role in helping people with mental and behavioral health problems.

The Trump administration has rescinded over a billion dollars from State and local behavioral health programs under mental health and substance use block grants. This is the money that goes back to the States, the counties, and the towns to open up the centers, particularly for young people. That is where this all happens. It happens at the local level where people are treated, where the education programs take place. That billion dollars is gone. I am sure it is in the courts and the courts may say you can't do it, hopefully, but they have rescinded it.

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Lastly, the Trump administration has disregarded the will of Congress by

preparing to eliminate 40 different mental health and substance use programs. I am not going to go through them again. I listed them. They are all in the President's budget. It is terrible. It is things like the centers for youth, the centers for first responders, who are the ones who go and see people that overdose and try to make sure they don't die.

Again, all of this is happening, and the House Republicans say: Oh, don't worry about that because we are going to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and this is 2 weeks after the biggest cut to Medicaid in history with their GOP tax scam.

My only point is very simple, Mr. Chair, and that is this: The Energy and Commerce Committee is an authorizing committee. Sure, you can get up here and say we are going to authorize this program because we care about all the programs under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, but it is meaningless.

It makes no sense for us to authorize or reauthorize a program, whether it is substance use abuse or whatever it is, and give the impression to the public that somehow we are accomplishing something by authorizing or reauthorizing a program where there is going to be no agency to carry it out, no money, no staff.

I just think it is just not fair. It is trying to give the impression that you are doing something when, in fact, you are not. I feel obligated to expose that and to say, no, we are not going to vote for this hollow bill that actually does nothing because it gives the impression that we are doing something that we are not.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, this isn't a hollow exercise. This is our opportunity to say these programs are important to us. Article I of the Constitution clearly gives us legislative authority: All legislative authority will vest in the Congress of the United States.

We authorize these programs. I don't think the answer is to say we believe in these programs, therefore we are not going to vote to reauthorize them because we don't believe they are going to be carried out. It is our job to authorize them, to work the appropriations process, and then to do the oversight to make sure these are implemented.

If the White House and the President can do this more efficiently, I am all about doing it more efficiently, but our job is to ensure that the mission is accomplished. If they can do that with different agencies, we need to have that debate. I think that is important. It starts with authorizing the program, and in this case reauthorizing the program.

Mr. Chair, I just want you to know there are no reasons to vote against

this in substance. The language of this bill that we have before us was negotiated by both the House and the Senate, with the Democratic leaders and the Republican leaders in the House and the Senate, so it was bipartisan and bicameral discussions. That is the text of the bill before us.

What we are here doing today, it is not a hollow move. That is not it at all. We are here today to say these are important to us. If there are discussions on what is important and what is not important, the first thing we need to do is come together as a House and say these issues are important to us as a House. Let's get this bill to the Senate and put it on the President's desk.

I strongly believe the President will sign this bill because he believes, as we all believe, that people are hurting. They are hurting with substance use disorder. You have the supply coming across the border that he is shutting down and trying to shut down, but we also have to deal with the demand side. We need not just to slow down the demand, which is important, but change people's lives because when they are suffering with substance use disorder, it is just chaotic on themselves, their families, in which they live and the friends that they have.

This truly changes people's lives. It is a bipartisan bill. Everything in it is bipartisan and has been discussed. I just encourage my colleagues to vote for this bill, reauthorize these provisions, fight to get them through the Senate, put them on the President's desk, and then fight for their authorization through the appropriations process, as well. I am committed to doing that, and I look forward to hopefully a bipartisan vote on this bill.

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

The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print 119-4, shall be considered as adopted.

The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the 5-minute rule and shall be considered as read.

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

H.R. 2483

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PREVENTION

- Sec. 101. Prenatal and postnatal health.
 Sec. 102. Monitoring and education regarding infections associated with illicit drug use and other risk factors.
 Sec. 103. Preventing overdoses of controlled substances.
 Sec. 104. Support for individuals and families impacted by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.
 Sec. 105. Promoting state choice in PDMP systems.
 Sec. 106. First responder training program.
 Sec. 107. Donald J. Cohen National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.
 Sec. 108. Protecting suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents.
 Sec. 109. Monitoring and reporting of child, youth, and adult trauma.
 Sec. 110. Bruce's law.
 Sec. 111. Guidance on at-home drug disposal systems.
 Sec. 112. Assessment of opioid drugs and actions.
 Sec. 113. Grant program for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders.

TITLE II—TREATMENT

- Sec. 201. Residential treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women.
 Sec. 202. Improving access to addiction medicine providers.
 Sec. 203. Mental and behavioral health education and training grants.
 Sec. 204. Loan repayment program for substance use disorder treatment workforce.
 Sec. 205. Development and dissemination of model training programs for substance use disorder patient records.
 Sec. 206. Task force on best practices for trauma-informed identification, referral, and support.
 Sec. 207. Grants to enhance access to substance use disorder treatment.
 Sec. 208. State guidance related to individuals with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance.
 Sec. 209. Reviewing the scheduling of approved products containing a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone.

TITLE III—RECOVERY

- Sec. 301. Building communities of recovery.
 Sec. 302. Peer support technical assistance center.
 Sec. 303. Comprehensive opioid recovery centers.
 Sec. 304. Youth prevention and recovery.
 Sec. 305. CAREER Act.
 Sec. 306. Addressing economic and workforce impacts of the opioid crisis.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- Sec. 401. Delivery of a controlled substance by a pharmacy to a prescribing practitioner.
 Sec. 402. Required training for prescribers of controlled substances.

TITLE I—PREVENTION

SEC. 101. PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL HEALTH.

Section 317L(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-13(d)) is amended by striking “such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$4,250,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 102. MONITORING AND EDUCATION REGARDING INFECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT DRUG USE AND OTHER RISK FACTORS.

Section 317N(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-15(d)) is amended by

striking “fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 103. PREVENTING OVERDOSES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 392A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—
 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “and associated risks” before the period at the end; and

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “opioids” and inserting “substances causing overdose”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, and associated risk factors,” after “such overdoses”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “coding” and inserting “monitoring and identifying”; and

(C) in subparagraph (E)—
 (i) by inserting a comma after “public health laboratories”; and

(ii) by inserting “and other emerging substances related” after “analogues”; and

(D) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “and associated risk factors” after “overdoses”.

(b) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—Section 392A(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b-1(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “and Indian Tribes—” and inserting “and Indian Tribes for the following purposes:”; and

(2) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) To carry out innovative projects for grantees to detect, identify, and rapidly respond to controlled substance misuse, abuse, and overdoses, and associated risk factors, including changes in patterns of such controlled substance use. Such projects may include the use of innovative, evidence-based strategies for detecting such patterns, such as wastewater surveillance, if proven to support actionable prevention strategies, in a manner consistent with applicable Federal and State privacy laws.”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “for any” and inserting “For any”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 392A(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b-1(e)) is amended by striking “\$496,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$505,579,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 104. SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part O of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280f et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“PART O—FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM

“SEC. 399H. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND SERVICES DELIVERY PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish or continue activities to support a comprehensive fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) education, prevention, identification, intervention, and services delivery program, which may include—

“(1) an education and public awareness program to support, conduct, and evaluate the effectiveness of—

“(A) educational programs targeting health professions schools, social and other supportive services, educators and counselors and other service providers in all phases of childhood development, and other relevant service providers, concerning the prevention, identification, and provision of

services for infants, children, adolescents, and adults with FASD;

“(B) strategies to educate school-age children, including pregnant and high-risk youth, concerning FASD;

“(C) public and community awareness programs concerning FASD; and

“(D) strategies to coordinate information and services across affected community agencies, including agencies providing social services such as foster care, adoption, and social work, agencies providing health services, and agencies involved in education, vocational training, and civil and criminal justice;

“(2) supporting and conducting research on FASD, as appropriate, including to—

“(A) develop appropriate medical diagnostic methods for identifying FASD; and

“(B) develop effective culturally and linguistically appropriate evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions and appropriate supports for preventing prenatal alcohol exposure, which may co-occur with exposure to other substances;

“(3) building State and Tribal capacity for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families, which may include—

“(A) utilizing and adapting existing Federal, State, or Tribal programs to include FASD identification and FASD-informed support;

“(B) developing and expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for FASD;

“(C) developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted FASD-informed intervention programs for FASD;

“(D) providing training with respect to FASD for professionals across relevant sectors; and

“(E) disseminating information about FASD and support services to affected individuals and their families; and

“(4) an applied research program concerning intervention and prevention to support and conduct service demonstration projects, clinical studies and other research models providing advocacy, educational and vocational training, counseling, medical and mental health, and other supportive services, as well as models that integrate and coordinate such services, that are aimed at the unique challenges facing individuals with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or fetal alcohol effect and their families.

“(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants, cooperative agreements and contracts and provide technical assistance to eligible entities to carry out subsection (a).

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant, or enter into a cooperative agreement or contract, under this section, an entity shall—

“(A) be a State, Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, local government, scientific or academic institution, or nonprofit organization; and

“(B) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a description of the activities that the entity intends to carry out using amounts received under this section.

“(3) ADDITIONAL APPLICATION CONTENTS.—The Secretary may require that an eligible entity include in the application submitted under paragraph (2)(B)—

“(A) a designation of an individual to serve as a FASD State or Tribal coordinator of activities such eligible entity proposes to carry out through a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this section; and

“(B) a description of an advisory committee the entity will establish to provide guidance for the entity on developing and

implementing a statewide or Tribal strategic plan to prevent FASD and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families.

“(c) **DEFINITION OF FASD-INFORMED.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘FASD-informed’, with respect to support or an intervention program, means that such support or intervention program uses culturally and linguistically informed evidence-based or practice-based interventions and appropriate resources to support an improved quality of life for an individual with FASD and the family of such individual.

“SEC. 399I. STRENGTHENING CAPACITY AND EDUCATION FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, as the Secretary determines appropriate, to public or nonprofit private entities with demonstrated expertise in the field of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’). Such awards shall be for the purposes of building local, Tribal, State, and nationwide capacities to prevent the occurrence of FASD by carrying out the programs described in subsection (b).

“(b) **PROGRAMS.**—An entity receiving an award under subsection (a) may use such award for the following purposes:

“(1) Developing and supporting public education and outreach activities to raise public awareness of the risks associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

“(2) Acting as a clearinghouse for evidence-based resources on FASD prevention, identification, and culturally and linguistically appropriate best practices to help inform systems of care for individuals with FASD across their lifespan.

“(3) Increasing awareness and understanding of efficacious, evidence-based screening tools and culturally and linguistically appropriate evidence-based intervention services and best practices, which may include improving the capacity for State, Tribal, and local affiliates.

“(4) Providing technical assistance to recipients of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts under section 399H, as appropriate.

“(c) **APPLICATION.**—To be eligible for a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(d) **SUBCONTRACTING.**—A public or private nonprofit entity may carry out the following activities required under this section through contracts or cooperative agreements with other public and private nonprofit entities with demonstrated expertise in FASD:

“(1) Resource development and dissemination.

“(2) Intervention services.

“(3) Training and technical assistance.

“SEC. 399J. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part \$12,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.”.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report containing—

(1) a review of the activities carried out pursuant to sections 399H and 399I of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to advance public education and awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (referred to in this section as “FASD”);

(2) a description of—

(A) the activities carried out pursuant to such sections 399H and 399I to identify, prevent, and treat FASD; and

(B) methods used to evaluate the outcomes of such activities; and

(3) an assessment of activities carried out pursuant to such sections 399H and 399I to support individuals with FASD.

SEC. 105. PROMOTING STATE CHOICE IN PDMP SYSTEMS.

Section 399O(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g-3(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) **PROMOTING STATE CHOICE.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to require States to use a specific vendor or a specific interoperability connection other than to align with nationally recognized, consensus-based open standards, such as in accordance with sections 3001 and 3004.”.

SEC. 106. FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING PROGRAM.

Section 546 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “tribes and tribal” and inserting “Tribes and Tribal”;

(2) in subsections (a), (c), and (d)—

(A) by striking “approved or cleared” each place it appears and inserting “approved, cleared, or otherwise legally marketed”; and

(B) by striking “opioid” each place it appears;

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking “approved or cleared” each place it appears and inserting “approved, cleared, or otherwise legally marketed”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “opioid”;

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “opioid and heroin” and inserting “opioid, heroin, and other drug”; and

(ii) by striking “opioid overdose” and inserting “overdose”; and

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking “opioid and heroin”; and

(4) in subsection (h), by striking “\$36,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$57,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 107. DONALD J. COHEN NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS INITIATIVE.

(a) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The second part G of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290kk et seq.), as added by section 144 of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-554), is amended—

(1) by redesignating such part as part J; and

(2) by redesignating sections 581 through 584 as sections 596 through 596C, respectively.

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 582 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290hh-1) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**VIOLENCE RELATED STRESS**” and inserting “**TRAUMATIC EVENTS**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “tribes and tribal” and inserting “Tribes and Tribal”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and dissemination” after “the development”;

(3) in subsection (b), by inserting “and dissemination” after “the development”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “The NCTSI” and inserting the following:

“(1) **COORDINATING CENTER.**—The NCTSI”;

and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **NCTSI GRANTEES.**—In carrying out subsection (a)(2), NCTSI grantees shall develop trainings and other resources, as applicable and appropriate, to support implemen-

tation of the evidence-based practices developed and disseminated under such subsection.”;

(5) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) in subparagraph (A), as so redesignated, by inserting “and implementation” after “the dissemination”;

(C) by striking “The NCTSI” and inserting the following:

“(1) **COORDINATING CENTER.**—The NCTSI”;

and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **NCTSI GRANTEES.**—NCTSI grantees shall, as appropriate, collaborate with other such grantees, the NCTSI coordinating center, and the Secretary in carrying out subsections (a)(2) and (d)(2).”;

(6) by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

“(h) **APPLICATION AND EVALUATION.**—To be eligible to receive a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection (a), a public or nonprofit private entity or an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require, including—

“(1) a plan for the evaluation of the activities funded under the grant, contract, or agreement, including both process and outcomes evaluation, and the submission of an evaluation at the end of the project period; and

“(2) a description of how such entity, Indian Tribe, or Tribal organization will support efforts led by the Secretary or the NCTSI coordinating center, as applicable, to evaluate activities carried out under this section.”;

(7) by amending subsection (j) to read as follows:

“(j) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

“(1) \$98,887,000 for fiscal year 2026;

“(2) \$98,887,000 for fiscal year 2027;

“(3) \$98,887,000 for fiscal year 2028;

“(4) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2029; and

“(5) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2030.”.

SEC. 108. PROTECTING SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS.

(a) **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE PROGRAM.**—Section 520E-3(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36c(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) taking such steps as may be necessary to ensure the suicide prevention hotline is protected from cybersecurity incidents and eliminates known cybersecurity vulnerabilities.”.

(b) **REPORTING.**—Section 520E-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36c) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) **CYBERSECURITY REPORTING.**—

“(1) **NOTIFICATION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The program’s network administrator receiving Federal funding pursuant to subsection (a) shall report to the Assistant Secretary, in a manner that protects personal privacy, consistent with applicable Federal and State privacy laws—

“(i) any identified cybersecurity vulnerabilities to the program within a reasonable amount of time after identification of such a vulnerability; and

“(ii) any identified cybersecurity incidents to the program within a reasonable amount of time after identification of such incident.

“(B) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS CENTERS.—Local and regional crisis centers participating in the program shall report to the program’s network administrator identified under subparagraph (A), in a manner that protects personal privacy, consistent with applicable Federal and State privacy laws—

“(i) any identified cybersecurity vulnerabilities to the program within a reasonable amount of time after identification of such vulnerability; and

“(ii) any identified cybersecurity incidents to the program within a reasonable amount of time after identification of such incident.

“(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the program’s network administrator receiving funding pursuant to subsection (a) discovers, or is informed by a local or regional crisis center pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) of, a cybersecurity vulnerability or incident, within a reasonable amount of time after such discovery or receipt of information, such entity shall report the vulnerability or incident to the Assistant Secretary.

“(3) CLARIFICATION.—

“(A) OVERSIGHT.—

“(i) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS CENTERS.—Except as provided in clause (ii), local and regional crisis centers participating in the program shall oversee all technology each center employs in the provision of services as a participant in the program.

“(ii) NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR.—The program’s network administrator receiving Federal funding pursuant to subsection (a) shall oversee the technology each crisis center employs in the provision of services as a participant in the program if such oversight responsibilities are established in the applicable network participation agreement.

“(B) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The cybersecurity incident reporting requirements under this subsection shall supplement, and not supplant, cybersecurity incident reporting requirements under other provisions of applicable Federal law that are in effect on the date of the enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025.”

(c) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct and complete a study that evaluates cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated with the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

(2) submit a report on the findings of such study to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 109. MONITORING AND REPORTING OF CHILD, YOUTH, AND ADULT TRAUMA.

Section 7131(e) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 242t(e)) is amended by striking “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 110. BRUCE’S LAW.

(a) YOUTH PREVENTION AND RECOVERY.—Section 7102(c) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–7a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by inserting “, which may include strategies to increase education and awareness of the potency and dangers of synthetic opioids (including drugs contaminated with fentanyl) and, as appropriate, other emerging drug use or misuse issues” before the semicolon; and

(2) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “and strategies to increase education and aware-

ness of the potency and dangers of synthetic opioids (including drugs contaminated with fentanyl) and, as appropriate, emerging drug use or misuse issues” before the semicolon.

(b) INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—Section 7022 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

“(g) WORKING GROUPS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee may establish working groups for purposes of carrying out the duties described in subsection (e). Any such working group shall be composed of members of the Committee (or the designees of such members) and may hold such meetings as are necessary to carry out the duties delegated to the working group.

“(2) ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INTERAGENCY WORK GROUP ON FENTANYL CONTAMINATION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.—

“(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Committee, shall establish a Federal Interagency Work Group on Fentanyl Contamination of Illegal Drugs (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘Work Group’) consisting of representatives from relevant Federal departments and agencies on the Committee.

“(B) CONSULTATION.—The Work Group shall consult with relevant stakeholders and subject matter experts, including—

“(i) State, Tribal, and local subject matter experts in reducing, preventing, and responding to drug overdose caused by fentanyl contamination of illicit drugs; and

“(ii) family members of both adults and youth who have overdosed by fentanyl contaminated illicit drugs.

“(C) DUTIES.—The Work Group shall—

“(i) examine Federal efforts to reduce and prevent drug overdose by fentanyl-contaminated illicit drugs;

“(ii) identify strategies to improve State, Tribal, and local responses to overdose by fentanyl-contaminated illicit drugs;

“(iii) coordinate with the Secretary, as appropriate, in carrying out activities to raise public awareness of synthetic opioids and other emerging drug use and misuse issues;

“(iv) make recommendations to Congress for improving Federal programs, including with respect to the coordination of efforts across such programs; and

“(v) make recommendations for educating youth on the potency and dangers of drugs contaminated by fentanyl.

“(D) ANNUAL REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The Work Group shall annually prepare and submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Education and Workforce of the House of Representatives, a report on the activities carried out by the Work Group under subparagraph (C), including recommendations to reduce and prevent drug overdose by fentanyl contamination of illegal drugs, in all populations, and specifically among youth at risk for substance misuse.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (i) and inserting the following:

“(i) SUNSET.—The Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2030.”

SEC. 111. GUIDANCE ON AT-HOME DRUG DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, shall publish guidance to facilitate the use of at-home safe disposal systems for applicable drugs.

(b) CONTENTS.—The guidance under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) recommended standards for effective at-home drug disposal systems to meet applicable requirements enforced by the Food and Drug Administration;

(2) recommended information to include as instructions for use to disseminate with at-home drug disposal systems;

(3) best practices and educational tools to support the use of an at-home drug disposal system, as appropriate; and

(4) recommended use of licensed health providers for the dissemination of education, instruction, and at-home drug disposal systems, as appropriate.

SEC. 112. ASSESSMENT OF OPIOID DRUGS AND ACTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall publish on the website of the Food and Drug Administration (referred to in this section as the “FDA”) a report that outlines a plan for assessing opioid analgesic drugs that are approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) that addresses the public health effects of such opioid analgesic drugs as part of the benefit-risk assessment and the activities of the FDA that relate to facilitating the development of nonaddictive medical products intended to treat pain or addiction. Such report shall include—

(1) an update on the actions taken by the FDA to consider the effectiveness, safety, benefit-risk profile, and use of approved opioid analgesic drugs;

(2) a timeline for an assessment of the potential need, as appropriate, for labeling changes, revised or additional postmarketing requirements, enforcement actions, or withdrawals for opioid analgesic drugs;

(3) an overview of the steps that the FDA has taken to support the development and approval of nonaddictive medical products intended to treat pain or addiction, and actions planned to further support the development and approval of such products; and

(4) an overview of the consideration by the FDA of clinical trial methodologies for analgesic drugs, including the enriched enrollment randomized withdrawal methodology, and the benefits and drawbacks associated with different trial methodologies for such drugs, incorporating any public input received under subsection (b).

(b) PUBLIC INPUT.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public input concerning the regulation by the FDA of opioid analgesic drugs, including scientific evidence that relates to conditions of use, safety, or benefit-risk assessment (including consideration of the public health effects) of such opioid analgesic drugs.

SEC. 113. GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE AND TRIBAL RESPONSE TO OPIOID USE DISORDERS.

The activities carried out pursuant to section 1003(b)(4)(A) of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3a(b)(4)(A)) may include facilitating access to products used to prevent overdose deaths by detecting the presence of one or more substances, such as fentanyl and xylazine test strips, to the extent the purchase and possession of such products is consistent with Federal and State law.

TITLE II—TREATMENT

SEC. 201. RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.

Section 508 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(C), by striking “providing health services” and inserting “providing health care services”;

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) by inserting “a plan describing” after “will provide”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: “Such plan may include a description of how such applicant will target outreach to women disproportionately impacted by maternal substance use disorder.”; and

(3) in subsection (s), by striking “\$29,931,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$38,931,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 202. IMPROVING ACCESS TO ADDICTION MEDICINE PROVIDERS.

Section 597 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 29011) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “diagnosis,” after “related to”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “addiction medicine,” after “psychiatry.”.

SEC. 203. MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANTS.

Section 756(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294e-1(f)) is amended by striking “fiscal years 2023 through 2027” and inserting “fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 204. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT WORKFORCE.

Section 781(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295h(j)) is amended by striking “\$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 205. DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF MODEL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PATIENT RECORDS.

Section 7053 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd-2 note) is amended by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 206. TASK FORCE ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED IDENTIFICATION, REFERRAL, AND SUPPORT.

Section 7132 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271; 132 Stat. 4046) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (CC) as subparagraph (DD); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (BB) the following:

“(CC) The Administration for Community Living.”;

(2) in subsection (d)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “, developmental disability service providers” before “, individuals who are”; and

(3) in subsection (i), by striking “2023” and inserting “2030”.

SEC. 207. GRANTS TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT.

Section 3203 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (21 U.S.C. 823 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary” and inserting the following: “The Secretary”.

SEC. 208. STATE GUIDANCE RELATED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE.

(a) REVIEW OF USE OF CERTAIN FUNDING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, shall conduct a review of State use of funds made available under the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant program under subpart I of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act

(42 U.S.C. 300x et seq.) (referred to in this section as the “block grant program”) for first episode psychosis activities. Such review shall consider the following:

(1) How States use funds for evidence-based treatments and services according to the standard of care for individuals with early serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance.

(2) The percentages of the State funding under the block grant program expended on early serious mental illness and first episode psychosis, and the number of individuals served under such funds.

(b) REPORT AND GUIDANCE.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the completion of the review under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report describing—

(A) the findings of the review under subsection (a); and

(B) any recommendations for changes to the block grant program that would facilitate improved outcomes for individuals with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance.

(2) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the report is submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall update the guidance provided to States under the block grant program on coordinated specialty care and other evidence-based mental health care services for individuals with serious mental illness and children with a serious emotional disturbance, based on the findings and recommendations of such report.

SEC. 209. REVIEWING THE SCHEDULING OF APPROVED PRODUCTS CONTAINING A COMBINATION OF BUPRENORPHINE AND NALOXONE.

(a) SECRETARY OF HHS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, consistent with the requirements and procedures set forth in sections 201 and 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811, 812)—

(1) review the relevant data pertaining to the scheduling of products containing a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone that have been approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355); and

(2) if appropriate, request that the Attorney General initiate rulemaking proceedings to revise the schedules accordingly with respect to such products.

(b) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall review any request made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under subsection (a)(2) and determine whether to initiate proceedings to revise the schedules in accordance with the criteria set forth in sections 201 and 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811, 812).

TITLE III—RECOVERY

SEC. 301. BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY.

Section 547(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-2(f)) is amended by striking “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$17,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 302. PEER SUPPORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER.

Section 547A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-2a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “building; and” and inserting the following: “building, such as—

“(A) professional development of peer support specialists; and

“(B) making recovery support services available in nonclinical settings; and”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) REGIONAL CENTERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish one regional technical assistance center (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Regional Center’), with existing resources, to assist the Center in carrying out activities described in subsection (b) within the geographic region of such Regional Center in a manner that is tailored to the needs of such region.

“(2) EVALUATION.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall evaluate the activities of the Regional Center and submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of such evaluation, including—

“(A) a description of the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Regional Center and the Center;

“(B) available information relating to the outcomes of the Regional Center under this subsection, such as any impact on the operations and efficiency of the Center relating to requests for technical assistance and support within the region of such Regional Center;

“(C) a description of any gaps or areas of duplication relating to the activities of the Regional Center and the Center within such region; and

“(D) recommendations relating to the modification, expansion, or termination of the Regional Center under this subsection.

“(3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall terminate on September 30, 2030.”; and

(4) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, by striking “\$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 303. COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID RECOVERY CENTERS.

Section 552 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-7) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “and in such manner” and inserting “, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances, including relevant documentation.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “is capable of coordinating with other entities to carry out” and inserting “has the demonstrated capability to carry out, through referral or contractual arrangements”;

(2) in subsection (h)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) by striking “With respect to” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) ADDITIONAL REPORTING FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity carrying out activities described in subsection (g) through referral or contractual arrangements shall include in the submissions required under paragraph (1) information related to the status of such referrals or contractual arrangements, including an assessment of whether such referrals or contractual arrangements are supporting the ability of such entity to carry out such activities.”; and

(3) in subsection (j), by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

SEC. 304. YOUTH PREVENTION AND RECOVERY.

Section 7102(c) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-

7a(c)) (as amended by section 110(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—
(A) in subparagraph (A)—
(i) in clause (i)—
(i) by inserting “, or a consortium of local educational agencies,” after “a local educational agency”; and
(II) by striking “high schools” and inserting “secondary schools”; and
(ii) in clause (vi), by striking “tribe, or tribal” and inserting “Tribe, or Tribal”;
(B) by amending subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

“(E) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal organization’ have the meanings given such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (K) as subparagraph (L); and

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘secondary school’ has the meaning given such term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(A), in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(A) by striking “and abuse”; and
(B) by inserting “at increased risk for substance misuse” after “specific populations”;

(3) in paragraph (4)—
(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Indian tribes” and inserting “Indian Tribes”;
(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and abuse”; and

(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “peer mentoring” and inserting “peer-to-peer support”;

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking “tribal” and inserting “Tribal”;

(5) in paragraph (6)(A)—
(A) in clause (iv), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and
(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(vi) a plan to sustain the activities carried out under the grant program, after the grant program has ended; and”;

(6) in paragraph (8), by striking “2022” and inserting “2028”; and

(7) by amending paragraph (9) to read as follows:

“(9) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this subsection, there are authorized to be appropriated—

“(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
“(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
“(C) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
“(D) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2029; and
“(E) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2030.”.

SEC. 305. CAREER ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7183 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-8) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “; TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND WORKFORCE SUPPORT GRANTS” after “CAREER ACT”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “each” before “for a period”;
(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the rates described in paragraph (2)” and inserting “the average rates for calendar years 2018 through 2022 described in paragraph (2)”; and
(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) RATES.—The rates described in this paragraph are the following:

“(A) The highest age-adjusted average rates of drug overdose deaths for calendar years 2018 through 2022 based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including, if necessary, provisional data for calendar year 2022.

“(B) The highest average rates of unemployment for calendar years 2018 through 2022 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“(C) The lowest average labor force participation rates for calendar years 2018 through 2022 based on data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.”;

(4) in subsection (g)—
(A) in each of paragraphs (1) and (3), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(C) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “An entity” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity”; and
(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—An entity receiving a grant under this section may use not more than 5 percent of the funds for providing transportation for individuals to participate in an activity supported by a grant under this section, which transportation shall be to or from a place of work or a place where the individual is receiving vocational education or job training services or receiving services directly linked to treatment of or recovery from a substance use disorder.

“(3) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not require an entity to, or give priority to an entity that plans to, use the funds of a grant under this section for activities that are not specified in this subsection.”;

(5) in subsection (i)(2), by inserting “, which shall include employment and earnings outcomes described in subclauses (I) and (III) of section 116(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(2)(A)(i)) with respect to the participation of such individuals with a substance use disorder in programs and activities funded by the grant under this section” after “subsection (g)”;
(6) in subsection (j)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for grants awarded prior to the date of enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025” after “grant period under this section”; and
(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2 years after submitting the preliminary report required under paragraph (1)” and inserting “September 30, 2030”; and
(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(g)(3)” and inserting “(g)(1)(C)”; and

(7) in subsection (k), by striking “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting “\$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030”.

(b) REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CAREER ACT; RECOVERY HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (42 U.S.C. 5301 note; Public Law 115-271) is amended—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting “CAREER ACT; RECOVERY HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM”;

(B) in subsection (a), by striking “through 2023” and inserting “through 2030”;

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025”; and
(ii) in paragraph (2)(B)(i)—

(I) in subclause (I)—
(aa) by striking “for calendar years 2013 through 2017”; and

(bb) by inserting “for calendar years 2018 through 2022” after “rates of unemployment”;

(II) in subclause (II)—
(aa) by striking “for calendar years 2013 through 2017”; and

(bb) by inserting “for calendar years 2018 through 2022” after “participation rates”; and

(III) by striking subclause (III) and inserting the following:

“(III) The highest age-adjusted average rates of drug overdose deaths for calendar years 2018 through 2022 based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including, if necessary, provisional data for calendar year 2022.”; and

(D) in subsection (f), by striking “For the 2-year period following the date of enactment of this Act, the” and inserting “The”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subtitle F of title VIII of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271; 132 Stat. 4095) is amended by striking the subtitle heading and inserting the following: “**Subtitle F—CAREER Act; Recovery Housing Pilot Program**”.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271; 132 Stat. 3894) is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to section 7183 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 7183. CAREER Act; treatment, recovery, and workforce support grants.”;

(2) by striking the item relating to subtitle F of title VIII and inserting the following:

“**Subtitle F—CAREER Act; Recovery Housing Pilot Program**”; and

(3) by striking the item relating to section 8071 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 8071. CAREER Act; Recovery Housing Pilot Program.”.

SEC. 306. ADDRESSING ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE IMPACTS OF THE OPIOID CRISIS.

Section 8041(g)(1) of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (29 U.S.C. 3225a(g)(1)) is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2030”.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

SEC. 401. DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BY A PHARMACY TO A PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER.

Section 309A(a) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 829a(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) the controlled substance is a drug in schedule III, IV, or V to be administered—

“(A) by injection or implantation for the purpose of maintenance or detoxification treatment; or

“(B) subject to a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy pursuant to section 505-1 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355-1) that includes elements to assure safe use of the drug described in subsection (f)(3)(E) of such section, including a requirement for post-administration monitoring by a health care provider.”.

SEC. 402. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR PRESCRIBERS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection designated as subsection (1) as subsection (m); and

(2) in subsection (m)(1), as so redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—
(i) in clause (iv)—
(I) in subclause (I)—

(aa) by inserting “the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Podiatric Medical Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Optometric Association,” before “or any other organization”;

(bb) by striking “or the Commission” and inserting “, the Commission”;

(cc) by inserting “, or the Council on Podiatric Medical Education” before the semicolon at the end; and

(II) in subclause (III), by inserting “or the American Academy of Family Physicians” after “Association”;

(i) in clause (v), in the matter preceding subclause (I)—

(I) by striking “osteopathic medicine, dental surgery” and inserting “osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dental surgery”; and

(II) by striking “or dental medicine curriculum” and inserting “or dental or podiatric medicine curriculum”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i)—

(I) by inserting “the American Pharmacists Association, the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or any other organization”;

(II) by inserting “, the American Academy of Family Physicians,” before “or the Accreditation Council”;

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) by striking “or accredited school” and inserting “, an accredited school”;

(II) by inserting “, or an accredited school of pharmacy” before “in the United States”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December 29, 2022.

The CHAIR. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of House Report 119–130. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. BRESNAHAN

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 1 printed in part A of House Report 119–130.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. ____ REFERENCES TO OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL AGENTS IN HHS GRANT PROGRAMS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall ensure that, as appropriate, whenever the Department of Health and Human Services issues a regulation or guidance for any grant program addressing opioid misuse and use disorders, any reference to an opioid overdose reversal drug (such as a reference to naloxone) is inclusive of any opioid overdose reversal drug that has been approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) for emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose.

(b) **EXISTING REFERENCES.**—

(1) **UPDATE.**—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall update all references described in paragraph (2) to be inclusive of any opioid overdose reversal drug that has been approved or otherwise authorized for use by the Food and Drug Administration.

(2) **REFERENCES.**—A reference described in this paragraph is any reference to an opioid overdose reversal drug (such as naloxone) in any regulation or guidance of the Department of Health and Human Services that—

(A) was issued before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) is included in—

(i) the grant program for State and Tribal response to opioid use disorders under section 1003 of the 21st Century Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee–3 note) (commonly referred to as “State Opioid Response Grants” and “Tribal Opioid Response Grants”); or

(ii) the grant program for priority substance use disorder prevention needs of regional and national significance under section 516 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–22).

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRESNAHAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, today I rise on my amendment to H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025. Opioids, like fentanyl, are incredibly dangerous. Last year, our Nation lost just over 80,000 people to drug overdoses. That is 220 per day. In my home State of Pennsylvania, someone dies of a drug overdose every 2 hours.

As we work to stop these dangerous drugs from entering the country, it is important we make available the necessary resources to reverse opioid overdoses as they happen. Emergency opioid overdose reversal drugs are a lifeline, having the ability to save so many lives. Currently, HHS regulations refer to certain name brand drugs, such as Narcan, which can limit usage of other versions that may be more readily available.

My amendment would require HHS regulations or guidance documents to include any opioid overdose reversal drug approved by the FDA when referring to these emergency drugs. This will expand and ensure better access to these lifesaving drugs.

I lost my 16-year-old cousin to a drug overdose. It is incredibly important to me that we are not limiting access to these resources.

By adjusting current regulations and language, we are protecting our children, our families, and our communities. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to save lives and support this amendment.

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I have no statement to make with regard to the legislation. I will yield back after the gentleman closes. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Chair, in closing, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRESNAHAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 2 printed in part A of House Report 119–130.

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. ____ ROUNDTABLE ON USING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CARE OUTCOMES.

(a) **ROUNDTABLE.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology shall convene a public roundtable to examine—

(1) how the expanded use of electronic health records among mental health and substance use service providers can improve outcomes for patients in mental health and substance use settings; and

(2) how best to increase electronic health record adoption among such providers.

(b) **PARTICIPANTS.**—The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology shall ensure that the participants in the roundtable under subsection (a) include private and public sector stakeholders, including patients, providers (including providers of inpatient services and providers of outpatient services), and representatives of payors, health information exchanges, professional associations, health information technology vendors, health information technology certification organizations, and State and Federal agencies.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the conclusion of the public stakeholder roundtable under subsection (a), the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report outlining information gathered from the roundtable under subsection (a). Such report shall include an examination of—

(1) recommendations from the roundtable participants;

(2) unique considerations for using electronic health record systems in mental health and substance use treatment settings;

(3) unique considerations for developers of health information technology relating to certification of electronic health record systems for use in mental health and substance use treatment settings where the applicable health information technology is not subject to certification requirements;

(4) current usage of electronic health record systems by mental health and substance use disorder service providers, and the

scope and magnitude of such providers that do not use electronic health record systems;

(5) examples of how electronic health record systems enable coordinated care and care management;

(6) how electronic health record systems advance appropriate patient and provider access to secure, usable electronic information exchange;

(7) how electronic health record systems can be connected to or support existing systems, which may include the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, mobile crisis response systems, and co-responder programs, to facilitate connectivity, response, and integrated care;

(8) any existing programs to support greater adoption of electronic health record systems among mental health and substance use service providers;

(9) any limitations to greater adoption of electronic health record systems among mental health and substance use service providers;

(10) the costs of adoption of electronic health record systems by mental health and substance use disorder service providers; and

(11) best practices implemented by States and other entities to support adoption of use of electronic health records among mental health and substance use disorder service providers.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. KIGGANS) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia.

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment. More than 50 million American adults consider themselves to be in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental health condition.

In order to ensure that more patients can reach recovery, we must bolster treatment integration and wraparound services for patients suffering from substance use disorder and addiction.

This amendment directs the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to convene a public roundtable to examine the use of electronic health records among certain providers and issue a report of the findings. This would better inform policymakers about the existing landscape and uptake of certain providers utilizing electronic health records.

In closing, I urge support of this important amendment as well as the underlying bill. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I have no statement to make at this time. I will yield back after the gentlewoman closes. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Chair, in closing, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. KIGGANS).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. PETTERSEN

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in part A of House Report 119–130.

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

SEC. ____ . **CODIFICATION OF BUDGET NEUTRALITY GUIDANCE IN SMD #24-003.**

The guidance for budget neutrality for Medicaid demonstration projects under section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315(a)) described in State Medicaid Director letter #24-003 of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (published on August 22, 2024) shall have the force and effect of law.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. PETTERSEN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, I am here to beg for your consideration in support of my amendment to address something that happened with the reconciliation bill that changed the 1115 waiver.

Now, this sounds incredibly wonky. An 1115 waiver to Medicaid is something that we are not going to be able to go home and talk to constituents about what we were able to do for them. Nobody knows what the 1115 waiver is.

However, when you talk about the impacts that this has made, this is especially impactful when it comes to Colorado and what we have been able to do to address the opioid epidemic. In Colorado, we were able to utilize the 1115 waiver by proving that by covering substance use disorder treatment, we could save money over time.

What happened in the reconciliation bill was language that said you actually had to prove that it was cost neutral up front and that you couldn't prove the cost savings over time.

What this language will do, it will take our ability in Colorado away to utilize this waiver that has drawn down hundreds of millions of dollars for substance use disorder treatment. In fact, we were the second in the Nation to implement this waiver, and a total of 37 States now take advantage of this.

Mr. Chair, 83 percent of people who are treated in the rural parts of Colorado and across the Nation are on Medicaid. This will significantly impact red States, blue States, and especially the rural places across the United States.

Like many people, my family has been impacted by the opioid epidemic. When I was just 6 years old, my mom hurt her back. She was overprescribed opioids and became addicted like so many Americans. Through my struggle fighting to save my mom's life, I saw

how broken our system was, and that is when I worked as a State legislator to change that.

What I saw in my mom's fight when she was overdosing at a high rate when fentanyl started coming into the supply chain, and she was begging for help with nowhere to go, was that Medicaid did not cover substance use disorder treatment. You actually had to go through this waiver process.

I watched my mom being churned in and out of the ER, being kept alive in the ICU in critical condition. The State of Colorado and the Federal Government spent over a million dollars in one year keeping her alive in the ER while denying her access to the care that she so desperately sought.

I was finally able to go through a very complicated court order process to get her the care that she needed. My mom now is about to celebrate 8 years in recovery. She works at one of the places that saved her life and gives back to the community. She is a taxpayer. She is an example of what is possible when we actually invest in people and give them the care that they need.

After hearing her story, we were able to implement this waiver to really increase our capacity as a State to address the opioid crisis. We know that more people have died from the opioid crisis than all world wars combined, and these are people that we didn't have to lose if we actually had the system to support them.

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Mr. Chairman, by rolling back this language, you are decimating the substance use disorder treatment across the United States in 37 States and many right now who are in the process of applying for the waiver and who are looking to Colorado as an example.

This would mean hundreds of millions of dollars of treatment we would be denied. The first year alone, we treated 58,000 people with the care that they needed in Colorado. This is 5 years with implementation. It is the reason why we now have a 35 percent reduction in overdose deaths in Colorado. It is overwhelmingly the reason.

Addressing the Medicaid barrier is so important. Let me explain why. People who struggle with the substance use disorder, this brain disease, it increases the likelihood of a decrease in employment.

Mr. Chairman, 80 to 90 percent of people who are struggling with substance use disorder qualify for Medicaid. When the treatment they need and the healthcare they need is not covered and the healthcare system they are relying on is dismantled, the people in this community who are the most vulnerable are disproportionately impacted.

On a day when we are working to ensure that some of the critical programs at the Federal level are funded in this bill which is an important piece of this, we also have to support the structure

and the payment system that supports the people on the ground who are doing this work.

It took us years to bring the study, bring the waiver, and prove that this would be a cost savings over time, and then to implement it.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR (Ms. KING-HINDS). The gentleman from Kentucky is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, I really appreciate the hard work of the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. PETTERSEN) on this issue. She is a leader in Congress on substance use disorder.

I actually didn't know the story of my friend from Colorado's mother. Certainly, when someone is touched by an issue, they certainly become passionate about it. I greatly appreciate her passion on the issue.

The section 1115 waivers are important to the Medicaid program. States are the laboratories for democracy. Section 1115 waivers provide key State flexibility to test new authorities and ideas in the Medicaid program.

In substance use disorder alone, 1115 waivers were pivotal in early efforts to lift the IMD exclusion, an obsolete edifice to the Medicaid program that undermines access to mental health care and substance use disorder care by only allowing for Medicaid to reimburse for care in-patient facilities with fewer than 16 beds.

Under President Trump's guidance, in 2018, States were able to use 1115 waivers to waive the IMD exclusion, expanding access to care as the opioid epidemic began to grow worse.

After 5 years of State experimentation with 1115 waivers to lift the IMD exclusion, Congress stepped in and ultimately lifted the IMD exclusion. We took on that initiative in 2023, alongside the rest of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act. We were able to get that signed into law, even when the Senate blocked the rest of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, because it was important to get it done.

The 1115 waivers have been on the books for decades, and States have used them a multitude of ways to transform the Medicaid program. A key tenet of those waivers, though, is that they have to be budget neutral. This wasn't a problem when 1115 waivers were used to lift the IMD exclusion. States were clearly able to demonstrate how early access to care reduced emergency room services.

Nonetheless, the Biden administration in the use of 1115 waiver authorities put forth new guidance that allowed States to rely on so-called hypothetical expenditures that let States spend Medicaid dollars on services that were over budget and unrelated to the core functions of the Medicaid program.

Some examples of this included paying for air conditioning systems for beneficiaries and for providing payments for legal support for beneficiaries. This isn't to say that HVAC systems in a hot climate or legal supports aren't important or may have some potential relation to someone's health, but they fall far outside the scope of what Medicaid is intended for. They open the door for States to draw down Federal funds or for services that are oftentimes entirely funded by the States.

In 2023, as the then-subcommittee chairman for Energy and Commerce's Health Subcommittee, I raised concerns with that direction with the Biden administration as they were moving toward these waivers.

Specifically, in this CMS, I wrote:

"The committee is also concerned about the potential for fraud, waste, and abuse in calculation and application of States' budget neutrality limits under Section 1115 Medicaid waivers."

As chairman of the full committee, those concerns remain. Madam Chair, 2 weeks ago, House Republicans began to take steps to address this. In the reconciliation bill that we passed, we included key language to require stricter adherence to the budget neutrality requirements for 1115 waivers.

It doesn't matter if the President is Democrat or Republican who is approving these waivers. It needs to be budget neutral. We need to be good stewards for programs like Medicaid and to make sure that it is spending in a fiscally responsible manner and that we aren't just writing blank checks to States who can spend money how they choose.

I will close by saying I greatly appreciate the leadership my friend from Colorado has shown. She is a leader in this House and in ensuring that we deal with as much as we possibly can in every way possible with substance use disorder. I believe we need to stick to the budget neutrality.

Madam Chair, I oppose the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. PETTERSEN).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Colorado will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in part A of House Report 119-130.

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. ____ REVIEW OF INFORMATION RELATED TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY SAMHSA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall convene a public meeting for purposes of improving awareness of, and access to, information related to current and future funding opportunities under programs administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (in this section referred to as "SAMHSA funding opportunities").

(b) TOPICS.—The public meeting under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) opportunities to improve the utility and functionality of internet websites maintained by the Secretary that provide information related to SAMHSA funding opportunities, such as Grants.gov;

(2) other models for displaying and disseminating information related to SAMHSA funding opportunities, such as interactive dashboards; and

(3) strategies to improve the ability of entities to apply for SAMHSA funding opportunities, including entities that have not traditionally applied for SAMHSA funding opportunities.

(c) WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS.—The Secretary shall implement improvements to Grants.gov related to SAMHSA funding opportunities based on stakeholder feedback received at the public meeting under subsection (a), as appropriate, to the maximum extent feasible.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date on which the public meeting under subsection (a) is convened, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report summarizing the findings of such meeting, including how the Secretary has taken into account the feedback received through such meeting and implemented—

(1) improvements to internet websites maintained by the Secretary that provide information related to SAMHSA funding opportunities; and

(2) strategies to improve awareness of SAMHSA funding opportunities.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment. In 2018, the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities, otherwise known as the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, was signed into law.

In the years since, the bill has provided States and localities with the tools to combat the opioid crisis.

The crisis, the scourge of this Nation, as of 2024 has taken the lives of nearly 80,000 Americans. That is nearly 240 Americans every day last year. That is equivalent to a jet airliner crashing every day. If that were happening

every day, it would make the headlines. People would be up in arms, saying: What are we doing about air safety? We should be doing that. We should also be addressing issues with the opioid crisis.

While I am encouraged to see that number beginning to recede, it is still way too high. The drop in number in 2023 is a good direction, but there is still lots of work to be done.

That is why today I rise in support of an amendment to H.R. 2483, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025. This amendment would require the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a public hearing to improve awareness of, access to, and information related to funding opportunities related to mental health and SUD programs within SAMHSA, S-A-M-H-S-A.

This would be a review of not only current funding activities but future funding activities. These activities would increase much-needed awareness of important tools within States and localities.

Many times, there are tools there that people or local governments are not aware of. This is going to extend and make sure everybody is aware of the full scope of tools that are available to address the scourge of this fentanyl crisis.

By closing this knowledge gap, we are going to help patients, providers, and families with key access. Again, it is about getting treatment for this addiction. This is a very debilitating addiction. It is something that takes a lot of effort in order to separate people from that addiction.

This effort saves lives. It makes a difference in families. Families that have been victimized by this addiction crisis will explain how debilitating it is not just to their loved ones but also to families. This crushes families in the things they have to endure and the folks that have this biochemical addiction to opioids.

Madam Chair, in closing, I urge support of this important amendment. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" to my amendment, as well as the underlying bill.

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

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WITTMAN) having assumed the chair, Ms. KING-HINDS, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

poses, had come to no resolution thereon.

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 27 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. ALFORD) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 458 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2483.

Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MORAN) kindly take the chair.

□ 1631

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes, with Mr. MORAN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 4 printed in part A of House Report 119-130 offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. PETERSEN

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 3, printed in part A of House Report 119-130, offered by the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. PETERSEN), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 213, noes 213, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 150]

AYES—213

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| Adams | Gillen | Omar |
| Aguilar | Golden (ME) | Pallone |
| Amo | Goldman (NY) | Panetta |
| Ansari | Gomez | Pappas |
| Auchincloss | Gonzalez, V. | Pelosi |
| Balint | Goodlander | Perez |
| Barragan | Gray | Peters |
| Beatty | Green, Al (TX) | Pettersen |
| Bell | Harder (CA) | Pingree |
| Bera | Hayes | Plaskett |
| Beyer | Hernandez | Pocan |
| Bishop | 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) | Sanchez |
| 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 | Larson (CT) | 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 | Suozi |
| Davids (KS) | Mannion | Swalwell |
| Davis (IL) | Matsui | Sykes |
| Davis (NC) | McBath | Takano |
| Dean (PA) | McBride | Thanedar |
| DeGette | McClain Delaney | Thompson (CA) |
| DeLauro | McClellan | Thompson (MS) |
| DelBene | McCollum | Titus |
| Deluzio | McDonald Rivet | Tlaib |
| DeSaulnier | McGarvey | Tokuda |
| Dexter | McGovern | Tonko |
| Dingell | McIver | Torres (CA) |
| Doggett | Meeks | Torres (NY) |
| Elfreth | Menendez | Trahan |
| Escobar | Meng | Tran |
| Espallat | Mfume | Underwood |
| Evans (PA) | Min | Van Drew |
| Fields | Moore (WI) | Vargas |
| Figures | Morelle | Vasquez |
| Fitzpatrick | Morrison | Veasey |
| Fletcher | Moskowitz | Velázquez |
| Foster | Moulton | Vindman |
| Foushee | Mirman | Wasserman |
| Frankel, Lois | Mullin | Schultz |
| Friedman | Nadler | Waters |
| Frost | Neal | Watson Coleman |
| Garamendi | Neguse | Whitesides |
| Garcia (CA) | Norton | Williams (GA) |
| Garcia (IL) | Ocasio-Cortez | Wilson (FL) |
| Garcia (TX) | Olzewski | |

NOES—213

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| Aderholt | Bresnahan | DesJarlais |
| Alford | Buchanan | Diaz-Balart |
| Allen | Burchett | Donalds |
| Amodei (NV) | Burlison | Downing |
| Arrington | Calvert | Dunn (FL) |
| Babin | Cammack | Edwards |
| Bacon | Carey | Ellzey |
| Baird | Carter (GA) | Emmer |
| Balderson | Carter (TX) | Estes |
| Barr | Ciscomani | Evans (CO) |
| Barrett | Cline | Ezell |
| Baumgartner | Cloud | Fallon |
| Bean (FL) | Clyde | Fedorchak |
| Begich | Cole | Feenstra |
| Bentz | Collins | Fine |
| Bergman | Comer | Finstad |
| Bice | Crane | Fischbach |
| Biggs (AZ) | Crank | Fitzgerald |
| Biggs (SC) | Crawford | Fleischmann |
| Bilirakis | Crenshaw | Flood |
| Boebert | Davidson | Fong |
| Bost | De La Cruz | Foxx |

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| Franklin, Scott | King-Hinds | Perry |
| Fry | Knott | Pfluger |
| Fulcher | Kustoff | Reschenthaler |
| Garbarino | LaHood | Rogers (AL) |
| Gill (TX) | LaLota | Rogers (KY) |
| Gimenez | LaMalfa | Rose |
| Goldman (TX) | Langworthy | Rouzer |
| Gonzales, Tony | Latta | Roy |
| Gooden | Lawler | Rulli |
| Gosar | Letlow | Rutherford |
| Graves | Loudermilk | Salazar |
| Green (TN) | Lucas | Scalise |
| Greene (GA) | Luna | Schmidt |
| Griffith | Luttrell | Schweikert |
| Grothman | Mace | Scott, Austin |
| Guest | Mackenzie | Self |
| Guthrie | Malliotakis | Sessions |
| Hageman | Maloy | Shreve |
| Hamadeh (AZ) | Mann | Smith (MO) |
| Haridopolos | Massie | Smith (NE) |
| Harrigan | Mast | Smith (NJ) |
| Harris (MD) | McCauley | Smucker |
| Harris (NC) | McClain | Spartz |
| Harshbarger | McClintock | Stauber |
| Hern (OK) | McCormick | Steil |
| Higgins (LA) | McDowell | Steube |
| Hill (AR) | McGuire | Strong |
| Hinson | Messmer | Stutzman |
| Houchin | Meuser | Taylor |
| Hudson | Miller (IL) | Tenney |
| Huizenga | Miller (OH) | Thompson (PA) |
| Hunt | Miller (WV) | Tiffany |
| Hurd (CO) | Mills | Timmons |
| Issa | Moolenaar | Turner (OH) |
| Jack | Moore (NC) | Valadao |
| Jackson (TX) | Moore (UT) | Van Dwyne |
| James | Moore (WV) | Van Orden |
| Johnson (LA) | Moran | Wagner |
| Johnson (SD) | Murphy | Walberg |
| Jordan | Nehls | Weber (TX) |
| Joyce (OH) | Newhouse | Webster (FL) |
| Joyce (PA) | Norman | Westerman |
| Kean | Nunn (IA) | Wied |
| Kelly (MS) | Obenrolte | Williams (TX) |
| Kelly (PA) | Ogles | Wilson (SC) |
| Kennedy (UT) | Onder | Wittman |
| Kiggans (VA) | Owens | Womack |
| Kiley (CA) | Palmer | Yakym |
| Kim | Patronis | Zinke |

NOT VOTING—12

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| Brecheen | Miller-Meeks | Radewagen |
| Gottheimer | Moore (AL) | Sherrill |
| Larsen (WA) | Moylan | Simpson |
| Lee (FL) | Norcross | Stefanik |

□ 1659

Messrs. ARRINGTON, LATTA, McGUIRE, WILLIAMS of Texas, JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. LETLOW, Messrs. BACON and WESTERMAN changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. NEAL, Ms. GILLEN, and MCCOLLUM changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendment under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MALOY) having assumed the chair, Mr. MORAN, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2483) to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 458, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The question is on the amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

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

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

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

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 366, nays 57, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 151]

YEAS—366

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| Adams | Cline | Fry |
| Aderholt | Cohen | Fulcher |
| Aguiar | Cole | Garamendi |
| Alford | Collins | Garbarino |
| Allen | Comer | Garcia (CA) |
| Amo | Conaway | Garcia (IL) |
| Amodei (NV) | Correa | Gillen |
| Ansari | Costa | Gimenez |
| Arrington | Courtney | Golden (ME) |
| Auchincloss | Craig | Goldman (NY) |
| Babin | Crank | Goldman (TX) |
| Bacon | Crawford | Gomez |
| Baird | Crenshaw | Gonzales, Tony |
| Balderson | Crockett | Gonzalez, V. |
| Balint | Crow | Gooden |
| Barr | Cuellar | Goodlander |
| Barragan | David (KS) | Graves |
| Barrett | Davis (IL) | Gray |
| Baumgartner | Davis (NC) | Green (TN) |
| Bean (FL) | De La Cruz | Green, Al (TX) |
| Beatty | Dean (PA) | Griffith |
| Begich | DeLauro | Grothman |
| Bell | DeBene | Guest |
| Bentz | DesJarlais | Guthrie |
| Bera | Dexter | Hageman |
| Bergman | Diaz-Balart | Hamadeh (AZ) |
| Beyer | Dingell | Harder (CA) |
| Bice | Doggett | Haridopolos |
| Biggs (SC) | Downing | Harshbarger |
| Bilirakis | Dunn (FL) | Hayes |
| Bishop | Edwards | Hern (OK) |
| Bonamici | Elfreth | Hill (AR) |
| Bost | Ellzey | Himes |
| Boyle (PA) | Emmer | Hinson |
| Bresnahan | Escobar | Horsford |
| Brown | Espallat | Houchin |
| Brownley | Estes | Houlahan |
| Buchanan | Evans (CO) | Hoyer |
| Budzinski | Evans (PA) | Hoyle (OR) |
| Burchett | Ezell | Hudson |
| Bynum | Fallon | Huffman |
| Calvert | Fedorchak | Huizenga |
| Cammack | Feenstra | Hunt |
| Carbajal | Fields | Hurd (CO) |
| Carey | Figures | Issa |
| Carson | Fine | Ivey |
| Carter (GA) | Finstad | Jack |
| Carter (LA) | Fischbach | Jackson (IL) |
| Carter (TX) | Fitzgerald | Jackson (TX) |
| Casas | Fitzpatrick | Jacobs |
| Case | Fleischmann | James |
| Casten | Flood | Jayapal |
| Castro (TX) | Fong | Jeffries |
| Cherfilus- | Foster | Johnson (GA) |
| McCormick | Foushee | Johnson (LA) |
| Chu | Fox | Johnson (SD) |
| Ciscomani | Frankel, Lois | Johnson (TX) |
| Cisneros | Franklin, Scott | Jordan |
| Clark (MA) | Friedman | Joyce (OH) |
| Cleaver | Frost | Joyce (PA) |

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| Kaptur | Mills | Sessions |
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| Keating | Moolenaar | Sherman |
| Kelly (IL) | Moore (NC) | Smith (MO) |
| Kelly (MS) | Moore (UT) | Smith (NE) |
| Kelly (PA) | Moore (WV) | Smith (NJ) |
| Kennedy (NY) | Moran | Smith (WA) |
| Kennedy (UT) | Morelle | Smucker |
| Khanna | Morrison | Sorensen |
| Kiggans (VA) | Moskowitz | Soto |
| Kiley (CA) | Moulton | Spartz |
| Kim | Mrvan | Stansbury |
| Krishnamoorthi | Murphy | Stanton |
| Kustoff | Nadler | Stauber |
| LaHood | Neal | Stefanik |
| LaLota | Neguse | Steil |
| LaMalfa | Nehls | Stevens |
| Landsman | Newhouse | Strickland |
| Langworthy | Nunn (IA) | Strong |
| Larson (CT) | Obenrolte | Stutzman |
| Latimer | Ocasio-Cortez | Subramanyam |
| Latta | Ogles | Suozi |
| Lawler | Olzewski | Swalwell |
| Lee (NV) | Omar | Sykes |
| Lee (PA) | Onder | Takano |
| Leger Fernandez | Owens | Taylor |
| Letlow | Palmer | Tenney |
| Levin | Panetta | Thanedar |
| Liccardo | Pappas | Thompson (CA) |
| Lieu | Patronis | Thompson (PA) |
| Lofgren | Perez | Timmons |
| Loudermilk | Peters | Titus |
| Lucas | Pettersen | Tlaib |
| Luttrell | Pfluger | Tokuda |
| Lynch | Pocan | Torres (CA) |
| Mace | Pou | Torres (NY) |
| Mackenzie | Pressley | Torres (NY) |
| Magaziner | Quigley | Trahan |
| Malliotakis | Ramirez | Tran |
| Maloy | Raskin | Turner (OH) |
| Mann | Reschenthaler | Underwood |
| Mannion | Riley (NY) | Valadao |
| Mast | Rogers (AL) | Van Drew |
| McBath | Rogers (KY) | Van Dwyne |
| McBride | Rose | Van Orden |
| McCauley | Ross | Vargas |
| McClain | Rouzer | Vasquez |
| McClain Delaney | Ruiz | Vindman |
| McClellan | Rulli | Wagner |
| McCollum | Rutherford | Walberg |
| McCormick | Ryan | Wasserman |
| McDonald Rivet | Salazar | Schultz |
| McDowell | Salinas | Weber (TX) |
| McGarvey | Sanchez | Webster (FL) |
| McGovern | Scalise | Westerman |
| McGuire | Schmidt | Whitesides |
| Meeks | Schneider | Wied |
| Meng | Scholten | Williams (TX) |
| Messmer | Schrier | Wilson (SC) |
| Meuser | Schweikert | Wittman |
| Mfume | Scott (VA) | Womack |
| Miller (OH) | Scott, Austin | Yakym |
| Miller (WV) | Scott, David | Zinke |

NAYS—57

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| Biggs (AZ) | Greene (GA) | Perry |
| Boebert | Harrigan | Pingree |
| Brecheen | Harris (MD) | Randall |
| Burlison | Harris (NC) | Rivas |
| Castor (FL) | Higgins (LA) | Roy |
| Clarke (NY) | Kamlager-Dove | Scanlon |
| Cloud | Knott | Schakowsky |
| Clyburn | Luna | Self |
| Clyde | Massie | Simon |
| Crane | Matsui | Steube |
| Davidson | McClintock | Thompson (MS) |
| DeGette | McIver | Tiffany |
| Deluzio | Menendez | Tonko |
| DeSaulnier | Miller (IL) | Veasey |
| Donalds | Moore (WI) | Velázquez |
| Fletcher | Mullin | Waters |
| Garcia (TX) | Norman | Watson Coleman |
| Gill (TX) | Pallone | Williams (GA) |
| Gosar | Pelosi | Wilson (FL) |

NOT VOTING—9

□ 1709

Mr. GARCIA of California changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMITTING OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE TAKEN WHILE THE HOUSE IS IN ACTUAL SESSION ON A DATE DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 469

Resolved, That on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate, official photographs of the House may be taken while the House is in actual session. Payment for the costs associated with taking, preparing, and distributing such photographs may be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GOOD-BYE MICHAEL COMER

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, this week, we say good-bye to a longtime member of Team Scalise, Michael Comer.

Before joining Team Scalise, Michael began his Hill career working with the Education and Workforce Committee.

Michael has been a valuable member of my team for the past 7 years, starting as my digital director before moving up to deputy communications director.

From taking incredible videos and photos and designing eye-catching graphics to teaching other Hill staffers how they can best produce great content for Members of Congress, Michael's inspiring creativity and work ethic have been a major contribution not only to my team but to the entire Republican Conference as a whole.

As every Republican on Capitol Hill knows, Mr. Speaker, if you have a question on how to use digital media equipment or just create something that stands out, then you ask Michael Comer.

Many Members on the floor here today have taken pictures of his slides during Conference or asked for a graphic or a video he put together. He is an expert at conveying an important message in an interesting, creative, and attention-grabbing way.

I appreciate everything he has done for my team and the House Republican Conference. I know his experience and expertise will be a major asset in his next chapter.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Michael Comer well, and I congratulate him.

RECOGNIZING JAMES BROWN III

(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 to recognize the amazing James Brown III of Wilson, North Carolina, for not just one but two remarkable achievements.

James is graduating as the valedictorian of his class at Wilson Preparatory Academy, and if that is not enough, he is doing so with perfect attendance that dates all the way back to kindergarten—yes, kindergarten.

Using his words, James said: "I promised my grandmother that I would do well in school, and that is what I am going to do."

His late grandmother, Annie Pitt, would be so proud of James, as we all are.

I thank James for keeping his promise to his grandma. He has earned the title of the hardest working student in eastern North Carolina's class of 2025.

I congratulate the entire class.

As I think about your future, "I feel good." Now, James, keep making Grandma Annie proud.

U.S. ARMY DEVCOM AvMC PROTOTYPE INTEGRATION FACILITY

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

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of an exceptional U.S. Army entity at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, the prototype integration facility, also known as the PIF.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention this facility is named after Dr. Larry O. Daniel, the beloved late grandfather of one of my district staffers.

Operating out of the DEVCOM Aviation and Missile Center, the PIF has been the Army's premier provider of rapid prototyping and integrated hardware for aviation and missile programs since opening its doors in June 2002.

The PIF personifies fast and efficient contracting, benefiting from its unique government-owned, government-operated, and contractor-supported model.

I encourage the Army to keep this effort going and to apply this same contracting concept more broadly.

Lastly, I thank the PIF team and wish them a happy anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE HORACE JOHNSON, SR.

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

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of a dedicated public servant and civil rights champion, former Mayor Horace Johnson, Sr., of Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Mayor Johnson was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. As the first Black mayor of Hillsborough, his election marked a historic moment not just for the town but for the broader movement toward equity and representation in government, inspiring generations of future leaders.

Mayor Johnson's legacy reaches far beyond his title. He was a lifelong advocate for civil rights, school integration, and voting access, values that he upheld not only in word but in action.

Mayor Johnson understood that government could be a force for good, and he always lived with integrity, wisdom, and compassion. Throughout his many years of public service and leadership, the town of Hillsborough became not just more inclusive but more forward-thinking, more resilient, and more just.

Mr. Speaker, I join the town of Hillsborough in mourning the loss of a true pillar of our community, and I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Johnson's family, loved ones, and the entire community during this difficult time.

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RECOGNIZING KATIE ANKROM

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katie Ankrom.

Katie is a junior at Portsmouth City Schools and a member of the Lady Trojans softball team and recently recorded her 300th career strikeout.

In the 2024–2025 season, Katie pitched over 136 innings and recorded 145 strikeouts. In addition to her success on the mound, Katie has been effective at the plate over the course of her career. She boasts a .332 on-base percentage and has driven in over 40 runs.

Beyond her success on the softball field, Katie is also a member of the Lady Trojans volleyball team. In 2024, she was named first team all-conference as she logged 42 kills. Katie's athletic achievement reflects her God-given talents and all the hard work she has put into improving her craft.

Youth sports have played an important role in the history of our Nation. They teach young people how to be hardworking, detail-oriented, and resilient. Katie's experience as a team leader has prepared her to be a leader in life, and I am excited to see what she accomplishes beyond high school.

All of southern Ohio is proud of Katie's accomplishments. If she has any tips for me before I play in the upcoming Congressional Baseball Game, I will gladly take them.

CUTS TO HEALTHCARE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents and the thousands of folks that have called our office begging Congress not to cut their healthcare or their food assistance all to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy.

One of the calls came from a single mother who just moved to Cincinnati to escape domestic violence. She is raising a daughter with disabilities and relies on Medicaid and food assistance. She relies on both to survive.

There is a 62-year-old woman on a fixed income. Food assistance is the only way she has enough food.

These stories matter because Trump and congressional Republicans are pushing this bill that cuts \$300 billion from food assistance and over \$1 trillion from healthcare. Mr. Speaker, 16 million Americans will lose their healthcare. Why? To pay for tax cuts for the superwealthy and big corporate investors.

It is a terrible bill. It is deeply unpopular. It will cost people their lives. Kill the bill. Save Americans.

CELEBRATING LOYS SADLER

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot, Mr. Loys Virgil Sadler, known to his friends as "LV." Born on June 6, the day we celebrate as D-day, Mr. Speaker, he was born on June 6, 1925. This Friday, he will celebrate an incredible milestone, 100 years of life, liberty, and his pursuit of happiness because of his love for this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sadler is a proud member of the Greatest Generation. When our country called during World War II, he answered without hesitation, serving honorably in the United States Coast Guard as a ship's serviceman barber, 3rd class. He put his hands to work and his heart into service, just like so many of the men and women of that time who built the great America that everyone knows today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I worry that too many have forgotten that spirit that Mr. Sadler has, the grit, the patriotism, the unwavering belief in American exceptionalism. Mr. Sadler reminds us. He reminds us all what it means to serve, to sacrifice, and to live a meaningful life in the greatest country on Earth.

He remains active in his community, and today people join together to celebrate his life, his service, and his century of American greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I wish LV a happy 100th birthday. God bless him and God bless these United States.

BIG, UGLY BILL, CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS.

(Mr. LEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the big, ugly bill, which even Elon Musk has called a "disgusting abomination."

The big, ugly bill undermines the programs millions of Americans rely on to survive, like healthcare and food assistance. Perhaps less discussed is that it will increase your energy bills.

Right now, 80 million Americans are struggling to pay their electricity bills, and according to a recent report in The New York Times, this bill will make it worse.

The big, ugly bill ends tax credits to promote clean energy and will increase household energy costs by up to \$415 a year.

On top of that, ending the tax credits will lead to thousands of job losses nationwide, in red States and blue States. This comes as demand for electricity is surging, driving up costs even more.

Everyone in this body talks a good game about lowering costs; but when the time came to actually do something about costs, my House colleagues voted to put Big Oil CEOs over the American people.

I urge my friends in the Senate to fix this mess and actually lower energy prices for the American people.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN CALIFORNIA

(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. I have good news for Californians. Today is the beginning of the end of high-speed rail, the biggest public infrastructure disaster in U.S. history.

A few months ago, I joined Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy in Los Angeles to announce an investigation and compliance review into the State's high-speed rail project. Today, the results are in.

The State, with respect to \$4 billion in grants that it took, is woefully out of compliance with the conditions of those grants, and, fundamentally, the audit found that this project has no viable path forward.

Of course, Californians have known that for a long time. They have spent \$17 billion and haven't laid any track. The New York Times found the project is not on track to be completed this century and will be \$100 billion over budget.

They initially told us that there would be a high-speed train from L.A. to San Francisco by the year 2020. Now, even the modest initial segment from Bakersfield to Merced is going to miss its 2033 deadline. Even if the train were to magically come into existence today, it would be decades-old technology.

It is time to end this embarrassment for our State once and for all and use our transportation dollars in ways that will actually benefit the quality of life of Californians.

RECOGNIZING LISA GISSENDANER

(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 Lisa Gissendanar, who retired recently as the Canton Program Director for The Ohio State University Young Scholars Program as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Throughout her career, Lisa helped and supported countless students in Canton City Schools who aspired to be the first member of their family to attend college.

Through her work, she has made a lasting impact on our community, undoubtedly inspiring many more to strive for higher education.

The Young Scholars Program fosters generational change by instilling a college-going culture in underserved areas, inspiring younger siblings and peers to pursue higher education.

For her outstanding devotion, Lisa earned the respect and esteem of many. In the wake of her departure, I know her numerous contributions will not be forgotten. I am confident that her fine character and decisive leadership will be sorely missed.

Again, I thank Lisa Gissendanar for her distinguished career serving our community and congratulate her for being this week's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

RECOGNIZING UNITED WAY OF THE BRADFORD AREA

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United Way of the Bradford Area as they celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to our community.

Since 1925, the United Way chapter has been a driving force in improving lives across McKean and Potter Counties.

From supporting food pantries and emergency shelters to investing in youth mentorship, mental health resources, and financial literacy programs, they have touched every corner of our community. Their commitment to education, health, and financial stability ensures that families in need are never alone.

The United Way brings people together, nonprofits, businesses, volunteers, and donors, with the common goal to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities worldwide to advance a common good.

They have proven time and time again that when a community unites, anything is possible.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the staff; the board members; the partner agencies; and countless volunteers for their compassion, leadership, and hard work

which have made our region a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Congratulations to the United Way of the Bradford Area on a century of service.

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RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

(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, on May 21, Sarah and Yaron were leaving an event at the Capital Jewish Museum. They worked at the Israeli Embassy and were planning their engagement, but their future together was cut short when a man yelling, "Free Palestine," murdered them.

This past weekend, 12 people who gathered weekly to bring attention to the hostages held captive by Hamas were firebombed by an anti-Semitic terrorist in Boulder, Colorado. Committing violent acts and murder against Americans living their everyday lives is not justifiable protest.

These two unconscionable tragedies in just the past 2 weeks are a product of a terrifying rise in anti-Semitism in our country. Sadly, this does not come as a surprise to the American Jewish community, who regularly face hatred and threats.

According to AJC, roughly 7 in 10 Jewish adults have experienced anti-Semitism online, and 77 percent feel less safe in America over the past 18 months.

I will be clear that I do not stand for normalizing hate and anti-Semitism. I stand with the Jewish community in my district and around the country against these increasingly brazen attacks.

NORTH DAKOTA'S GREATEST RESOURCE

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone in America's push for critical mineral independence.

Last week, I joined Talon Metals to celebrate the new Beulah Minerals Processing Facility, which will process high-grade nickel and copper, just like this, from Talon's high-tech, environmentally friendly mine in Minnesota.

They will turn it into materials for our defense, aerospace, and energy industries, all while reducing our reliance on adversaries like China and Russia.

North Dakota has been abundantly blessed with natural resources, but our greatest resource is our mentality. We build, innovate, and solve problems. This project is another great example of that.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Talon Metals and the Beulah community for this amazing project.

RECOGNIZING PATRIOT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

(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, I rise to congratulate the Patriot High School class of 2025.

This year's graduating class is a remarkable group of students, including 405 students who are continuing their studies in college, 24 who are attending trade schools, 19 who are planning to serve in the military, and 32 who are heading straight into the workforce.

In their time at Patriot High School, this class achieved so many great things, including receiving \$14.8 million in scholarship offers and winning their eighth straight basketball district championship.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the class of 2025, whether it is in the basketball gym, class, mock trial, or on stage, will carry their lessons learned during their time at Patriot High School in whatever they do next.

I congratulate the class of 2025, and they should not forget to thank their parents and teachers, as well.

RECOGNIZING BUFORD CITY SCHOOLS

(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 recognize Buford City Schools as being named among the top school districts in America.

Education is one of the greatest gifts we can provide our children, and I am proud that Georgia is receiving recognition for this honor.

Buford City Schools ranked at No. 22, achieving an overall A-plus rating, with A-pluses in nearly all categories.

The top-rated public school serves 5,946 students from pre-K to 12th grade, maintaining a student-teacher ratio of 18:1. Additionally, 70 percent of students are at least proficient in math and 65 percent in reading.

I thank the teachers and the Buford community for setting an example for the State of Georgia and the rest of our Nation to follow.

CONDEMNING THE BOULDER, COLORADO, ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACK

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the despicable anti-Semitic terror attack targeted against Jews who were marching in Boulder, Colorado, in support of the hostages being held in Gaza.

This horrific attack comes on the heels of another targeted anti-Semitic terror attack at the Capital Jewish

Museum here in Washington, D.C., where a hate-filled gunman murdered two young employees of the Israeli Embassy, Yaron and Sarah. May their memories be a blessing.

We must send the strongest message to those who seek refuge in our country, only to come here and commit crimes and harm innocent people. They should know that their actions will not be tolerated, and they will have no home here.

As a Member of Congress, I will continue to fight for policies that confront anti-Semitism, extremism, and hate wherever it is found.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT GLABB

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of wrestling coach Scott Glabb, the saint in the city.

Scott took the Santa Ana High School coaching job in 1990 because nobody else would apply for the job.

Mr. Speaker, 30 years later, he has produced national high school wrestling champs, State champs, CIF wrestling champs, both boys and girls.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that, when a person tastes success, it changes their lives forever. Coach Glabb has helped thousands of students discover their inner youth and their strength, and helped them to overcome tremendous adversity. It is this kind of leadership that earned Scott the title "Coach of the Year" and a place in the California Coaches Hall of Fame.

Only Coach Glabb could see that all that these kids needed was a break and somebody who cared for them.

I thank Scott for the positive role model that he has presented to our kids. We love him and wish him success in his retirement.

FOOD BANK CUTS

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, 1.4 million meals have been lost at local food banks across Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., because of the short-sighted funding cuts to the Department of Agriculture.

That is 1.4 million times in the last few months alone when our neighbors couldn't get a meal when they were in need. Maybe they opted to stretch one meal into two or decided to go to bed hungry so that they could afford rent.

Our food banks are there for our neighbors on their hardest days. Today, they are raising the alarm as they see record-high demand alongside very low unemployment.

Instead of solving this dire hunger problem, the Trump administration is now slashing critical funds to USDA.

It is rare to have a hat trick in public policy: a program that helps our small

farmers, supports our food banks, and gets healthy food into schools. Yet, this administration is cutting the very funding that food banks and local schools utilize to purchase food at farms, and they are leaving our neighbors and kids with fewer healthy, affordable options.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of a more American program that serves our communities, and that is why I will continue to fight for our food banks and our neighbors.

FEMA, NOAA, AND NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY ARE NOT OPTIONAL ITEMS TO CUT

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concern for the senseless defunding of FEMA and critical public safety agencies that protect our communities and strengthen our national resilience.

Recent examples also include canceling classes at the National Fire Academy and defunding parts of NOAA and the Emergency Weather Service. This isn't just bad policy; it puts lives at risk.

This past month, we have seen historic flooding in my district in Allegany County, tornadoes ripping across the Midwest, wildfires burning unchecked, and hurricanes that level communities.

Yet, nonsensically, the Acting Administrator of FEMA just admitted that he didn't even realize that hurricane season existed. With extreme blowback, he then said that he was joking. Emergencies are no joke.

What this does is really demonstrates a lack of understanding of the value of the very agencies tasked with protecting the American people.

FEMA, NOAA, and the National Fire Academy are not optional items to cut. They are essential pillars of our emergency response and national security and contribute to our resilience.

In my district and across the country, we must come together to act collectively in a bipartisan manner to fund and respond to national emergencies, which hit everywhere despite ZIP Code, circumstance, or party.

I will fight for our communities and for that help in Allegany County that they need, and I urge my colleagues to also fund and support the agencies that serve us faithfully every day.

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HONORING JAKE LARSON

(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, I rise today to honor World War II veteran and D-Day survivor "Papa" Jake

Larson for his invaluable contributions to our country.

After Pearl Harbor, Jake was eager to serve his country. He enlisted in the National Guard at 15 years old, not telling the truth about his age. He was sent to Europe, where he assisted in the planning of and participated in the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day and bravely endured six battles, including the Battle of the Bulge.

More recently, at 102 years old, Jake's storytelling on social media about his military service has earned him over 1.3 million social media followers and the nickname "Papa Jake."

As we commemorate the 81st anniversary of D-Day, I extend my gratitude and respect to Jake for his extraordinary service to this country.

Please join me in recognizing "Papa" Jake Larson for his dedicated service to America.

SUPPORTING THE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(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 5 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 (Mr. MOORE of North Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address the floor this evening and to give that opportunity to some of my colleagues also, if their schedule permits.

We don't get enough opportunities to speak to the American people, and I don't get enough chances to speak to my constituents back home, particularly from the House floor. I think it is a unique opportunity that I will get to address a few things this evening.

I want to take a minute just to walk through, big picture, what we are accomplishing with this reconciliation bill titled the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and walk through some of the provisions.

I actually tried my hardest back in my district to let facts rule the day and not be governed and manipulated by a lot of rhetoric about this particular type of work.

I am going to take you back, Mr. Speaker, to my first election when I first decided to run for Congress. It was the end of January 2020. We had never heard of the term "COVID" before. We had seen a tax reform bill take place at the end of 2017 that people couldn't really wrap their heads around.

I was working for a consulting firm, and I remember talking to some of the partners at the firm. I was a principal at the time—actually, I was probably an engagement manager at the time.

I remember them saying: We are going to see a significant tax decrease. If this bill goes through, we are going to have a substantial amount of extra discretionary money. What are we going to do with it? This is going to be significant.

More so, many of our clients that we served were going to all of a sudden see some discretionary income that they would now be able to use and had to figure out what they were going to do.

This wasn't a client of ours, but in the aftermath of that bill, this is what I understand took place. When they had a corporate tax rate decrease, they have shown me their books, and the areas that they prioritized were to increase wages for their frontline workers. They said every single person at the firm got a pay increase. They grew real wage growth without massive inflation that takes place sometimes under a reconciliation bill.

I will point to the American Rescue Plan that took place when Democrats took control of the White House, House, and Senate. We saw the worst inflation we have seen in my lifetime under the guise of a COVID relief package.

That company, which had some tax pressure removed from their books, went straight to their employees. They created wage growth opportunities. The other thing was that they had extra discretionary income to take to their immediate community in which they worked and bought ambulances for the emergency response in the community.

This is the type of stuff that happened across the country post-2017 when you saw a significant economic boon in the U.S.

Years prior to 2017, you saw a lot of companies decide there were favorable tax rates elsewhere. Oftentimes, in countries in Europe—there was a tax provision that was done in 2017 that is called FDII, an intangible income piece.

You can establish intellectual property overseas at a lower tax rate than what we were doing here in the U.S. We decided to make our rates in the U.S. competitive. That provision alone immediately stopped the term "corporate inversion," where U.S. companies were taking their revenue to other countries. Instead, they decided that they have a more favorable rate here, so they will bring it back. Most multinational companies, most U.S.-based companies, a lot of times foreign companies, want to be based here.

All we did with that rate was to say that we are going to make that rate competitive. With that, they repatriated their money back to the U.S.

When I talk to townhall participants, regular constituent meetings, I highlight that when you make taxes competitive, you get companies to reinvest back in the United States, and we then can grow our revenue.

Companies have told us since 2017, even though they got more favorable,

more fair, and competitive tax rates, they actually spend more money on their tax revenues to the U.S. Government.

The whole concept behind Republican tax policy is to make taxes competitive against the OECD, against our allies or our adversaries, to make sure we repatriate and keep that money in the U.S. and grow our revenues. That is why, even with tax cuts, we don't see a dip in what we have gained from revenue.

We can argue all day long, and you can even draw the graph: Should we be spending a higher percentage of our GDP? Should we be collecting a higher percentage of our GDP in tax revenues?

Twenty-five years ago, approximately 17 percent of GDP was what we collected in tax revenues, and at that same time, 17 percent of GDP was spending. In those 25 years, our spending has gone from 17 percent of GDP to approximately 26 percent of GDP. That is what our spending has done.

Our revenue has actually stayed at approximately 17 percent through Republican and Democratic administrations. That means our revenue has continued to grow, but it actually stays consistent as a percentage of our entire GDP. Our spending has grown, up to 26 percent.

That is why you see in a Republican reconciliation bill like we passed a couple of weeks ago that a significant portion of that bill is spending cuts, offsets to spending, and revenue increases. Yes, there are actually tax increases in a Republican bill, but overall, we are creating a very competitive tax rate that exists.

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Companies from 2017 on have reinvested in the U.S. and, at the same time, have reinvested in their communities, reinvested in their employees, and have grown their presence. Most of that is set to expire at the end of this year. If we don't get a tax bill done, then you are just going to see a significant tax increase across everything.

Mr. Speaker, I will also talk briefly about some of the individual provisions because it is important to talk about the small business corporation, S corps, LLCs, all the various different types of businesses that we run here in the U.S., they all get a competitive tax rate, keeping them wanting to invest here in America and reinvesting in their business. If they can reinvest in their business, they can actually grow overall tax receipts because of the concept of economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, on the individual side, this is something that my Democrat colleagues oftentimes overlook. They oftentimes talk about, oh, this is just some tax giveaway to the billionaires. I have never seen anybody actually pinpoint and show me where this is targeted toward giving the billionaires some type of tax relief.

Probably the largest portion of this tax reconciliation bill is what is called

the standard deduction. The standard deduction is taken advantage of by over 90 percent of Americans. This is what simplifies our tax code. When you show up to do your taxes for that year, you are automatically given a dollar figure that you can deduct from your taxable income.

In 2017, that number was doubled. We said to middle-income filers, lower-income filers that we want to give you a significant deduction and we are going to double that standard deduction. It hasn't been done for a while. We need to increase this to a really healthy amount. That simply means that individual and married filing jointly can look at their tax bill and say, we are going to offset our taxable income by \$30,000. In a lot of cases that is a significant benefit to them because that helps lower their overall tax liability and puts money directly back in their pocket.

Guess what? It doesn't help the wealthy. The wealthy itemize their taxes. They will probably have more mortgage interest to write off than they will that \$30,000 standard deduction, if you will. Then all of a sudden, we see that that makes sense. We can see how the standard deduction actually affects middle- and lower-income Americans.

Okay. Why in the world do my Democrat colleagues keep repeating this constant—I think it might have just been something they saw in some polling that said: It works well if you say this is just tax cuts for the wealthy.

Let's look at the child tax credit. If you have a child under the age of 17—prior to 2017, it was \$1,000 that you were able to deduct from your taxable income. Republicans in 2017 doubled it and they set that amount for 8 years. That is what expires at the end of this year.

If Republicans don't act, that number goes back to \$1,000. Anybody that votes against this bill is saying: I am okay with that number going back to \$1,000. We actually, in this bill, repeat that \$2,000 amount per child, but we did something unique. We are going to index it to inflation. It is something we should always be thinking about doing in any type of tax policy. We are indexing it to inflation. We actually added an enhancement to it, so you are able to, for the next 4 years, take a \$2,500 deduction. If you are building a family, if you have young kids, this is a big expense. We are giving that tax relief to families so we can continue to grow our next generation.

The unique part is, in 4 years or so when that extra \$500 enhancement is up for renewal, we will have already grown the \$2,000 to be at approximately that level. What we are doing is, we are really doing right by individuals that are doing the right thing by investing in our future and raising kids.

Those two things are the biggest items of this entire bill. Then to go and say it is just some tax giveaway to the wealthy, it just flies in the face of re-

ality. It might poll well, I guess, but it is disheartening to see something that I actually believe most, if not all, Members of Congress believe in a simplified, higher standard deduction, increased child tax credit, which covers the vast majority of the cost of this bill.

Then you get to things that actually help individuals that we are doing with our research and development, helping small businesses be able to grow and have that discretionary income.

There is just so much here, and I would love to be able to, in long form, talk a little bit about the specifics because too often these become one-liners or a tweet here or there that says this or that. We are being as responsible as you possibly can be by making this bill deficit neutral.

We will see growth in our economy because of it. We will see historic decreases in our overall expenditure and spending, and at the same time have policies that will drive economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON), my good friend and also the chairman of the Budget Committee, who tirelessly works on all of these issues, to share a few words with us this evening.

I thank him for his dedication and time investing in me as a member of his committee, to help bring me up in the ways of doing the right thing for the right cause in all these things related to tax, spending, and such.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to Mr. ARRINGTON from the Permian Basin, the food, fuel, and fiber capital of the world.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. MOORE is a dear friend not only to me but to my children. My children don't know him well. They have met him, but the reason he is a friend to my children and to your children and grandchildren is because he is fighting for their future.

He cares about this Nation. He believes that we are on an unsustainable fiscal path and he believes that if we don't intervene, we will not only jeopardize our economic strength but our national security, our global leadership, and God forbid, a sovereign debt crisis certainly would rob our children of their freedom and opportunities in this great land.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. MOORE for his leadership on the committee. I thank him for his strong voice and vision and most of all for his courage to do the right thing not only for our citizens and our constituents of today but for generations of Americans, who, by the way, will inherit the whirlwind of our recklessness in terms of the unbridled spending and unsustainable debt if we don't step up in this historic moment.

Let me comment on some of the things that Mr. MOORE was mentioning in his remarks.

Let's do a comparison and contrast with our Democrat colleagues when they had control of both Chambers and the White House. They, too, used the tool of budget reconciliation to advance what was their partisan Democrat agenda.

Over the last 4 years under the Biden-Harris administration and Democrat control, they added \$8 trillion to the national debt.

They did it by expanding the Federal Government, offering ObamaCare to people making hundreds of thousands of dollars, price-fixing in the drug markets and having premiums go up on seniors.

They did it by expanding the IRS by 80,000 IRS agents and by offering tax subsidies to green energy corporations to the tune of \$850 billion.

When they had the tool of budget reconciliation and unified Democrat leadership, that was what they offered to the American people: more spending, more debt, more government, and less freedom.

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We have the tools and unified Republican control of both Chambers, and we are investing in border security and defense because we believe the safety and security of the American people is job number one, like providing the common defense is the first and most important job of the Federal Government.

Secondly, we are spending money to allow hardworking American families to keep more of their money and to incentivize investment, growth, job creation, and wage increases. We have been sputtering along because of the failed economic policies of my Democratic colleagues in the Biden-Harris administration and their unbridled, reckless spending.

There is your comparison. One gives you more government with more spending and debt, and the other has a complete offset with a modest reduction in deficit spending, a 10-point reduction in debt to GDP. We have the largest tax cut, the largest spending cut, the largest investment in border security and defense in the history of this country, and the most significant commitment to unlocking American energy resources in our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of what we did in this bill. There is so much to talk about, but some of the myths and false claims that are propagated to suggest that this bill will somehow increase the debt are totally false and using a baseline, a CBO score, with a growth assumption based on the policies and laws of the last 4 years.

I think 1.8 percent growth is actually generous considering the last 4 years and the economic policies of our Democratic colleagues. What we did was we assumed a growth rate not based on CBO, JCT, or any other predictive modeling. We said the best way to predict future achievement is past performance.

What did President Biden have as an annual average growth rate? What did President Trump achieve? On average, Biden was at 2.7 if you control for COVID. If you control for COVID, then Trump had a 2.8 percent annual average. Since World War II, the annual average has been a little over 3 percent.

We picked a conservative number, but we know we will outperform it with good energy policies, work incentives, deregulation, America First trade, and locking in low taxes from TCJA.

That 2.6 annual average, that conservative growth assumption, will yield \$2.5 trillion over the 10-year budget window. If you stack the spending reforms—which, by the way, are the deepest cuts by two times in our Nation's history. If you add the two, you totally offset the cost of border, defense, and any cost associated with reducing taxes.

It is fiscally responsible. It will do the two things that you primarily need to do in order to restore the fiscal health of this country, put it on a stable path, and prevent or stave off a debt crisis of some magnitude. It grows the economy. It deals with economic growth, which brings revenue to the Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, 1 percent growth over the projections of CBO is \$3 trillion against the deficit, and it starts to bend the curve on deficit spending.

Now, is this going to save the country from a debt crisis in the future and address the \$120 trillion unfunded liabilities in 30-year accumulative projected debt? No, but this is the first in my lifetime, probably since the post-World War II era—when we were coming out of this same level of indebtedness, with a debt to GDP of around 120 percent—it is the first time since then and in my lifetime that we have taken a meaningful step with growth and spending reforms to start bending the debt-to-GDP curve and start turning this Titanic before it sinks and we do irreparable harm to our Nation and our kids' future.

We have to rinse and repeat this process. There are no silver bullets. There is no one reconciliation bill. Even in generations past, coming out of comparable debt after World War II took two decades, and that was an easier exercise in reducing spending because it was mainly defense after a war.

We are talking about entitlement spending. We are talking about a lot of promises made to a lot of people. We are talking about \$2 trillion that we are borrowing now annually to pay for those promises, 50 cents on the dollar of which is just servicing the debt or our interest payments.

Mr. Speaker, we have work to do. Nobody knows that better than Mr. MOORE. No one also has called out the debt and reality that at some point, with some of the larger mandatory spending programs, we are going to need Democrats and Republicans to

join forces to put the Nation first to solve the problems of sustainability and solvency of programs like Social Security and Medicare that our seniors depend on so that they can have peace of mind and so that our children can actually expect the same safety nets and the same opportunities in this country.

It will take tremendous political courage. Nobody has that more than my friend, BLAKE MOORE. He speaks the truth, and he has said this is his top priority since he was sworn in in his first term. He has made good on that pledge and promise.

I believe that if we continue to do the things that we are doing in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and we join forces like Ronald Reagan did with Tip O'Neill, which was the last time that Social Security and the solvency were addressed, I think, quite frankly, it is an opportunity made for President Trump. He is the greatest dealmaker we have ever had in the Oval Office.

When I was a freshman and he was recently elected, he did what nobody thought we could do. He revamped and restructured our biggest trade relationship and trade agreement with our two biggest partners, Canada and Mexico, which was known as NAFTA. Then, we had USMCA, and our trade activity and our jobs and wages in agriculture and manufacturing have gone up since, and we had overwhelming bipartisan support.

I have seen President Trump in action. I believe this will be not just a tremendous legacy. I think it would be the biggest legacy. Let's reignite growth. Let's rein in some of the spending and root out the waste, fraud, and abuse in these programs. Let's reinvest in our sons and daughters in uniform who do the most difficult and dangerous jobs.

Let's look not where the puck is but where the puck is going, as they say in hockey. Why would I know anything about hockey? I am from Plainview, Texas. We don't play hockey in west Texas, but I always loved that analogy. You have to skate to where the puck is going.

While we are doing these things in the short run, in this budget window, in this decade, let's look out and be leaders. Let's address those things that we know are coming, and that debt crisis that looms large.

Let's extend the hand of bipartisanship to our friends and Democratic colleagues, again, for the sake of this country, like my hero who inspired me to get involved in politics, Ronald Reagan, did back in the day.

I said that I want to be like that guy, and it was for a lot of reasons. I just got back from the economic forum out there in California and saw the museum. I was reminded of what a statesman leader he was and how he was the right person to work with Tip O'Neill and our Democratic colleagues to do something really big that hasn't been done in 40-plus years.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. MOORE for the opportunity to address our colleagues. I thank him for his leadership, his Conference leadership and on the Budget Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. It is an honor to work with him.

God bless our great country. Let's get that One Big Beautiful Bill Act and that America First vision that is wrapped in that reconciliation bill to the President's desk. Most importantly, let's make it a reality for the people we serve and for the country we love.

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Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from the Permian Basin.

Just to quickly recap, I love the concept that he juxtaposes to opportunities.

It is interesting that in our political environment, from 2017 to 2021 and 2025, we have seen the White House, House, and Senate flip completely three times. I think that is a little bit unprecedented. We mentioned there were times with Reagan where there was a sustained period of Democratic control of Congress but there were Republicans in the White House and vice versa.

To flip the White House, House, and Senate three times in the last 8 years is unprecedented. It gives us a unique opportunity, though.

Look at TCJA and ARPA. Look at the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and then go look at the American Rescue Plan Act. Created wage growth, no inflation. Those are consistent things that took place from TCJA when tax reform took place with Republicans.

The American Rescue Plan was stimulus spending masquerading as COVID relief spending. It was massive amounts of monetary policy added to the system. There is only one equation, and that is inflation.

Look at the difference between an inflationist and real wage growth. Those are the two things we have to compare.

This bill basically takes 2017 and says we have seen this work. Democrats looked at the tax policy in 2017, when they had the White House, House, and Senate. They said: We like the standard deduction. We like the increased child tax credit. We like the approach to getting U.S. companies to reinvest in America. We are not going to touch it.

They had an opportunity to change all the things that they say are so bad in this bill. They didn't touch any of the core tax policies from 2017 to today. They expire at the end of this year.

Republicans are going to go at it alone. We are going to make sure we extend this out. We are going to give companies and families some consistency. All we have to do is juxtapose those two bills—the TCJA and the American Rescue Plan—and make the decision based on that. That is as simple as it needs to be.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) likes to say a lot of things. He talks a lot. He is very verbose. When he mentions my leadership, I very much appreciate the sentiment. I have been watching and following him. He is my committee chair and has an extremely strong leadership in the conference.

I express my appreciation and downplay the fact that he is just blowing smoke there sometimes when he says it about me.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK). I would like to get to some real substantive remarks now with my colleague.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the leadership of both Mr. MOORE and Mr. ARRINGTON. Both of them are great mentors to me as a new Member. I hope I can aspire to be as strong as they are someday.

Working-class families, seniors on fixed incomes, farmers growing our food, restaurant waitresses working double shifts, law enforcement officers putting in overtime, manufacturers keeping the lights on, and border communities shouldering a burden Washington created are who the one big, beautiful bill is going to help.

Who are these people? These aren't the millionaires and billionaires. These are everyday Americans. Despite what we hear from the Democrats and the media over and over again, this bill isn't tax cuts for the rich. It is not about eliminating healthcare for people who need it.

This big, beautiful bill is pro-family, pro-business and workers, pro-American energy and agriculture, pro-border and national security. Above all, it is pro-growth and pro-common sense.

Let me spend a few minutes talking about what that all means. Let's talk first about pro-family. My husband, Mike, and I have three children. Raising a family is one of life's greatest blessings and biggest responsibilities. Government should not make it even harder.

That is why the tax relief is a top priority for Republicans in Washington and is the centerpiece of the one big, beautiful bill. This bill includes a commonsense tax package that extends existing tax policy, avoiding the highest tax increase in U.S. history. That is right. This bill just extends existing tax policy, improves it, and avoids the highest tax increase in history.

It also enhances tax relief for working families. This one big, beautiful bill lets North Dakotans and Americans keep more of their hard-earned money.

A few key provisions include increasing the child tax credit to \$2,500 per child; raising the standard deduction for all filers; establishing savings accounts for newborns; and creating a new deduction on Social Security benefits for senior citizens.

For the average family of four in North Dakota, this package will help

save an estimated \$1,600 in taxes. That buys about 8 weeks of groceries. This is American money staying with the American family, which is exactly where it belongs.

This bill is also pro-business. The one big, beautiful bill also includes a long list of reforms and investments that will make America, including our small businesses, stronger and more competitive.

Our goal is to reward entrepreneurship, to reward hard work, and to grow the economy. For small businesses, we permanently increased the small business deduction to 23 percent. This will impact 67,000 North Dakota businesses.

This bill will allow 100 percent immediate expensing for equipment and facility upgrades and raise the death tax exemption, helping families pass down their farm or ranch to the next generation.

For workers, the one big, beautiful bill significantly reduces taxes on tips and overtime. This lets servers, bartenders, and hourly workers keep more of their money. This means that waitresses working late and the factory worker picking up an extra shift will finally keep more of what they earned.

It is time to bring common sense and competitiveness back to our economy, which is exactly what this bill does.

I will talk a bit about energy and agriculture, big industries for my State in North Dakota. We are slamming the breaks on the Biden administration's radical energy agenda. The one big, beautiful bill repeals over \$500 billion in the style of Green New Deal spending and boosts mineral development to reduce our reliance on China for critical materials.

It ends electric vehicle mandates and subsidies funded by taxpayers for wind and solar. This is a provision I have been working hard on since I arrived in Congress.

I am especially excited by the provisions in the one big, beautiful bill that support our North Dakota farmers and ranchers.

In addition to the tax provisions in the bill, which are very important for our farmers and ranchers, this bill significantly improves the core safety net and risk management tools by increasing reference prices and improving crop insurance.

It expands flexibility for family farms to reinvest in equipment, inputs, and labor. It renews 100 percent expensing for capital purchases so producers can write off the cost of new machinery, infrastructure improvements, or production facilities right away.

The bill also delivers on President Trump's promise to secure the border and enhance national security.

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This bill includes the largest investment in border security in over a generation. There is nearly \$150 billion to secure the border and deport criminal illegal aliens. We are restoring order at the border and restocking our military.

We increase pay, housing, and healthcare for our servicemembers. We rebuild our naval fleet, modernize our air traffic control system, and restock the munitions America needs to defend itself.

Finally, this bill is pro-common sense. There are no more student loan bailouts, no more tax dollars for abortions or transgender surgeries on minors, and no more benefits for illegal immigrants who break our laws.

We are making universities pay more from their endowments, and we are taxing nonprofits that support terrorism.

We even impose a small fee on electric vehicles because they use our roads, too, and should help fund the highway trust fund.

It provides tax relief to Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights for the first time in history.

I was proud to help move this legislation forward because North Dakotans and all Americans are tired of waste and overreach, and they are ready for real results from Washington.

This is about more than fixing broken policies. It is about turning the page on the last 4 years of dysfunction, division, and decline and writing a new chapter where government once again serves the people, where families can afford to grow, small businesses can afford to hire, and rural communities can thrive without interference from Washington.

It is about restoring common sense, restoring accountability, and rebuilding an America where people aren't just getting by. They are getting ahead.

This bill puts working families first. It reins in bureaucracy. It returns power to the people where it belongs.

Most importantly, this bill is just the beginning.

What an exciting time. I couldn't be happier to be here working with these great leaders and bringing forward important legislation just like this to make things better for America and the American people.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Dakota for her remarks.

I appreciate my colleagues for participating this evening. This is something historic, and it is something monumental.

As I was talking about at the beginning of my remarks, when I first ran for Congress in January 2020, the entire conversation of every single candidate was: How do we go about extending and making permanent the tax reform that just took place in our country a few years prior and the juice that it created for our economy and the growth that it had that was raising the tide of all income levels?

That was the concept, and 4½ years later, I am sitting here on the committee particularly regarding the tax policy to be able to bring it up.

This is a unique and really special time. We are already engaging with the

Senate to make sure this can adhere to and go through the Byrd rule, all the specifics of making this a reality.

This is an exciting moment. It will be monumental, and it will do so much good.

I have always said, as I have been involved in congressional policymaking, that we live in 2-year increments, but every CEO across the country has to live in 15-year increments. They have to see what is around the corner, and we are constantly putting people at an impasse because we just keep dealing with 2-year increments of what their policies are going to be.

We have to signal what the future holds with respect to tax policy, and there is nothing that would do more for sustained economic growth than this bill.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the time this evening and for my colleagues being here to share the message.

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

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 87. Joint Resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

H.J. Res. 88. Joint Resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

H.J. Res. 89. Joint Resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NO_x Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1039. A letter from the Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services-Rescission of Regulations Establishing Tobacco Price Support Provisions [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-25-0027] (RIN: 0581-AE39) received June 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-1040. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Livestock and Poultry Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Rescinding Natural Grass Sod Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures [Doc. No.: AMS-LP-21-0028] (RIN: 0581-AE07) received May 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-1041. A letter from the Administrator, Dairy Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Rescission of the Dairy Donation Program [Doc. No.: AMS-DA-25-0026] (RIN: 0581-AE45) received May 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-1042. A letter from the Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Tobacco Grading and Inspections Services-Rescission of Tobacco Quota Provisions [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-25-0028] (RIN: 0581-AE40) received May 30, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-1043. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0527; FRL-12400-01-R9] received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1044. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Data Determination and Approval of Base Year Emissions Inventory; California; Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin; 189(d) Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0472; FRL-12322-02-R9] received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1045. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R08-RCRA-2024-0408; FRL-12226-04-R8], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1046. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pesticide Tolerances; Implementing Registration Review Decisions for Certain Pesticides (Capric (Decanoic) Acid, Caprylic (Octanoic) Acid, and Pelargonic (Nonanoic) Acid) [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0454; FRL-12177-02-OCSP] [RIN: 2070-ZA16] received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1047. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Florida; Second Planning Period Regional Haze Plan [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0930; FRL-10403-02-R4] received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1048. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Sampling and Testing Updates; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0143; FRL-8513-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV26), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1049. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's interim final determination — Determination To Defer Sanctions; California; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District; Portland Cement Kilns [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0058; FRL-12609-02-R9] received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1050. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-75, "Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1051. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-68, "Living Donor Protection Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1052. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2025-04; Item II; Docket No.: FAR-2025-0052; Sequence No.: 1] received May 26, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1053. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's summary presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-04; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR-2025-0051, Sequence No.: 1] received May 26, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1054. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; List of Domestically Nonavailable Articles [FAC 2025-04, FAR Case 2020-009, Item I; Docket No.: FAR-2020-0009, Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 9000-AO07) received May 26, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1055. A letter from the Manager, Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threat-

ened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Colorado Hookless Cactus From the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2022-0093; FXES11130900000-256-FF09E22000] (RIN: 1018-BG56) received June 3, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1056. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to Amend Article VIII of the Agreement Regarding the Military Use and Operating Rights of the Government of the United States in the Federated States of Micronesia Concluded Pursuant to Sections 211(b), 321, and 323 of the Compact of Free Association, as amended, pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1921(f); Public Law 108-188, Sec. 101(f); (117 Stat. 2723) and Public Law 118-42, title II, Sec. 204(e); (138 Stat. 423) (H. Doc. No. 119-56); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1900. A bill to specify when the record is complete on certain acquisition applications related to depository institution holding companies, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-132). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3323. A bill to update the definition of an emerging growth company, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-133). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3348. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-134). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. 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; with an amendment (Rept. 119-135). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 2441. A bill to provide for the electronic delivery of certain regulatory document required under the securities laws, with an amendment (Rept. 119-136). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 884. A bill to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, with an amendment (Rept. 119-137). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 2096. A bill to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement

officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-138). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BOST, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAREY, Mr. CRANK, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MACKENZIE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ROSE, Mr. RULLI, Mr. SHREVE, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. WIED, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 3699. A bill to prohibit States or local governments from prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, or expansion of an energy service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 3700. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require certain State agencies and covered Indian Tribal organizations to replace summer EBT benefits that are determined to have been stolen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 3701. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to codify the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Mr. BELL, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LICCARDIO, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. STANTON, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 3702. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an economic impact study of the financial costs of extreme heat, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Mr. BELL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LICCARDIO, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON,

Ms. OMAR, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. STANTON, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 3703. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish an excess urban heat mitigation grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. ANSARI (for herself, Mr. BELL, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. STANTON, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 3704. A bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BABIN (for himself and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 3705. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct a project to improve forecasts of coastal marine fog, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 3706. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself and Ms. SALINAS):

H.R. 3707. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Director of the National Science Foundation to carry out cross-cutting and collaborative research and development activities focused on the joint advancement of Department of Agriculture and National Science Foundation mission requirements and priorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BALINT (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. FROST, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 3708. A bill to repeal certain executive orders targeting LGBTQI+ individuals; to

the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 3709. A bill to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to establish a Financial Agent Mentor-Protégé Program within the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 3710. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones and markers for certain veterans for whom urns were previously furnished when such veterans are interred with other eligible individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BEYER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SWALWELL):

H.R. 3711. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 3712. A bill to require States to establish complete streets programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 3713. A bill to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency the Office of Mountains, Deserts, and Plains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. MAST):

H.R. 3714. A bill to improve the management of forage fish; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GILL of Texas (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. ROY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. PERRY, Ms. MACE, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 3715. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 3716. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require reports on the

use of the systemic risk authority applicable to winding up a failed insured depository institution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. GRAY):

H.R. 3717. A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish a demonstration program with respect to the golden mussel; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 3718. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. SELF, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 3719. A bill to prohibit the employees, officers, and agents of the Department of State, and persons and entities awarded grants or contracts or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, Federal funds from the Department of State, from censoring the free speech of United States citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. KING-HINDS (for herself and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 3720. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the guidance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to lenders regarding the sufficiency of veterans' residual income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 3721. A bill to establish a Task Force on the Indo-Pacific Treaty Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. LUNA (for herself and Mr. NEHLS):

H.R. 3722. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem adulterated food containing certain color additives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LUTTRELL (for himself, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 3723. A bill to ensure all federally recognized Tribes that are eligible for gaming in the United States are regulated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. NEHLS, and Ms. BOEBERT):

H.R. 3724. A bill to prohibit certain actions related to aliens who habitually resided in the Palestinian-administered territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McDOWELL (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. WIED, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. MCGUIRE, and Mr. YAKYM):

H.R. 3725. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the process for granting parole, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 3726. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs available for certain TRICARE beneficiaries on a space-available basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 3727. A bill to exempt articles imported from Israel or Ukraine from duties imposed under the Executive Order entitled "Regulating Imports with a Reciprocal Tariff to Rectify Trade Practices that Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3728. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to take affirmative action to ensure meaningful language access to persons who are limited English proficient; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3729. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide eligibility for projects to develop and implement regenerative braking and energy storage technologies under the consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3730. A bill to direct the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board to establish an advisory committee on rail electrification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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

H.R. 3731. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a research and development-intensive small biotech manufacturer exception from the Medicare drug price negotiation program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RASKIN (for himself, Mrs. KIM, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS):

H.R. 3732. A bill to provide protections for good faith donations of pet food and supplies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. PALMER, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. PERRY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 3733. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to provide Members of Congress with access on a real-time basis to updated information about Federal awards and with access to information on payments made to individual recipients of Federal assistance

and Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DELUZZIO, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. CRAIG, and Mrs. SYKES):

H.R. 3734. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that officers and employees of the executive branch are required to recuse themselves in matters affecting the financial interests of their previous employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. RYAN, and Mr. DELUZZIO):

H.R. 3735. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish an Office of Inspector General in the Executive Office of the President and to limit the reasons for which certain Inspectors General may be removed from office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. SIMON (for herself and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 3736. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to add the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council, to require the Administrator to submit certain reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3737. A bill to address Chinese Communist Party efforts to censor the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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

H.R. 3738. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for assistance to States and local governments in response to extreme heat events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 3739. A bill to amend the public service loan forgiveness program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure qualifying public service excludes employment with organizations that engage in activities that have a substantial illegal purpose; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. SWALWELL (for himself, Mr. CROW, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON,

Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEYER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. AMO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BROWN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. CHU, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. BELL, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Geor-

gia, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SIMON, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. OMAR, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 3740. A bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 3741. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify certain conduct that is prohibited for purposes of bribery of public officials and witnesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 3742. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to support the responsible development of offshore renewable energy projects, establish the Offshore Power Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VINDMAN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 3743. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to support women, infants, and children impacted by substance use disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. STEIL:

H. Res. 469. A resolution permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BERA (for himself, Mrs. KIM, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SELF, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BELL, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. MEEKS):

H. Res. 470. A resolution remembering the victims of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre and condemning the continued and intensifying crackdown on human rights and basic freedoms within the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, by the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. CRAIG (for herself, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H. Res. 471. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit Members of the House from serving on the boards of for-profit entities; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. FINE (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CRENshaw, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BARRETT, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. MILLS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. BIGGS of Arizona):

H. Res. 472. A resolution condemning the antisemitic terrorist attack in Boulder, Colorado; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY,

Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HIMES, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LICCARDO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TLAI, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H. Res. 473. A resolution calling for the urgent delivery and disbursement of humanitarian aid to address the needs of civilians in Gaza; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY:

H. Res. 474. A resolution expressing support for approximately doubling funding for Federal career and technical education programs; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. MILLER of Illinois (for herself, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. RULLI, Mr. NEHLS, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Ms. GREENE of Georgia):

H. Res. 475. A resolution supporting the designation of Family Month; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. NEGEUSE (for himself, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CROW, Mr. HURD of Colorado, and Mr. CRANK):

H. Res. 476. A resolution condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PATRONIS:

H. Res. 477. A resolution establishing the Select Committee on President Biden's Cognitive Decline; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mrs. BICE, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mr. NORMAN):

H. Res. 478. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of July as "American Patriotism Month"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. LANGWORTHY:

H.R. 3699.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 3700.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 3701.

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

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 3702.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 3703.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 3704.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 3705.

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

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

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

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 3706.

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

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

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

By Mr. BAIRD:

H.R. 3707.

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

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

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

By Ms. BALINT:

H.R. 3708.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 3709.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 3710.

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

Article I Section 8

By Ms. CHU:

H.R. 3711.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 3712.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 3713.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 3714.

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. GILL of Texas:

H.R. 3715.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 3716.

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

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8., Cl. 18)

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 3717.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 3718.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 3719.

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

Under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. KING-HINDS:

H.R. 3720.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 3721.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 3722.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. LUTTRELL:

H.R. 3723.

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

Article I, Section 8 To make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in

the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 3724.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. McDOWELL:

H.R. 3725.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS:

H.R. 3726.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ:

H.R. 3727.

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

Pursuant to clause 3(d) (1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee find the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3728.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3729.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 3730.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 3731.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. RASKIN:

H.R. 3732.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 3733.

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

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. RYAN:

H.R. 3734.

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

Article I

By Ms. SCHOLTEN:

H.R. 3735.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. SIMON:

H.R. 3736.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 3737.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. STANTON:

H.R. 3738.

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

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

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 3739.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. SWALWELL:

H.R. 3740.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in congress).

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 3741.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 3742.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: The Congress shall have power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. VINDMAN:

H.R. 3743.

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

Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 45: Mr. GROTHMAN and Mr. TIMMONS.
H.R. 309: Mr. RILEY of New York.
H.R. 404: Mr. GUEST.
H.R. 407: Ms. SHERRILL.
H.R. 436: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 485: Mr. LATIMER.
H.R. 501: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 516: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mr. VEASEY.
H.R. 569: Mr. MESSMER and Mr. BARR.
H.R. 620: Mr. TAYLOR.
H.R. 735: Mr. HARRIGAN.
H.R. 756: Mr. WIED.
H.R. 793: Mr. BELL and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H.R. 801: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 802: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 842: Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. ELLZEY.
H.R. 845: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. RULLI.
H.R. 894: Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 909: Mr. GUEST.
H.R. 911: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 929: Ms. ANSARI.
H.R. 979: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 1004: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 1007: Mr. FLOOD.
H.R. 1027: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1041: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 1042: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 1065: Mr. FIGURES.
H.R. 1078: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota and Mr. STRONG.
H.R. 1094: Ms. DeLAURO.
H.R. 1100: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 1105: Mr. BERA.
H.R. 1151: Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 1175: Mrs. BICE.

H.R. 1262: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 1269: Mr. MOULTON, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. FIELDS, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1319: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1320: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1328: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1329: Ms. SCANLON and Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 1330: Ms. SCANLON and Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 1340: Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 1410: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 1422: Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, and Ms. MALOY.

H.R. 1423: Ms. KING-HINDS and Mr. AMO.

H.R. 1509: Ms. SCANLON, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1525: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 1548: Mr. LANGWORTHY, Ms. STEVENS, and Mrs. HOUGHIN.

H.R. 1648: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1657: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 1672: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 1710: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1761: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi and Ms. STEFANIK.

H.R. 1841: Ms. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 1855: Mr. FIELDS.

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H.R. 1903: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 1924: Mr. CAREY.

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H.R. 1954: Mr. LATIMER.

H.R. 1960: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 2004: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2036: Mr. BACON and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 2042: Mr. CRANK and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2045: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 2077: Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 2089: Mr. OWENS, Mr. AMO, and Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 2095: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

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H.R. 2129: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 2189: Mr. YAKYM and Mr. BURLISON.

H.R. 2232: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 2245: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2257: Ms. De La Cruz.

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H.R. 2369: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2398: Ms. TENNEY.

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H.R. 2433: Mr. PFLUGER.

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H.R. 2469: Ms. NORTON.

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H.R. 2570: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

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H.R. 2586: Ms. RANDALL.

H.R. 2591: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN and Mr. KEAN.

H.R. 2598: Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 2609: Mr. FRY.

H.R. 2664: Ms. ROSS and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2678: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2683: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2687: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.

H.R. 2707: Mr. TURNER of Ohio.

H.R. 2726: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 2757: Mr. CROW.

- H.R. 2761: Ms. SALINAS and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
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H.R. 2808: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 2835: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.
H.R. 2840: Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BERA, Mr. VAN DREW, and Ms. FRIEDMAN.
H.R. 2850: Mrs. SYKES.
H.R. 2891: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 2910: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 2911: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2913: Ms. TITUS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. RUIZ.
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H. Res. 447: Mr. LAWLER.
H. Res. 456: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. TLAIB.



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EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

WHOLE MILK FOR HEALTHY KIDS ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the month of June is considered National Dairy Month, and this has been going on for decades and decades. And to kick things off, the Senate Agriculture Committee passed a bill that is entitled the "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act." That was voted out of committee yesterday, and it was voted out unanimously.

This bill is a very important piece of legislation, of which I am proud to be a cosponsor. Not only will it help the dairy industry, but it is going to restore great-tasting and nutritious dairy products to our Nation's school lunch program. Specifically, it is going to allow chocolate milk, whole milk, and 2-percent milk, instead of the requirements of the existing law that these kids in school can only drink skim milk.

The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act is also the first piece of legislation that the Senate Ag Committee has marked up in nearly 3 years. Its passage represents the bipartisan work that the Senate Agriculture Committee has a good reputation on delivering.

I look forward to the final passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act here on the Senate floor. Hopefully, it is very, very soon.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative 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.

ENERGY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, Senate Republicans are continuing to work on a reconciliation bill that makes America stronger and more prosperous. An important component of this bill is what it does on energy.

Republicans spent a lot of time last year talking about how the Biden administration's hostility to conventional energy production was putting America on a dangerous trajectory in the future, and we promised that we would work to unleash American energy dominance, if we were put in charge. We have been working to deliver on that promise since January, and that work continues with the reconciliation bill that we will take up this month.

Energy is essential. Without a reliable energy supply, our homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, factories—and our entire country—literally, would grind to a halt. It is the critical resource, and we can't afford to get it wrong.

But the Biden administration took us down the wrong path. It restricted development of America's conventional energy resources. It imposed regulations that heaped new burdens and costs on conventional energy producers, and it implemented an electric vehicle mandate that would have put an enormous new strain on our already wobbly electric grid.

The United States is rapidly heading toward an energy crisis where we simply don't have the supply to meet the

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.

Eternal God, how excellent is Your Name in all the Earth.

As our Senators face today's difficulties, help them to trust in Your goodness. May their faith in You prompt them to wait for the triumph of Your prevailing providence.

Lord, remind them that all things work together for good to those who love You and strive to do Your will. Continue to be their refuge and ever-present help for life's valleys. Renew their strength, enabling them to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

Lord, infuse them with a reverential awe that will strengthen them to honor You with their thoughts, words, and deeds.

We pray in Your magnificent 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.

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demand. As the Washington Post noted last March, “vast swaths of the United States are at risk of running short of power as electricity-hungry data centers and clean-technology factories proliferate around the country, leaving utilities and regulators grasping for credible plans to expand the nation’s creaking power grid.”

Meanwhile, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation warned of “mounting resource adequacy challenges” in the next decade.

That is a pretty serious situation, but, fortunately, we can do something about it. We have an abundance of natural resources, from the Gulf of America to the North Slope of Alaska.

The Biden administration seemed to view those resources as a liability, but Republicans recognize these resources as the assets that they are, and our reconciliation bill will help unleash these resources to promote a stable, secure, and affordable energy supply.

It will open up leases on America’s lands and waters for responsible conventional energy development. It will expand production opportunities for essential energy resources that the Biden administration tried to put on the sidelines.

As I indicated earlier, leveraging our natural resources through the reconciliation bill is just one part of the Republicans’ energy agenda. For the last several months, we have been hard at work eliminating burdensome regulations that threatened to stifle energy development in our country.

We blocked implementation of the Biden natural gas tax, which would have driven up energy prices and destroyed jobs in the energy sector. And we intend to do away with this misguided tax in the reconciliation bill that we will be considering soon.

We have also repealed Biden-era energy regulations for household appliances and business equipment—regulations that would have driven up costs and reduced choice, with little environmental benefit.

And the House and Senate moved to prevent California from imposing a de facto electric vehicle mandate on the whole country.

The Biden administration sought to tie up American energy, but under the Trump administration and a Republican Congress, that era is over. Instead of a Green New Deal, we are giving a green light to energy producers. We are allowing Americans to benefit from our country’s resources, and we are working to ensure a secure, reliable, and affordable energy supply for the long term.

Mr. President, our reconciliation bill will help put us on the path to that secure energy future. I look forward to taking it up later this month.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative 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.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, over the past few days, Donald Trump has bent over backwards to try to sell his so-called Big Beautiful Bill with a new lie. He said no one will lose healthcare coverage. He says no benefits will be slashed. He says the bill won’t harm a single recipient. He is lying. This is all total nonsense, and Senate Republicans need to reject Donald Trump’s snake oil sales pitch.

I implore my Senate colleagues, tread carefully with your Big Beautiful Bill. If you pass this bill, it won’t be Donald Trump’s soothing words that will be enacted in your States but, rather, deep and devastating harm to your constituents. And your constituents, Senate Republicans, will hold you responsible for going along with Donald Trump’s ruse.

If you go down this road, he will take away coverage from kids, from seniors, from parents, from moms. You will put doctors and nurses out of work. You will put rural hospitals in particular jeopardy since they depend on Medicaid, Medicare, and government help to stay going. They are often the biggest employer in your rural counties, Senate Republicans. They are often the only source of healthcare.

When Americans see this is all to make the ultrarich even richer, they will know that it was this nasty bill that made it happen.

Donald Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill is repeal and replace by another name. Here are the facts:

Under the bill, over 14 million would lose healthcare coverage. As bad as this bill is, we just got news that it will get even worse. CBO today will announce that it is not 14 million people kicked off but more—estimates as high as 15 million.

The Republican bill will kick even more people off healthcare than we originally thought—not only by attacking Medicaid but by destabilizing the ACA, private insurance, and now even Medicare—even Medicare.

So this bad bill is getting worse. The estimates of how many people will lose their healthcare coverage goes up and up and up each time we read the fine print. The closer and closer people look at the bill, the worse and worse it gets.

Tens of millions of Americans who otherwise qualify for healthcare would be mummified in new redtape, shortened enrollment periods, higher premiums, and weaker coverage. People would fall through the cracks and get phased out of coverage altogether in the coming years. It is death by a thousand paper cuts, and that is no accident; that is the intention of the Republican bill.

And let’s talk about fraud. Donald Trump says, well, it is just knocking

out fraud. Democrats would love to work with Republicans to eliminate fraud and waste in healthcare, but the bill Republicans have right now does not accomplish that. It is aimed at real people—real people who need healthcare, taking that away. This Big Beautiful Bill uses the fraud boogeyman as an excuse to kick people out of healthcare who would otherwise qualify, including people with jobs, including people with kids.

The only fraud happening right now is the fraudulent sales pitch coming from Donald Trump and his statement that he won’t boot anyone from coverage. That is the fraud here. The fraud is the lies Donald Trump is telling Republicans about this bill, that people won’t lose coverage. That is a lie. That is the fraud. Republicans should know that and reject this awful Big Beautiful Bill before it is too late.

CLEAN ENERGY

Mr. President, on clean energy, one of Donald Trump’s core promises on the campaign trail was that he would lower energy costs, he said, by 50 percent, but the opposite is happening. Energy costs are soaring across the country. People are paying more on their monthly electricity bills. Small businesses are struggling just to keep the lights on. And Donald Trump and the Republicans’ “Big, Ugly, Energy-Killing Bill” is about to make energy costs go even higher.

Under the Republicans’ bill, the average national electricity price will go up about 10 percent. American families will pay \$32 billion more in household energy costs. Clean energy projects that would lower costs would face massive new taxes, and that is not to mention the hundreds of thousands of jobs—hundreds of thousands—it is estimated that as many as 800,000 would be lost, and they would occur especially in red States.

Republicans, did you hear that? You are throwing hundreds of thousands of people working in your States in good-paying jobs out of work, all to embrace the ideology of the extremists in the fossil fuel community.

The bottom line is simple: The oil and gas magnates, the fossil fuel community hates clean energy because they know it is the future, because they know it is cheaper, and they know it is the quickest way to get more energy.

Are Republicans so truly beholden to the fossil fuel industry, which harbors blind hatred of clean energy because they know it is the future? Are they so beholden?

If we need more energy for AI and everything else, why are we cutting off one of the main ways we can get new energy in terms of wind and solar, hydro, and things like that?

Are Republicans really willing to send energy costs for families skyrocketing just to satisfy the ideological hatred the fossil fuel industry has for clean energy? The fossil fuel industry knows its days are numbered and

wants to cut off an alternative, and that is going to make prices go up and let China become the leader in clean energy, which our children and grandchildren will pay a dear price for.

So Senate Democrats are going to fight this bill with everything we have got so families don't have to foot the bill for Donald Trump's disastrous energy policies.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. President, and on judges, today Senate Republicans are holding their first hearing on judicial nominees under Donald Trump's second term. The last time Donald Trump was in the White House and Republicans held the Senate majority, this Chamber mutated into a conveyor belt for hard-right judges who sided with special interests and not the American people. Most were radically out of step with mainstream America; others were barely out of law school; and many were handpicked from the ranks of the Federalist Society not for their fairness but their ideological fealty to a hard-right philosophy that hurts average Americans every day.

When it comes to judges, Donald Trump cares about one thing only: Will they bow before the King? Will they break precedent and overturn rule of law just to appease Donald Trump? That is what he wants.

Senate Republicans must reject nominees like this. But, unfortunately, Senate Republicans are off to a dismal start. Among the five nominees testifying today is Joshua Divine of Missouri. Divine is a political operative with no judicial experience who has made a career of attacking everything from voting rights, to commonsense gun safety, to defending government overreach into people's private lives. He hasn't been out of law school for 10 years and spent less than half of that time practicing as an attorney.

Senators were not sent here to rubberstamp Donald Trump loyalists and put Donald Trump loyalists in black robes. Our duty, our sacred duty, is to the Constitution and to provide advice and consent, not blind obedience. You would think this would be obvious, but Republicans spent their last majority packing our courts with people who had no business being judges. At least 10 nominees were rated "not qualified" by the American Bar Association, an unprecedented number. One nominee had never even tried a case.

Of course, none of this—none of this—matters to Donald Trump. He is not in the business of creating an independent judiciary. He is not in the business of following what the Founding Fathers constructed as the third branch of government. He is cooking up a loyalist bench who will do what he wants instead of what the law says.

Recent reports detail how Donald Trump has been fuming lately over judges who haven't been, in his eyes, loyal enough to him. This kind of thinking should frighten anyone who cares about judicial independence.

Confirming judges is one of the most consequential things the Senate ever does. It shapes the future of our democracy. Getting it wrong has disastrous consequences. When hard-right judges take over, *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, voting rights are gutted, and now the Supreme Court has gone so far as to declare Donald Trump immune from prosecution, as if he wears a crown and sits as a King above the law.

This is not democracy. This is not balance. This is not justice.

So as Republicans begin marching more nominees through the Chamber, they face the choice: They can be the stewards of the Constitution and protect our democracy, or they can be foot soldiers in Trump's crusade to remake the judiciary into his MAGA loyalist bench.

They must reject MAGA loyalists dressed up as jurists, because once the robes go on, the damage lasts for generations.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today having just listened to the minority leader in the Senate talk about his view of the world and the economy and what the American people are seeing. Well, it is a misguided view, misunderstood, because he is clearly not seeing what so many Americans are seeing today in their lives.

So I rise to share some outstanding economic news with the Nation because people back home are seeing that America is getting back on track.

Americans want, need, and voted for affordable prices. Today, inflation is at a 4-year low. Inflation has fallen every month since President Trump and Republicans took office.

Americans want, need, and voted for higher wages. Income has risen nearly every month—actually, every month—since President Trump and Republicans took office.

Americans want, need, and voted for affordable groceries. Egg prices have dropped 61 percent under Republican leadership.

Today, Americans are feeling upbeat about the economy. Last month brought the largest boost in consumer confidence in 4 years. Americans are confident about their future. A majority of Americans now say the country is finally heading in the right direction. This is after 4 years of high prices.

CNN's own poll this weekend—this is CNN—they found that Republicans have a better economic plan than the Democrats. Not by 1 point—no, no, CNN didn't say by 1 point or by 2 points, but by 12 points—double digits. In the CNN poll, Republicans have a better economic plan than the Democrats. When it comes to the economy, Americans trust Republicans over Democrats. CNN on-air reporters appeared shocked and stunned—the video is astonishing.

Look, Americans trust us because they are seeing real results. They are seeing Senate Republicans here fighting for them. Republicans have used the Congressional Review Act to reverse 18 punishing regulations and rules out of the previous administration. The most recent was when we ended California's leftwing electric vehicle mandate. You remember that? That is the one that said you had to buy an electric car. They were going to ban gas-powered cars by the year 2035. We got rid of that, and the American people are grateful.

Now we are working on a comprehensive economic plan to deliver safety and prosperity for all Americans. Here are the facts: Republicans are committed to stopping a \$4 trillion Democrat tax increase. It would be the biggest tax increase in American history. We cannot let it happen, in spite of the fact that the Democrats want it to happen. We also cut taxes on tips and overtime. Hard-working Americans will keep more of the hard-earned money and put it in their pockets, not in the government till. Seniors will be able to keep more of their social security. They have earned it.

Republicans will also strengthen Medicaid for Americans who need it. Medicaid is a vital service. But let's talk about those who need it, because it is a trillion-dollar program, and what we see is that billions of dollars are being lost year after year to not just waste, fraud, abuse, but also to corruption. And that is taking the resources away from the people who need it.

Remember, it is the Democrats who put millions upon millions of healthy, working-age adults onto Medicaid. Many of them absolutely refuse to work. Democrats want them to stay on Medicaid forever; Republicans want them to find a job.

So the American Enterprise Institute, an organization that everyone in the Senate is familiar with, they came out with a report last week and said how nondisabled Medicaid recipients without children spend their time. So let's take a look at how folks who are working-age individuals who choose not to work who are taking Medicaid benefits—interfering with sometimes other people who need the Medicaid much more than they do. But how is it working? How do they spend their time?

Well, for Medicaid recipients who are not working, they say that, after sleeping, watching television and playing video games is how they spend their time. How much time? An average of 4.2 hours per day watching television and playing video games, rather than looking for work or working or volunteering or in school or education or preparing themselves to work. Apparently, they spend about 22 minutes looking for work. It is quite a disproportionate effort that shows where their priorities are. They are not looking for jobs. They are not looking to

get off Medicaid. They like the life—television and video games. The Democrats want them to stay on it forever, and they want the American taxpayers to pay for it.

The American people are fed up with that sort of abuse of our taxpayer dollars.

It was Democrats who gave 1.4 million illegal immigrants Medicaid benefits. How many people in our home States want that to happen? Very few in my home State and, Mr. President, I am sure very few in yours.

The California Governor—do you know what he wants? He wants to add even more illegal immigrants onto the Medicaid rolls.

Republicans want Medicaid for Americans who need it, not for 1.4 million illegal immigrants.

And it was the Democrats who spent over \$1.8 billion from Medicaid for transgender surgeries for minors. How many people in our home States think that is a use of government money?

Republicans will also unleash affordable, reliable American energy. These are the things that are making the economy strong, that lower prices at gas stations and on electric bills.

Senate Republicans are building a stronger, more prosperous America. That is why we have such good economic news and why people are saying: Yes, we are getting on the right track.

What are the Senate Democrats doing? They continue to be committed to obstructing the Republican agenda, and they say they are going to do it every step along the way. That is what we see coming from the minority leader. They want to stop President Trump from even getting his team in place. The Democrats are filibustering every one of the President's nominees.

Actually, by the end of this week, the Senate Republicans will have confirmed 74 nominees from President Trump that he nominated since January—74 nominated. The Democrats have filibustered 73 of the 74. The only one they didn't was Senator Marco Rubio. In the Foreign Relations Committee, last week, they said, "We are sorry we voted for you," because they don't like what he is doing.

I reviewed nomination records stretching back to the 1980s. Thirteen of these positions that require confirmation in the Senate have never before had a rollcall vote in the U.S. Senate—done by voice vote or unanimous consent. The Democrats have filibustered all of them. That is how obstructive they are.

They filibustered the Chief of Protocol for the State Department or the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. These are not controversial individuals. These are people that the Democrats say we are just going to try to stop President Trump no matter what he tries to do.

They even filibustered the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, all to tie up the Senate, to waste time, and to try to slow down an

administration that is working so hard to get our country back from the last 4 years of open borders and high prices that cost them the House, the Senate, and the White House.

These aren't based on objections of somebody's qualifications for those positions. This is all meant to obstruct President Trump and obstruct the will of the voters. Lest the minority leader forget, it is President Trump who won all seven of the battleground States in the Presidential election in November of 2024.

Well, Republicans are working through it. We have confirmed every one of President Trump's Cabinet at a record pace, and we are going to continue to work on all of these qualified nominees and get them all confirmed.

We are united on whether it is confirming nominations or passing our comprehensive economic plan. We are united on our mission. We will build an America that is safe and prosperous and strong, and not just for today but for generations to come.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, one of the most important innovations that President Trump has brought to the Nation is the Department of Government Efficiency. And, of course, this has been headed by Elon Musk, during his term as a temporary government employee. But the good news is that the work of the Department of Government Efficiency—or DOGE, as it is called around here—lives on, and that is reflected in the fact that the Office of Management and Budget has sent its first rescissions package to Capitol Hill.

For those who don't follow the process of procedures here in Washington, DC, the rescissions package is important because it allows Congress to codify the important progress that the Department of Government Efficiency has made in identifying and starting to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse within the Federal Government.

And what DOGE found under the leadership of Elon Musk is a target-rich environment. During the last several months, DOGE has uncovered numerous examples of blatant government waste and abuse. These range from commonsense efficiency reforms to canceling programs that are outright nonsensical uses of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

According to the website, the Department of Government Efficiency estimates that they identified \$175 billion in savings, or approximately \$1,100 per taxpayer.

I know some in the media have said: Well, that is peanuts; that doesn't count.

Well, tell the taxpayers who have to pay \$1,100 in additional taxes a year to fund an inefficient government that has waste and fraud within it.

The truth is, we have more work to do, and this is just a start. That, to me, is the most important point to make. This is just a start. President Trump and Mr. Musk have changed the culture here in Washington, DC, and changed the conversation.

We know that our national debt has now surpassed \$36 trillion, and that is an amount of money that I know no human mind can fully comprehend. But here is how I begin to get at it: when we start to think that we are spending more money on interest on the national debt than we are to defend the Nation, our most important job. That to me is shocking, and it is a mandate to get our spending under better control.

This isn't a matter of not taxing the American people enough. There isn't enough money to tax people for. It is a spending problem, and we need to get spending under control. We have multiple opportunities, and one of those is with this rescissions package.

DOGE started out with an ambitious goal of a 15-percent reduction in government spending of about \$1 trillion. Again, this is what the media has pooh-poohed and said: Well, they haven't come anywhere near their target.

But, again, the most important point I can make is this is just the beginning. I don't see the work of DOGE being finished but, rather, being a starting place. Again, I think, perhaps, the most important contribution is it has changed the conversation here in Washington, DC. When people realize the egregious expenditures of their hard-earned tax dollars, then they say: Well, what more is there? Is this just scraping the surface?

And the fact of the matter is, it is.

When I look at some of the items included in this rescissions package from the Office of Management and Budget, I think this package will sell itself—or should sell itself—to people with any common sense.

It rescinds \$67,000—a small amount, but small amounts add up—for testing insect powder nutrition on children in Madagascar—whatever that is.

Similarly, it rescinds more than \$1 million for LGBTQI+ programs in places like Uganda and the Western Balkans. Why are we spending tax dollars in Uganda and the Balkans for programs and projects like that? Surely, it doesn't seem like a priority to me.

And if that were not enough, the DOGE recommendations, now embraced within this rescissions package, cut millions of dollars for Green New Deal-style programs, not in America but around the world. The bill rescinds \$6 million appropriated for "net zero cities" in Mexico, half a million dollars for electric buses in Rwanda, and \$2.1

million for climate resilience in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and East Africa.

Again, budgets are about priorities, and I can't imagine a world in which these would be the most urgent priorities for the Nation, as our debt exceeds \$36 trillion.

But just when you thought these programs couldn't be more absurd, they become more absurd as you look further. It rescinds \$4 million for "legume systems research" and \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street.

Well, I think if we were to ask my constituents back home in Texas if they want their hard-earned dollars spent for ridiculous projects like including creating cartoon shows in the Middle East, they would say "no" loudly and emphatically.

In many respects, DOGE has shown a bright light on what, for a long time, has been a black hole in Washington, DC. Taxpayers know they send a lot of their hard-earned money to Washington, DC, and I think most Americans—patriotic Americans—if they thought this money was necessary and put to good use, then they would say: OK, that is part of the price we pay for living in the most prosperous, safest, strongest country in the world.

But when they see their money spent like this, they know something is terribly wrong.

So as I say, perhaps, the most important contribution that President Trump and Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency have made is to shape the conversation, both on and off Capitol Hill, about government waste.

Many of the incredibly impressive team members who were hired as part of the DOGE initiatives have been hired on more permanently in various Agencies. So DOGE is not going away, even though Elon Musk has returned back to do work on his companies and is no longer on the Federal Government payroll.

I am not sure he ever got paid, by the way. I think he volunteered his time.

If you think about this for a minute, it is quite a momentous, but in some ways paradoxical, achievement. The nature of bureaucrats in government is to grow and grow and grow. And, over time, our Federal Government has simply become so large and unwieldy. We needed something like the Department of Government Efficiency to come in and begin to, No. 1, identify the problem and to, No. 2, begin to help us chip away at some of the outlandish spending, some of which I have mentioned a moment ago. But the good thing about this change in the conversation and this change in the culture here in Washington, DC, is that the efforts of DOGE, the Department of Government Efficiency, will continue even after the current occupants of those positions move back to the private sector.

What DOGE has done is to have hired a team of people of incredible accomplishment in the private sector to help

eliminate waste, and these cost-cutting efforts have become a quintessential, whole-of-government effort within the Trump administration.

The efforts to get our spending under control, though, do not begin or end with DOGE. We need to play our part in Congress to make sure this work does not go to waste. The way we do that initially is by taking up and passing this rescissions package. Since Congress holds the power of the purse, through the appropriations process, we have the power to rescind these funds when they are shown to be not appropriately expended or used. So this rescissions package from the Office of Management and Budget is a gift on a silver platter, and I look forward to taking up the bill and passing it soon.

But when it comes to eliminating wasteful Washington spending and trying to chip away at this incredibly large debt and the interest payments we are having to make on the debt, which jeopardizes everything else important in the government, including our national security, in addition to the rescissions package, we have the budget reconciliation bill, which was passed by the House and is now being considered here in the Senate—what has come to be known as the Big Beautiful Bill.

This bill is important, as I learned from small businesses in Texas last week as I traveled around the State. I asked them: What was the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that we passed in 2017 during President Trump's first term? They said the impact was pretty dramatic. It allowed them to hire new employees, to invest in new equipment, to grow their businesses, and to provide more job opportunities for hard-working Texans.

The truth is that unless we extend those expiring provisions soon, all of that will go away, and they will have to begin to cut employment, they will no longer be able to grow their businesses, and they will no longer be able to provide additional benefits to their employees.

So the tax cuts that we will implement in the Big Beautiful Bill will allow those small businesses and individuals to prosper and, in turn, grow our economy, which will benefit everybody.

We also have savings opportunities in the Big Beautiful Bill, things like eliminating the Inflation Reduction Act, which was inappropriately named. I don't know from what Agency or corner of the Capitol—behind a door that is unnamed—these names come from, but the idea of the Inflation Reduction Act from its inception was laughable because it did nothing to reduce inflation. In fact, it made it worse by pouring gasoline on the fire.

The fact of the matter is, Bidenomics resulted in an incredible amount of additional spending, which created 40-year high inflation, and now that is sort of baked into the cake in everything we do here in America—when you

go to the grocery store, for small businesses in terms of their inputs and the things they need in order to produce their products. If you ask folks in the agricultural sector, everything they use for inputs to grow a crop or to produce livestock has all gone up thanks to the wasteful spending of the Biden era.

So we need to begin to cut back on some of these wasteful spending projects, and the so-called Inflation Reduction Act is an important place to start.

We also need to do smart things when it comes to some of the other expenditures of the Federal Government—for example, so-called means-tested programs. We sometimes refer to that generically as "welfare"—in other words, the safety net to help people who need a helping hand.

Government does have a role to play, but these are means-tested programs, which means that only people below certain economic levels qualify. Over time, we know that able-bodied adults who should be working and contributing to the economy, contributing to their families, to their communities, and to the Nation are receiving these benefits and are not working at all, and that has to change. That has to change. So particularly in our means-tested programs, there has to be a work requirement for able-bodied adults.

Plus, if you talk to employers around the country, as I have in Texas, they say: One of the biggest problems we have is a shortage of people willing and able to work. We have good, well-paying jobs, but we can't find the workforce to fill these jobs.

Well, the third means by which we are going to begin this process of controlling our out-of-control spending and our national debt is in the appropriations process. Of course, this is an annual process where we consider how to fund the Federal Government, and, like everything else in the budget process, it is a matter of choosing our priorities. But this is only 28 percent of what the Federal Government spends. Historically, we have ignored the other 72 percent when it comes to spending, but we are going to deal with that in the Big Beautiful Bill.

In addition, Congress has traditionally passed, as part of that 28 percent, 12 individual appropriations bills to fund the Federal Government. No. 1, of course, on that list of priorities is national security.

Of course, under Senate Democrats, we frequently punted this responsibility and passed something called a continuing resolution, which was on autopilot, instead of full-year funding measures that were debated in the Appropriations Committee, with bipartisan support, and then debated here on the floor and passed into law. Instead of that, we just passed continuing resolutions, which is an abdication of our responsibility as the holder of the purse strings under our government.

But while we often think of the appropriations process as strictly a

spending process, it does not have to be that way. We can also use this appropriations process to enact further spending reductions, and I think we should.

So we have three bites at the apple, at the spending apple: rescission, reconciliation—the Big Beautiful Bill—and then appropriations. I hope the House and Senate will take full advantage of each of these three opportunities to begin the process of reducing our deficit and debt because, as former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen said maybe about 10 years ago or so, “The biggest threat to our national security is our national debt.” That prediction at the time has come true when we are spending more money on interest on the national debt than we are on defense.

There is no better time than the present to begin to remedy this situation, and it is up to Congress. We can’t look over our shoulder or look around the room and say: Who else will protect us and save us from this unsustainable trajectory? It is up to us.

While the formal Department of Government Efficiency Task Force may have concluded, the work of DOGE lives on. As a founding member of the DOGE Caucus, I will keep doing my part, along with all of my colleagues, to bend the spending curve. I urge all of my colleagues to join us in that effort, particularly by passing this rescissions package and then eventually, in the coming weeks, the Big Beautiful Bill.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MCCORMICK). The Senator from Texas.

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Bowman and Walsh nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CORNYN. Thank you.

My apologies to my colleague from Massachusetts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

NOMINATION OF MICHELLE BOWMAN

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about the nomination of Michelle Bowman to be the Federal Reserve Board’s Vice Chair for Supervision.

Governor Bowman has served on the Federal Reserve Board since 2018 when she was confirmed as the first Governor required to have community bank experience, but during her tenure, she has consistently prioritized Wall Street over Main Street. She has weakened safeguards on the largest banks in the country and has opposed common-sense rules to promote financial stability, to protect consumers, and to drive investment in communities across this country.

Just yesterday, in another Wall Street giveaway, she voted to lift the asset cap that was placed on Wells Fargo in an effort to rein in Wells’ dec-

ades-long track record of customer abuses. She did this despite the fact that there is no public evidence that Wells Fargo has substantially changed its approach to banking.

Governor Bowman’s actions have already imposed serious costs on small businesses and families. It would be especially dangerous to put her in charge of further deregulating Wall Street now just as President Trump has pushed the economy to the edge of a cliff.

Democrats on the Banking Committee unanimously oppose her nomination as Vice Chair for Supervision, and I urge all of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to do the same now.

In the years leading up to the 2008 financial crisis, the Federal Reserve Board effectively abdicated its statutory role as a financial regulator and supervisor. As a result, the Agency was asleep at the wheel as dangerous risks built up in the financial system, especially in the subprime mortgage market. When the economy tumbled, families, small businesses, and even community banks suffered the consequences of the Fed’s negligence.

Congress established the Vice Chair for Supervision position after the 2008 financial crisis in order to ensure that the Fed never again ignored its financial regulation and supervision responsibilities, but in her 6 years on the Federal Reserve Board, Governor Bowman has hacked away bit by bit at the safeguards put in place after the 2008 financial crisis. Let’s take a look at her record.

Governor Bowman has weakened critical safeguards for the largest Wall Street banks. She has voted to reduce big banks’ loss-absorbing capital requirements, and she has voted to undermine the stress testing framework, both of which have left big banks more vulnerable to collapse. She has also voted to allow big banks to gamble with people’s deposits in financial markets, including through increased investments in hedge funds and private equity funds. These actions have allowed Wall Street banks to take on riskier bets and juice their dividends, boost their buybacks, and pump up executive compensation—all at the expense of financial stability.

Bowman also voted to deregulate massive banks with \$100 billion to \$250 billion in assets. That particular error in judgment came back to bite our country quickly, causing the second, third, and fourth largest bank failures in U.S. history just a few years later when these three deregulated banks—First Republic Bank, Silicon Valley Bank, and Signature Bank—all failed within weeks of each other in 2023. For a while, the entire banking system teetered on the edge of collapse.

Now, instead of learning from that near catastrophe, Governor Bowman has refused to take any responsibility for her votes that led to this banking turmoil, and she has opposed common-

sense rules to strengthen the resilience of large banks even after those failures.

Governor Bowman also voted to approve more than 800 bank merger applications, including Morgan Stanley’s major acquisition of E*TRADE and Capital One’s recent acquisition of Discover, which created the largest credit card company in America. Her lax approach to bank mergers undermines competition and increases concentration in the banking sector. That, in turn, inflicts costs on consumers and threatens the stability of the entire banking system. It also poses a direct risk to the future of community banks in this Nation.

In addition, Governor Bowman opposed even modest improvements to the Community Reinvestment Act. This is a 50-year-old law that was created to prevent racist lending practices by big banks and to ensure that all communities have access to critical financial services.

Last year, she was the only Fed Governor—the only one—to vote against a rule that would have updated the CRA regulations for the first time in nearly 30 years and would have increased banks’ investments in communities of color, in rural and Native communities, and in other low- and moderate-income areas.

Beyond her deeply troubling policy record, Governor Bowman also demonstrated a worrisome lack of independence from the White House during her nomination process. For example, at her hearing, she refused to acknowledge any economic uncertainty created by President Trump’s tariff policies, and she refused to concede any potential financial impact of those policies on U.S. financial stability. That refusal puts her at odds with Chair Powell, with the Fed staff, and with economic experts across the political spectrum. It was clear that Governor Bowman did not want to be seen even indirectly criticizing President Trump.

Ms. Bowman also stated that she plans to submit regulatory actions to the White House for review, which undermines the Fed’s independence and all but guarantees a new deregulatory bonanza for these Wall Street banks.

She has refused to answer questions about whether she met with then-President Elect Trump or his transition team while on an official Federal Reserve-funded trip to West Palm Beach in November 2024.

Look, our economy is in a precarious moment. President Trump’s disastrous mismanagement of this economy is raising costs for families, is putting jobs at risk, and is threatening to decimate small businesses across this country. Deregulating Wall Street right now would throw gasoline on Trump’s economic fire. The last thing families and small businesses need is another massive financial crash.

I urge my colleagues to oppose Michelle Bowman’s nomination.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE
CALENDAR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today concerned that the Senate's advice and consent role is being undermined. It is being undermined by obstruction from Senate Democrats that threaten to keep the Justice Department from functioning as the American people expect and the American people deserve.

The Office of Legislative Affairs serves as the crucial bridge between the Justice Department and this Congress. This relationship is essential not only for the legislative process, but for maintaining constitutional oversight and accountability.

The Office of Legislative Affairs ensures that we, as lawmakers, have the timely information needed to craft legislation, conduct oversight, and fulfill our constitutional duties.

When we seek answers, whether it is on criminal justice or immigration or national security, it is the Office of Legislative Affairs that takes our questions and returns the responses. This function can't run on autopilot.

Yet, today, the Office of Legislative Affairs is hobbled. It lacks a Senate-confirmed Assistant Attorney General to lead that office. Why? Because Senate Democrats have decided to impede the confirmation of all justice nominees without exception. That is not the constitutional role of advice and consent. That is obstruction.

Every Senator has the right to raise concerns about nominees. That is our constitutional role. That is our duty. And holds of specific nominees for specific reasons at times is very appropriate. It is an appropriate tool for any Senator to use.

I have even used that tool, and I have also done it on nominees. But the process demands fairness; it demands common sense. We should weigh each nominee individually, not slam the brakes on an entire Agency, especially one for keeping Americans safe.

So I am here at the floor because the nomination of Patrick Davis has been pending on the Senate Calendar now for 2 months. This is regrettable because he is an exceptionally qualified nominee. And this Senator should know because he worked for this Senator.

Mr. Davis brings a strong record of public service and a deep understanding of the legislative process gained from his time working for me on the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am confident he will lead the Office of Legislative Affairs with diligence, with fairness, and with integrity. He should be confirmed today, and I am here to ask my colleagues to do just that.

Obstructing his nomination serves absolutely no one. Many Senators—myself included—have outstanding requests to the Justice Department that we expect answers to. I understand that some Senators may complain that they haven't received a response to their own outstanding request. I have

made such complaints myself over the years under both Republican and Democrat administrations.

But I don't believe that obstructing this particular qualified nominee who can help get the responses we need will address their concerns.

I also understand that some Senators are unhappy with the current administration and are using Justice Department nominees to make their displeasure known. To these colleagues, I will simply say that the obstruction of qualified nominees to lead the Office of Legislative Affairs makes it harder for the Department of Justice to engage with Congress and harder for Congress to do its job.

This, ultimately, ends up hurting the American people. I am asking this body to uphold a fair confirmation process so that the Justice Department can effectively engage with Congress. Blocking the confirmation of Patrick Davis does not serve the Senate; it does not serve the interest of justice; and it does not serve the American people.

Mr. President, I am here to ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 92, Patrick Davis, to be Assistant Attorney General; 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 Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Reserving the right to object, I will object for two reasons.

First, a few weeks ago, I announced I am placing holds on all DOJ political nominations because the Attorney General refuses to answer fundamental questions about Donald Trump seeking a luxury plane from Qatar to use as Air Force One. This is a grave national security threat, as everyone knows.

The bottom line is very simple on this plane: The President of the United States accepted a luxury jet from a foreign government to use as his personal Air Force One. It wasn't just unethical. It reeked of corruption, of bribery, and threatened our national security.

That whole plane will have to be taken apart piece by piece to make sure listening devices aren't in it and be even more expensive. And yet the Justice Department didn't just look the other way; they approved it. That is so typical of this Justice Department and something that I think if a Democratic President did it, the Senator from Iowa would be the first on the floor to stand here and object.

Now we hear silence—silence. They won't even answer serious questions about this. This plane should be withdrawn, and I have introduced legislation to do that.

But that is not the only reason. Donald Trump has turned the Justice Department upside down. It is politicized.

It is weaponized. It is hollowed out. Donald Trump and his acolytes in the Justice Department are less interested in prosecuting criminals and more interested in prosecuting Trump's perceived political opponents.

This is an absolute disgrace. Both sides in past administrations, Democrat and Republican, have worked together to uphold the rule of law at DOJ. But now, the rule of law has been replaced by loyalty tests. Career public servants who have dedicated years to prosecuting criminals are just shoved aside because when Donald Trump asks them to break the law, to undo the law, to set aside rule of law, they refuse.

Investigations and prosecutions are dictated by political convenience and not justice. And now Republicans want the Senate to quietly rubberstamp a political nominee for the DOJ by unanimous consent—no hearing, no debate, no scrutiny.

On an important position like this, this should happen regularly that there should be debate. But with this Justice Department, as horrible as it is, as political as it is, as destructive of American values as it has been—no way.

The nominee is a former staffer for the very same Senator making the request. Now, as my colleague noted, in the past he has been up there when other administrations made ethical violations and did the wrong thing in his judgment. But now there is just silence from my colleague and from all of the Republican Senators.

And they know what is going on. They know what is going on. But blind obedience to Donald Trump is wrong when it comes to something as sacred as this: rule of law and a Justice Department that seeks to enforce the law, not just go after political enemies.

If Donald Trump and Republicans want to poison and politicize our justice system, I am not participating. I object.

I add one more point with deep regret. What is happening to the Judiciary Committee and the Justice Department is shameful. Inspectors general have been dismissed with no accountability. Again, my colleague who used to uphold the inspectors general and praised them—tons of them are dismissed now.

The American Bar Association has been sidelined. And today, up in the Justice Department, unqualified judicial nominees—some barely out of law school—are being rushed through confirmation. This is not how the Senate should work.

It didn't work that way when there was a Democratic President and my friend was chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

There should be no special treatment—none; not for political allies; not for former staffers; not for anyone. What Trump and Bondi are doing to the Justice Department and the rule of law is dangerous. It undermines the public trust and erodes the rule of law.

The Senate should not be complicit. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am sorry to hear the objection. I would like to correct the one thing that Senator SCHUMER said, that Patrick Davis didn't have a hearing before the committee. We did hold a hearing on Patrick Davis.

I yield the floor.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I continue to object for the many reasons that I have listed.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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 assistant 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. 119, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

John Thune, Dan Sullivan, John Barrasso, Mike Rounds, Todd Young, Cynthia M. Lummis, Tom Cotton, James Lankford, Bernie Moreno, John R. Curtis, Ted Budd, Mike Crapo, Katie Boyd Britt, Jim Banks, Markwayne Mullin, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines.

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 Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years, 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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| Banks | Graham | Moran |
| Barrasso | Grassley | Moreno |
| Blackburn | Hagerty | Mullin |
| Boozman | Hawley | Murkowski |
| Britt | Hoeven | Paul |
| Budd | Husted | Ricketts |
| Cassidy | Hyde-Smith | Risch |
| Collins | Johnson | Rounds |
| Cornyn | Justice | Schmitt |
| Cotton | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cramer | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Crapo | Lee | Sullivan |
| Cruz | Lummis | Thune |
| Curtis | Marshall | Tillis |
| Daines | McConnell | Tuberville |
| Ernst | McCormick | Wicker |
| Fischer | Moody | Young |

NAYS—46

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| Alsobrooks | Hickenlooper | Sanders |
| Baldwin | Hirono | Schatz |
| Bennet | Kaine | Schiff |
| Blumenthal | Kelly | Schumer |
| Blunt Rochester | Kim | Shaheen |
| Booker | King | Slotkin |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Smith |
| Coons | Lujan | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Markley | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Fetterman | Murray | Welch |
| Gallego | Padilla | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Peters | Wyden |
| Hassan | Reed | |
| Heinrich | Rosen | |

NOT VOTING—3

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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46.

The motion was agreed to.

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 assistant 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 Calendar No. 129, Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland.

John Thune, Pete Ricketts, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Bernie Moreno, Steve Daines, Eric Schmitt, Roger Marshall, Tommy Tuberville, John Hoeven, Marsha Blackburn, Bill Cassidy, John R. Curtis, Jim Justice, James E. Risch, Thom Tillis, Markwayne Mullin.

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 Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland, 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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO)

and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 60, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 289 Ex.]

YEAS—60

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| Banks | Grassley | Moreno |
| Barrasso | Hagerty | Mullin |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Murkowski |
| Boozman | Hoeven | Paul |
| Britt | Husted | Reed |
| Budd | Hyde-Smith | Ricketts |
| Cassidy | Johnson | Risch |
| Collins | Justice | Rounds |
| Cornyn | Kaine | Schmitt |
| Cotton | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cramer | King | Scott (SC) |
| Crapo | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Cruz | Lankford | Sullivan |
| Curtis | Lee | Thune |
| Daines | Lummis | Tillis |
| Ernst | Marshall | Tuberville |
| Fetterman | McConnell | Warner |
| Fischer | McCormick | Welch |
| Gallego | Moody | Wicker |
| Graham | Moran | Young |

NAYS—37

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| Alsobrooks | Heinrich | Sanders |
| Baldwin | Hickenlooper | Schatz |
| Bennet | Hirono | Schiff |
| Blumenthal | Kelly | Schumer |
| Blunt Rochester | Kim | Slotkin |
| Booker | Lujan | Smith |
| Cantwell | Markley | Van Hollen |
| Coons | Merkley | Warnock |
| Cortez Masto | Murphy | Warren |
| Duckworth | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Durbin | Padilla | Wyden |
| Gillibrand | Peters | |
| Hassan | Rosen | |

NOT VOTING—3

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| Capito | Ossoff | Sheehy |
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MULLIN). On this vote, the yeas are 60, the nays are 37.

The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

BORDER SECURITY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, what we have come to realize is, under the last administration, the American people really suffered from open borders, crime, and lawlessness. And they spoke out about this, and, in November, they issued a mandate to President Trump. And, of course, we talk a lot about the economic impact of that. We talk about the health, but we also focus on the "Make America Safe Again" provisions.

And I will say this. Since he was elected in November and sworn in, in January, President Trump has done exactly that. He has worked to make this country safe, to make our communities safer. And what we have seen in operations across the country is that the Trump administration has committed

to getting criminal, illegal aliens out of our communities and off of our streets. We have seen that in Tennessee.

Now, in recent weeks, the Department of Homeland Security has worked with the Tennessee State Highway Patrol, and they have arrested 196 criminal, illegal aliens in Nashville, TN. Now, these are people that ought not to have ever been in the country. They are violent criminals, members of Tren de Aragua, members of MS-13. They are drug dealers. They are sex traffickers. They are human traffickers.

And do you know what? People said: I can't believe we had that many drug dealers, sex traffickers, gang leaders, gang clubs that were here in our community.

And when you start to look at the crimes of some of these people, people are aghast at what they have learned, and they are grateful that President Trump, Secretary Noem, Tom Homan—who is our border czar—decided to come into Nashville and get these people off our streets and out of our communities.

Now, here is what we know about some of these. One of them is a Salvadoran national who is affiliated with MS-13. Now, he probably left El Salvador because he has been wanted for murder in his home country. That is the charge against him, murder.

Tennesseans are saying: Look, we want to make certain we get these individuals deported, and I was talking to one of our local law enforcement officers—they are in Middle Tennessee—and I said: Tell me what you think about ICE and Homeland Security and the work they are doing?

He said: I am happy to see them here. We welcome them. We are glad they are working with the Highway Patrol because when you get these criminals and these gang leaders off our streets, you make the community safer, and you make our jobs a little bit safer.

And we are seeing the benefits of these deportations of criminal illegal aliens on a nationwide scale. I give you the example of Nashville because I represent Tennessee. But we know that, nationally, since inauguration day, ICE has arrested more than 66,000 criminal illegal aliens. The vast majority have prior criminal convictions and charges, including—as I have mentioned—violent MS-13 and Tren de Aragua gang members. Thousands more were charged or convicted of assault, weapons offenses, sex crimes, and murder.

And when these criminals are taken off the street, do you know what happens, Mr. President? Crime goes down. Safety improves.

Now, in February—and I think this is a great example result. So in February, ICE targeted more than 100 Tren de Aragua gang members that had taken over an apartment complex in Aurora, CO. Many people saw this. I am certain many of my colleagues saw this reporting on the news.

Now, that same quarter, that first quarter of the year, overall crime in

the city declined by 22 percent. That is what happens when you go after people that are breaking the law, that have come into the country illegally, and came in with ill intent.

Now, despite the success that we have seen—whether it is Nashville or whether it is Aurora, CO—my Democratic colleagues are still demonizing these efforts and law enforcement and demanding an end to arrests and trying to stop deportations, and some are even working to undermine our brave and courageous law enforcement officers.

Now the mayor's office in Nashville has been one that has tried to obstruct these, and they were claiming that ICE's detainment of violent gang members and rapists is "making [it] harder" to keep people safe.

So the mayor's office and the mayor doxxed Federal law enforcement officers who were involved in these operations. They released their names; they released details about different operations. So they were doxxing and unmasking the operation and the investigators or the agents' names.

So what happens when the mayor does that is basically you are serving up a treasure trove of information to the gang leaders. You make the officers less safe, all law enforcement officers. You make the communities less safe, and you encourage—encourage—people to target the operations or the officers.

So what we have seen is this makes the job of law enforcement more difficult. It undermines President Trump's efforts to make our Nation safe, and, in essence, it has turned Nashville into a sanctuary city.

And, interestingly enough, in the State of Tennessee, it is illegal to have a sanctuary city. And because of the actions of the Office of the Mayor and Mayor O'Connell, DHS has deemed Nashville a sanctuary jurisdiction.

And all of this, we need to realize, is happening as ICE agents have seen over the past couple of months a 413-percent increase in assaults. I will tell you I think that our law enforcement officers, our Homeland Security investigators, and our agents deserve our support for removing criminal illegal aliens from our communities.

So on Friday, I sent a letter urging AG Bondi to investigate the mayor's actions and the actions of his office and determine whether he is using taxpayer dollars to aid illegal aliens and to obstruct our Federal law enforcement efforts.

I will also use every tool in the Senate to investigate the mayor and his office and hold him to account for threatening the safety of Tennesseans.

And make no mistake, if the mayor is found by the Department of Justice to be working outside of the rule of law, he should resign his position.

And, unfortunately, he is not the only Democrat mayor that needs DOJ to investigate them. We have seen the mayors of Chicago and Boston and their offices, they have repeatedly stat-

ed that their police departments will refuse to cooperate with ICE to apprehend criminal illegal aliens.

Now, think about this. These are criminals that are robbing people. They are doing carjackings. They are assaulting people. Many of them are abusing children. They are wanted in their home countries. And you have elected officials that are siding with and trying to protect criminal illegal aliens instead of siding with and trying to protect law-abiding citizens.

While this obstruction makes it harder for Federal law enforcement to do their jobs, they are still working to remove these criminals from the streets of Chicago and Boston and, of course, Nashville. Just last month, ICE announced that they arrested the Tren de Aragua gang members who shot and killed three people at a house party in Chicago in December. Criminal illegal aliens shot and killed three citizens. And in Boston, ICE agents apprehended nearly 1,500 illegal aliens during "Operation Patriot" last month, making the largest ICE operation to date in our Nation's history. More than half of those 1,500 have major criminal convictions—not just charged but convictions and charges—murder, rape, drug trafficking, abuse of children, all among that number, 1,500. These are horrific crimes committed by illegal alien criminals who are roaming free in American cities until ICE comes in and apprehends them.

While they continue to side with criminals—these Democrat mayors and those city councils—Republicans are supporting the President's efforts to maintain the rule of law so that there are no more innocent victims like Larisha Sharell Thompson, a South Carolina mother of two, who was allegedly murdered in cold blood last month by six illegal aliens who were trying to steal her car.

Or Ava Moore, an 18-year-old Air Force cadet candidate who was killed while kayaking in Texas over Memorial Day weekend by an illegal alien who, according to authorities, hit her with a jet ski and then fled the scene.

Or the 12 people, including a Holocaust survivor, who were set on fire on Sunday in an anti-Semitic terror attack; the suspect, an Egyptian national who overstayed his visa after entering under Biden's open borders. This has to come to a stop.

And Tennesseans say: What can we do about this? Well, I have the CLEAR Act, which we have had for a time. It would ensure that State and local law enforcement officials have the explicit authority to assist the Federal Government in our immigration enforcement efforts. Basically, it would codify the 287(g) Program.

And this week I am introducing legislation that is backed by the White House that would establish a deportation shot clock, which would require the Federal Government to deport an illegal alien within 15 days of a court order for removal. Right now, it takes

90 days. We think the deportation shot clock will empower the Trump administration to expedite deportations of these criminals and get them off our streets.

And following the dangerous actions of Nashville Mayor O'Connell and his office, I am also introducing legislation that will make it illegal to doxx Federal law enforcement officials who are working to get these criminal illegal aliens off the streets. We realized after this occurrence that they were not included in the "covered persons" provisions.

So I invite my Democrat colleagues to join us in this. If not, I invite them, come down here. Talk about why they would choose to support criminal illegal aliens instead of working to make our community safer and to uphold the rule of law.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—RECESS

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess following the cloture vote on the O'Neill nomination until 4 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, no one asked for this. No one asked for the biggest wealth transfer in American history from the poorest people in the country to the richest people to ever exist. No one asked for the biggest ever cuts to Medicaid, to kick 14 million people off of health insurance, and raise out-of-pocket costs for 20 million people. No one asked for food assistance to be slashed for millions of children and low-income families. No one asked for higher prices at the pump or on their electricity bills. No one asked for students across the country to lose Federal financial aid.

No one asked for any of this—and I really mean that. That is not just a rhetorical flourish. I don't think Trump voters asked for this. I know Harris voters did not ask for this. I don't think anybody really wants this.

I think the reason that all of these crazy, harmful policies are about to be enacted is for one simple reason, and that is to generate enough revenue to satisfy the insatiable desire for tax cuts for people who make more than \$4 million a year. They are literally taking money out of food assistance and Medicaid and Affordable Care Act monthly subsidies.

By the way, you don't know if you get a subsidy or not. You just go on the exchange, and you pay the thing. The thing is, that thing is probably \$400 or \$500 or \$600 a month less than it used to be because of the subsidies.

It is one thing to say 14 million people are going to get kicked off of Medicaid—and they will. It is another thing to say, because of those Medicaid cuts, a bunch of clinics and hospitals in rural communities are going to shut down—and they will.

I think what is a little underrated is many, many more millions of people

are going to pay not \$50 more a year, not \$100 more per month, but many hundreds of dollars more per month. Why? Because when you yank that money out of the system, it is what is called a pay-for. It means it generates a ton of revenue.

How does it generate that revenue? By screwing regular people.

They are racing to pass a bill that does all of these things and that raises the debt by many trillions of dollars.

I think the problem some of us have—and I really appreciate the Presiding Officer. And when we agree, we work really well together, and when we disagree, we are at least able to stay civil. So I am trying to take the edge off of this. But one of the reasons that it sounds like I am frothing at the mouth and saying a bunch of partisan talking points is that it is kind of hard to believe that any political party would actually do this on purpose.

It is quite hard to believe that you would cut food assistance and cut healthcare and cut help for regular working people in order to shovel money to people making more than \$4 million a year. But that is exactly what they are doing.

It is as if they designed this bill in a lab to make the maximum number of people angry. It is unpopular. It is unnecessary. And they are doing it anyway.

Hospitals serving rural and low-income communities will be forced to shutter because they won't be adequately compensated for their services—by the way, again, not a talking point. Go and visit any rural clinic or hospital. Ask them what percentage of their payer mix comes from Medicaid and what would happen if they lost a big chunk of that. A lot of them say—the big ones—big is relative. But in the State of Hawaii, our big institutions say: We could stay afloat. We just have to deliver a lot less care. And then everybody would end up in the ER, right?

The Queen's Medical Center, the sort of No. 1 trauma center in the middle of Honolulu, is already bursting at the seams. You have multiple people in the hallways. All of the rooms, all of the beds are taken. It was just a couple of months ago that they finally figured out a way not to release the psychiatric emergencies right onto Punchbowl Street in their hospital gowns.

That is before they do this to the hospitals.

After the ACA passed, you would go on the exchange, select a plan, and pay a fraction of what you used to pay. I think one of the things is that ObamaCare is now so old that people forgot how horrible it was before then—really horrible. So now you just go on, and you are kind of irritated because it is still money, and it still feels like too much, and it feels like your HMO or provider nitpicks you and doesn't cover a bunch of care, and copays are too high. But it is way, way better than it used to be.

So this whole enterprise is for one single purpose, and that is to generate

enough money to cut taxes for billionaire corporations and people who make \$4 million or more in revenue. It is very, very few people benefiting and tens of millions of people being screwed.

There is little in this bill that will help regular people who are already struggling to meet their monthly obligations. But there are plenty of rewards for the ultrawealthy. Millionaires stand to gain roughly \$70,000 in tax cuts, while billionaires in the top 1 percent receive close to \$300,000 in benefits.

And how did they find that money to shovel to the millionaires and billionaires?

I don't mind a millionaire or a billionaire. I know, like, two billionaires. We are not close, but I have met them. I am sure I know many millionaires. There are a number of colleagues in the Senate who are in that category. So it is not like—I am not trying to demonize anybody.

I am saying: Do they need \$300,000? I know people who need \$300. I know people who actually won't be able to stay on any healthcare at all if these subsidies go away.

This is not the closing of loopholes. This is not fiscal discipline. I want to make this point as clearly as I can. We would be in a harder position to argue against this bill if it were actually deficit-neutral because, traditionally, the accusation against Democrats is they want to bust the budget, and Republicans want to be responsible.

But this one is weird because this is under the guise of "We have got to do austerity; we have got to do tough stuff; we have got to cut." Then they come up with a bill that actually increases the deficit over baseline, even when they do their kind of nonsensical accounting where they basically have stopped counting the tax cuts that are in place because, you know, that is the baseline.

And so the whole enterprise—and everybody needs to understand this. They are making everything more expensive. That is food. That is medicine. That is groceries. That is gasoline. That is electricity. And the reason they are making it more expensive is because they are either indifferent to the suffering or, more importantly, they just need the money.

And they don't need the money to—you know, we raised taxes in the past, as a country, to fight a war, to beat Nazism; or we raised taxes in the past to shrink the deficit; or we raised taxes and raised costs for people to invest in something important. That is not what we are doing here. We are blowing up the budget, and we are harming regular people in order to provide tax cuts for people who literally didn't ask for it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1943

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I am here to ask unanimous consent on

a very simple measure to make sure that the data systems of Social Security were not compromised—that no data was exfiltrated, no bugs were infiltrated, and no back doors were left in when Elon Musk and his little gang of miscreants went into Social Security.

I will talk more about this afterward, but the chairman of the Finance Committee has elsewhere to be. So I will speak after I have offered this, and he has responded. I will go directly to my unanimous consent request.

As if in legislative session, and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of my bill, S. 1943, introduced earlier today; that the bill be considered read three times 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 Idaho.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I rise today to discuss Senator WHITEHOUSE's request for unanimous consent for the Senate to pass the Protecting Seniors' Data Act of 2025.

I agree with my colleague that Federal Agencies must take all necessary steps to safeguard the personally identifiable information entrusted to them by the people they serve.

Along these lines, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, SSA, who was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by Senate Republicans last month, has spent his career protecting personally identifiable information. He has also committed to doing the same as Commissioner of the SSA.

However, legislation is not needed to request a Government Accountability Office, GAO, audit on a specific topic of interest.

Additionally, the Comptroller General, who leads the GAO, testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee earlier this year that GAO is already conducting a review of DOGE's access to agency systems, including at the Social Security Administration.

During his testimony, the Comptroller General also stated that GAO will issue public reports to the Congress on its findings from these reviews.

For these reasons, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. These remarks would ordinarily precede the exchange we just had, but as a courtesy to the distinguished chairman of the Finance Committee, we are going a little bit out of order. I will now fill in the statement that I would have made.

Senator CRAPO is obviously well aware of my concerns here. As I said at the very beginning, we have reason to believe that Elon Musk and his little gang of frat boys, tech bros, miscreants—call them the “Muskrats,”

the “DOGE Boys”—whatever you want. They went into Social Security with bad intent.

The cover that they went in under was they were going to look for waste, fraud, and abuse. But I think we know that the waste, fraud, and abuse veil in which the “DOGE Boys” wrapped themselves was a fake, because if you were actually concerned about waste, fraud, and abuse, you wouldn't fire all the inspectors general.

You would actually try to recruit the inspectors general into your so-called government efficiency effort because what inspectors general do all day is actually look for waste, fraud, and abuse.

And you could go through their files and say: Here, what are the biggest areas that we should be paying attention to?

And you would work with the inspectors general. Instead, they were fired. That whole apparatus to actually seek waste, fraud, and abuse was set aside and in came the “DOGE Boys,” a little bit like in “The Cat in the Hat”—“Thing One” and “Thing Two”—except there were 100 more of them running around doing considerable damage to government Agencies and government systems.

And to a very significant extent, doing damage to government Agencies and systems was the point. This was not the bug. This was the feature. They went in to try to wreck stuff, and it became particularly dangerous around Social Security because, first of all, there was a propaganda campaign to talk down Social Security, to pretend, falsely, that it was riddled with fraud. That took place, including right over on the House floor, when the President came to speak to Congress and repeatedly lied about Social Security fraud.

Then you had the infiltration of people who were from tech bro world and from private equity world, exactly taking over Social Security. Then you had people talking up benefit interruptions like that was an OK thing. Well, a benefit interruption would be an excuse to go in and take over Social Security to privatize it with tech bros and with private equity people.

I think the noise that we made about that headed it off, but there remains the lingering danger that when they got into Social Security's data systems, they exfiltrated data because data has enormous value, or they infiltrated bugs to do damage to the old systems of Social Security; or, worst of all, perhaps, they left back doors so that Elon Musk or other folks who were interested in getting access to massive amounts of Americans' data can find their way into Social Security's data systems secretly.

So this is a very simple measure. It asks for an audit of Social Security data systems to make sure that those things did not happen. That really ought to be a bipartisan, if not unanimous, expression of Senate intention. That is why I hoped we could generate unanimous consent for it today.

I yield the floor to the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Finance Senator WYDEN.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise in support of his efforts. He is a valued member of the Senate Finance Committee, and this is a thoughtful approach to bring accountability at Social Security.

The legislation directs the independent nonpartisan Government Accountability Office to conduct a top-to-bottom audit of Social Security's databases and in the process, determine whether DOGE left the Agency vulnerable to cyber attacks when its agents gained unfettered access to Agency records.

Americans want to know whether the DOGE agents violated Federal privacy and cyber security laws when they accessed their personal information.

Now, I have said it once. I will repeat it again. Social Security's databases represent the Fort Knox of Americans' personal lives.

I see our friend from South Dakota here. He is a member of the Intelligence Committee. We have talked about privacy issues on a number of occasions, and privacy is what the Whitehouse legislation is all about. This whole question of the Social Security databases involves people's bank account numbers, their home addresses, work histories, salaries, medical records. The list goes on and on.

Social Security, under the direction of the DOGE-appointed Acting Commissioner, let Mr. Musk's cronies stroll in without raising a finger. It remains to be seen what is going to happen with Mr. Musk no longer leading DOGE and the new Commissioner Mr. Bisignano taking the helm at Social Security.

It is clear that DOGE accessed the original records under false pretenses, and they were claiming that there was rampant fraud throughout the Social Security program.

As the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, I have been demanding evidence from the Trump administration for some time now about the existence of all of this “fraud.” Social Security has refused to provide me with a single shred of evidence. That is because—

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent and my friend from South Dakota for 3 additional minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, Social Security, as I say, has refused to provide me with a shred of evidence because we already know from the Social Security watchdog that Social Security fraud—and, colleagues, this is the relevant number—represents 0.009 percent of payments.

So we have known for some time that this effort is part of the Trump plan to cut Americans' Social Security benefits. I believe the long-term objective is

to privatize the program so it can be sold off to some billionaires and he can weaponize Social Security to go after groups it wants to target.

This effort is also part of what Donald Trump, Mr. Musk, and Peter Thiel have made a broader effort all about, and that is to collect and compile a master list of personal information on each American by pulling from the IRS and the Departments of Homeland Security, Education, and Social Security.

I close by saying, thankfully, Federal courts have slowed DOGE's access to Social Security records for now. But the fact is, there needs to be a comprehensive understanding of the damage to make sure Americans' data is protected. That is why Senator WHITEHOUSE's legislation is so important. I urge its passage.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the O'Neill 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 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. 144, James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

John Thune, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Todd Young, Ron Johnson, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Boyd Britt, Cynthia M. Lummis, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Tommy Tuberville, Ted Budd, Chuck Grassley, Bill Cassidy, David McCormick.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

A quorum is present.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, 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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 290 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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| Boozman | Hawley | Murkowski |
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| Cassidy | Hyde-Smith | Risch |
| Collins | Johnson | Rounds |
| Cornyn | Justice | Schmitt |
| Cotton | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cramer | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Crapo | Lee | Sullivan |
| Cruz | Lummis | Thune |
| Curtis | Marshall | Tillis |
| Daines | McConnell | Tuberville |
| Ernst | McCormick | Wicker |
| Fischer | Moody | Young |

NAYS—46

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| Blumenthal | Kelly | Schumer |
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| Booker | King | Slotkin |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Smith |
| Coons | Lujan | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Fetterman | Murray | Welch |
| Gallego | Padilla | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Peters | Wyden |
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| Heinrich | Rosen | |

NOT VOTING—3

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, and the nays are 46.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 4 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:35 p.m. recessed until 4 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. SCHMITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I am joining my colleagues today to speak in opposition to the Republicans' catastrophic budget bill that will end healthcare coverage for millions of American families so that President Trump can orchestrate the largest transfer of wealth from the poor and the working class to the ultrarich that we have ever seen in this country.

This bill has nearly \$1 trillion in healthcare cuts, including over \$800 billion in Medicaid cuts. In total, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that this bill would not only add \$2.4 trillion to our national deficit,

but it also kicks 16 million Americans off of their health insurance in the next 10 years. In Nevada, that means about 95,271 people will lose their healthcare and 66,571 will be kicked off of Medicaid.

These numbers alone should at least give my Republican colleagues pause, make them think about how devastating this bill would be for our working families, and maybe even reconsider moving forward with trying to ram it through Congress.

But there is more to this than just these big numbers, and it needs to be brought to light. I was just home in Nevada meeting with Nevadans, hospitals, and providers. With the Medicaid cuts they are anticipating from this billionaire tax giveaway, hospitals are bracing themselves not just for coverage losses but for the downstream impact on care and costs. This is going to affect our most vulnerable populations in Nevada—seniors, children, veterans, parents of children with rare diseases, pregnant women, and our elderly in nursing homes.

When people lose coverage, they delay their care. A single mom who is living paycheck to paycheck and is worried about putting food on the table for her kids is not going to go to the doctor if she has a persistent cough; she will wait. But that means that when her cough turns serious, making it harder for her to breathe, she will have to go to the emergency room for treatment. By then, it is more dangerous for her and more expensive for everyone involved. The hospital she goes to has to treat her regardless of whether or not she has health insurance. If she can't pay, the hospital is on the hook for the cost of her care.

Now, if you are in a rural or underserved area, of which we have many in Nevada and across the country, and the one hospital for miles can't afford to keep those doors open, it may scale back or close altogether. The hospital staff has to choose which services to cut. Labor and delivery? Mental health care? Trauma units? These are services entire communities rely on. Or will they be forced to close entirely if they can't make up the cost?

In rural Nevada, people sometimes have to drive 2, 3, 4 hours to see their doctor. A hospital closure would be devastating for rural families trying to access even basic care. That is the danger we are facing with this bill.

This isn't just about Medicaid patients. As providers look to cover the cost of treating more uninsured patients, those expenses will shift to everyone, to working families and to employers, and premiums and out-of-pocket costs will soar—all so that this President and Republicans can pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

You know, this is also going to impact Nevadans who rely on the Affordable Care Act for their medical insurance. Republicans, in their bill, cut almost \$300 billion from the ACA marketplace plans, and that would kick

about 29,000 Nevada small business owners, middle-class families, and legal immigrants, like Dreamers, off their healthcare. It would also increase Medicare premiums for over 1 million seniors, and it could end healthcare coverage for 1.5 million children. These are real people who are going to lose their coverage as a result of this bill.

This impact would be lasting. This bill is so expensive that it would force Congress to make even more Medicare cuts in the future. For those who don't immediately get kicked off their health insurance as a result of cuts to Medicaid, my Republican colleagues want to implement burdensome work reporting requirements so they can take away coverage from even more Americans to pay for those billionaire tax cuts.

In Nevada, over 67 percent of Medicaid recipients are already working, but if this bill passes, those working families will have to jump through even more government reporting hoops to prove they work. We know from States that have tried this—like Arkansas—that people lost Medicaid not because they didn't meet the requirements but because they couldn't keep up with the redtape.

Think about this: People working who already have access to Medicaid—they are making it harder for them to get it, which means that if you lose your Medicaid, your insurance, there is a possibility that if your health gets worse, you are going to lose your job. We are going backwards.

This bill has complex paperwork, frequent deadlines, and little flexibility to the everyday lives of hard-working mothers, veterans, and families across the country. And why again? Because the Republicans' goal is to take Medicaid away from as many people as possible so that they can find revenue to pay for the tax cuts for billionaires.

Think about what I said at the beginning: It is the biggest shift—shift—in our country of wealth from the poor and the working class to the billionaire class. Instead of making the billionaires pay for this, they are taking it off the backs of the very people that are working in this country in the middle class, and they are preventing the poor from getting into the middle class, and they are making it harder for the middle class.

This is absolutely absurd, it is un-American, and we cannot—we cannot—accept this as our new normal. So my Democratic colleagues and I are going to continue to stand against this outrageous and dangerous bill because we know that the American public deserves better. Americans deserve a Congress that is helping to lift the poor into the middle class and helping the middle class have their lives be a little bit easier.

If we are talking about who should pay their fair share, well, I can guarantee you, if we polled Americans, they would say it is the billionaire class. The billionaire class should pay their

fair share and not make it harder—not make it harder—for the poor and the working class just to get by and just to get through the day.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of the 228,000 Wisconsinites whose healthcare is on the chopping block if Republicans get their way.

At a time when Wisconsin families are asking us to take on the skyrocketing costs of healthcare and prescription drugs, Congressional Republicans are doing just the opposite. My Republican colleagues are not using their time and energy to go after greedy corporations, not to take on the big drug companies, and not to expand access to affordable healthcare, but they are instead forging ahead with a bill that will kick millions of Americans off of their insurance and jack up the cost of healthcare for millions more.

I keep hearing my colleagues falsely claim that we are exaggerating how horrible this plan is for working families. They want to pretend these cuts are just going after waste, fraud, and abuse.

I am not here to engage in a “he said, she said” about this. The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan analyst, released a new report today and found that the Republican plan will result in 16 million Americans losing their healthcare. That means that those last-minute changes that were made in the middle of the night in the House resulted in 2 million more people being kicked off their healthcare. Of those 16 million, nearly 150,000 Wisconsinites will lose their Medicaid coverage.

Sadly, it doesn't stop there. This bill is yet another attempt to chip away at the Affordable Care Act. In my State, over 80,000 Wisconsinites will be priced out of their affordable care, and more will see their marketplace coverage costs skyrocket.

We are talking about children with disabilities, grandparents, working families, and so many more whose healthcare is literally right now in jeopardy.

I heard from Annette in Kenosha, WI. She has three children, including a sixth grader with severe special needs. She wrote to me about her daughter Maya's first year before they got access to Medicaid. She said:

We paid \$16,000 out-of-pocket after insurance for her hospital bills, surgery, and appointments. It destroyed our savings and pushed us to the brink of losing everything. Medicaid is not fraud, waste, or abuse. Medicaid supports kids like Maya who are in desperate need, and the families who love them.

She told me that she doesn't plan to stay on Medicaid forever, but that program “has been a Godsend to us [right] now. It was a rigorous process to qualify. I hope other families like mine will have the support they need to keep their families healthy.”

I also heard from Evan in Madison, WI, who has undergone two brain surgeries and subsequent radiation over the last 10 years to treat brain tumors, in part paid for by Medicaid. He wrote to me:

I sacrificed a lot to hopefully become a part of the working class. . . . [I]f Trump meddles any further with my health care, I won't be able to afford my medication that literally gives me the ability to go out and be a part of my community.

Take Kevin in De Pere, WI, whose 19-year-old son has Down syndrome and relies on Medicaid for care. Kevin had a message for my colleagues who are considering advancing any cuts to Medicaid. He wrote:

I ask that you remember that Medicaid . . . is not about dollars, it's about dignity, opportunity, and ensuring that all individuals, regardless of ability, can thrive.

For Americans like Kevin and Annette and Evan, Medicaid is a lifeline. Without it, millions of families would forgo their care or face almost certain financial ruin. But congressional Republicans are putting all of that on the line, making Americans jump through more hoops and ever more redtape to access their lifesaving care. And why? To kick enough eligible people off Medicaid to pay for their tax cuts that overwhelmingly benefit corporations and their special interest donors—the very same corporations that jack up the cost of healthcare on Americans in the first place.

As deep as these cuts are, they fall far short of the total cost of the handouts that the Republicans are proposing in the form of tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. Their plan won't just kick 16 million Americans off their health insurance or 4 million Americans off of food assistance, the Republicans' plan will also balloon the deficit by \$3 trillion over the next decade.

While Republicans spend the rest of their summer figuring out how to pass their agenda that puts their campaign donors and corporations ahead of working families, I will keep raising the alarm bells about the real Wisconsinites whose health and lives are in the balance if they get their way.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I want to join my colleagues in talking about one of the terrible elements of this bill, and that is it is going to take away Medicaid coverage, healthcare for—this morning, it was 13.7 million people across this country, including Vermont and including Missouri. But we just got an update: It is 16 million people; 16 million people are going to lose healthcare.

And this Medicaid Program that provides access to low-income folks, to kids with disabilities, and, of course, those parents who do so much to care for their child with special needs—they need that Medicaid to be able to keep body and soul together and give that

child that they love the best they can possibly have.

It provides healthcare for two out of three seniors who are in nursing homes. Medicaid pays for those hospital beds.

So how is it that at a time when healthcare is expensive—it is getting out of reach for more and more people; it is the biggest expense many families face—that we are actually considering in the U.S. Senate a bill that would take away healthcare from 16 million people? It is hard to believe that the U.S. Senate has any degree of appreciation for the reality of the everyday lives of folks who depend on this healthcare.

The legislation also takes away subsidies that have made it affordable for people to buy into the Affordable Care Act, known as ObamaCare. It is the margin that is necessary for millions of people to be able to continue to get healthcare coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

So we literally have a piece of legislation that is going to take away this healthcare for individuals. It is going to take away healthcare from families who are getting access through the Affordable Care Act.

This bill also is cutting nutrition programs. The SNAP benefits really matter for lower income families. It is how they feed their kids. And in your community and in mine, we have thousands of volunteers who put together food shelves, community food programs; they do Meals on Wheels; they volunteer to do everything they possibly can to help our kids in school with nutrition, to help with the Meals on Wheels for our seniors and then, of course, to distribute and help with the SNAP program. Millions of Americans are going to lose that. And, by the way, that SNAP benefit amounts to about 6 bucks a day, maybe a little more. Hardly a big bonanza but an incredibly important component of keeping body and soul together. It is the meals that are so essential to the well-being not just of our seniors but to our children.

So all of this is being done as a way of “paying for” legislation that is going to lower taxes. And I don’t know how it works for you in Missouri, but when I am talking to Vermonters, nobody has come up to me and said: Peter, you have got to get to work on getting me that tax cut.

Nobody believes that there is a tax cut in this bill that is going to be anything at all meaningful to them in their struggles with affording paying their bills at the end of each month.

Now, if you are in the uberwealthy class, you would get \$250,000. That is real money, although for some of those folks who are making millions of dollars a year, it won’t even be anything they notice.

But why is it that we are pushing through this legislation that will provide a tax cut to folks who, by and large, don’t need it, will do very little for working-class people, will have a

negative impact on their ability to pay their bills, especially the ones who are going to lose access to Medicaid, especially folks who are going to lose access to food stamps or the SNAP benefits that are so essential to their well-being? And that is on top of all of those folks having to pay more because of the tariffs.

So this is an assault on the budgets of working families in America. That is what it really is. It is going to shrink their take-home pay at the end of the month. That is literally what it is we are doing. And for what? To provide a tax cut that is not going to be meaningful for the vast majority of Americans who really will end up paying more through tariffs and lost access to healthcare and nutrition programs than they will ever even in the wildest stretch of the imagination get from the so-called tax cut bill, the Big Beautiful Bill.

But there is another part of this that is so damaging, and especially for those of us representing rural America. Individuals need healthcare, but they can’t get healthcare unless they can go to a community hospital, unless they can go to a community health center, unless they can go to a private practitioner who accepts Medicaid reimbursement.

All of those people who lose access to Medicaid to pay those bills are going to continue to show up at the doctor’s office. They are going to show up at the emergency room. They are going to go to our community hospitals. They are going to go to our community health centers. And those health centers and those doctors will continue to do everything that they can to provide care, even if they don’t get paid.

But at a certain point, they can’t continue. They can’t keep the doors open, they can’t pay salaries to staff. They can’t pay the light bill.

So what this does is not only take away access to healthcare for individuals, it starts to unravel the healthcare system to deliver healthcare to people in the community. Those institutions that lose the modest revenue reimbursement that you get from Medicaid—far less than Medicare, far less than private pay—are going to lose that revenue. And those institutions, those hospitals, those practices already operating on a very thin margin are going to go out of business.

And then what happens? We put all of the pressure for paying for the healthcare system on the private sector. And what we have seen over and over again is the so-called cost shift. It is a real thing. It is not a so-called cost shift; it is real. So the more money you take out of Medicaid, the more money and more burden you put on the private insurance market.

And who pays that? A lot of our employers. You know, in Vermont—I am sure this is true in Missouri—our employers care about their employees, and there is a struggle every year for employers who want to provide em-

ployer-sponsored healthcare when they get the sticker shock of a 10-, 15-, or a 25-percent increase in premiums. And that always then forces the discussion about “Do we want to give a raise?” or “Do we want to just maintain benefits but pay for the higher premium with what would have been your raise?” So that is further pressure.

So this bill does real harm to individuals, but it really also starts to continue and accelerate the unraveling of a financially insecure medical payment system.

So why do we do this? It is hard to answer. You know, it is a theoretical benefit. The theory here is if you lower taxes, you will boost the economy. We have been hearing that since Reagan, and that is very much in dispute, especially when the lower taxes go to folks who don’t need it, and the folks who are struggling to pay their bills aren’t getting much relief and are getting higher costs from tariffs and getting higher costs because they are losing access to healthcare, and this is going to weaken our communities.

And then of course, finally, what we are going to see is a significant increase in our debt. And the recent CBO scores, I think, put it at \$2.8 trillion. And what are we getting for that? You know, sometimes a country has to borrow like we did in World War II. Sometimes you have to borrow like we did during COVID. Sometimes you have to borrow to rescue the economy like we did after the 2008 Wall Street crash. And you know why you are doing it.

But when you are in better times where you don’t have this market collapse, you don’t have this mass pandemic, that is not the time to be adding to the debt. And what it does is it means that in the future, if we do have to borrow for an emergency, our capacity to do it is more limited.

And what it is also doing right now is raising interest rates. And as interest rates go up, the cost of debt service on our budget goes up. And right now—right now—the biggest expenditure of taxpayer money is to pay interest on the debt that is escalating exponentially. So we are spending more on debt service than we do on the military. We are spending more on debt service than we do on Medicare and way more than we are on Medicaid. And by adding to the debt, it is clearly putting pressure on interest rates, raising what it is taxpayers have to pay.

So there is nothing good in this bill for the working person or for their small businesses that when they need to borrow money, they are much better off if they can get a lower rate of interest or when a family has to get a car loan, they can get a lower rate of interest or a mortgage, they can get a lower rate of interest. It is the exact opposite.

So we have got families who are paying more because of tariffs, losing a lot because they are losing their Medicaid eligibility and losing their access to the Affordable Care Act, and then everybody is paying more because of the

high interest associated with the escalation in the debt.

We should kill this bill, and I would urge all of my colleagues to take into consideration how this is going to affect the people whom each of us represents.

You know, there is a bipartisan element to this bill. The bipartisan aspect of this bill is that everybody is going to share the pain of what this bill does. It is folks in red States. It is the folks in the blue States. Whether they voted for Harris or they voted for Trump, if they lose their Medicaid, that hurts; if they lose their community hospital, that hurts; if they pay higher interest rates, that hurts.

Let's come to our senses and vote against this bill.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague Senator WELCH, the great Senator from Vermont, for shining a spotlight on Donald Trump and the Republicans' attack on healthcare in their so-called Big Beautiful Bill.

Let's be honest about what the Republican bill really is. It is repeal and replace by another name—not one fell swoop but death by a thousand papercuts.

They are afraid to say they want to kill healthcare, Medicaid, ACA; so instead, they put so many barriers in the way that, in effect, they are doing the same thing.

They are doing the same thing with Social Security.

We have all heard how this bill will devastate Medicaid. It is the largest cut in history. Every day you learn more about this bill, it gets worse. It includes over \$1 trillion—\$1 trillion—in healthcare cuts—cuts to the ACA, even cuts to Medicare. We have been learning that Medicare will be hurt as well by the sequestration.

And today, if you didn't think it could get worse with this "Big Ugly Bill," it sure did. The CBO just announced that their bill will kick millions more people off their healthcare than we originally thought, not only by attacking Medicaid, but by crippling the ACA private insurance and even Medicare now.

Yesterday, it was 13.7 million people who would lose coverage. Today, it is as high as 16 million. You know, that is a big number, 16 million. It is families; it is people who need healthcare; people whose kids might have cancer and they are desperate to get something done; elderly who are paying so much for medicine, they can't afford to go to a doctor to see if the medicine is working; families that are just starting out and maybe someone lost his or her job. Yes, 16 million, but that is each person, a family, a group.

The more you look at the House bill, the worse it gets. Enrollment times will be shortened by an entire month. Wait times will be longer for everyone

at the hospital. And 22 million people—22 million people—could see their average premium go up by an average of 93 percent. Small business owners—3.3 million—will see their premiums skyrocket. Hospitals, nursing homes, health centers are all at risk.

I have been at nursing homes in many parts of my State. Guess what? They are all afraid they are going to close because 60 percent, 70 percent of their income is Medicaid. That is how they take care of the elderly. And those people will lose their coverage and be forced to leave because the nursing home will close.

Well, how about those 45-year-old couples with three kids? They have no extra room in the house and Mom has to come back because she has no place to go; and there won't be adequate healthcare there at home.

And job loss. Job loss on this "Big Ugly Bill"—this betrayal—850,000 will lose their jobs in healthcare alone, another 800,000 in clean energy, and many, many more. Millions are losing their jobs.

I don't know what the economists would think, but when you lose 2 million jobs, if that is the case, you are right on the edge of a recession, if not in one.

And despite all this, Donald Trump has the gall to lie and say that his bill wouldn't harm Americans' healthcare. He says no one will lose coverage. Ladies and gentlemen, people of America, Donald Trump is lying. The bill will kick people off their healthcare coverage. It will slash healthcare benefits. It will close rural hospitals. People will get sicker and die.

What did the junior Senator from Iowa say?

Well, we are all going to die.

How about the junior Senator from Louisiana?

I'm not worried about people losing their healthcare.

It shows the callousness of the Republican Senators when it comes to healthcare. They don't seem to care. They seem to say "Tough luck."

Republicans should forget calling this their "One Big Beautiful Bill." You know what the new name for this bill is, a more suitable name? The "We're All Going to Die Act." The "We're All Going to Die Act" because that just about sums up how callous they are being with the American people.

For many Americans, healthcare is the difference between life and death. Democrats will fight this bill with everything we have. The American people deserve to know the truth.

And one more point. I would say to my colleagues, Donald Trump is selling you Republican colleagues a bill of goods: It is not going to hurt anybody. Don't believe his false words because when you vote for this bill, the effects will actually occur, and the public will realize what you have done. So don't let Donald Trump sell you a bill of

goods. We know he makes things up out of the clear blue all the time. He is doing it now. And when he calls you in and tells you that no one is going to be hurt, no one is going to lose coverage, you know that is a crock of you-know-what. I can't say it here. Don't listen to him because your constituents will pay an awful price in healthcare. And they will know you did it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today in strong opposition to the President's request to Congress this week to eliminate \$9.4 billion in funding that has already been passed and signed into law. Let's say that again—that has already been passed and signed into law.

Anyone who watches "Schoolhouse Rock!" and listens to the song knows how a bill becomes a law. A Republican-led House at the time and a Democratic-led Senate came together; they made an agreement; they passed a bill; and it was signed into law by the then-President. But this President thinks he can just come in and change everything when it comes to really important things for people in this country that I am about to get to. That is just not how it works. We have got to do our jobs, and people need to stand up and say: This is our part of the job. We make the decisions about the funding. The President can veto them. He can work with us, you know, as we could be doing right now. Instead, it is just a one-pony show, but that is how this place works.

So what this proposal would do would gut funding that has already been appropriated for broadcasting—public broadcasting—and slash critical international aid funding, which are programs that have long had bipartisan support. I am the daughter of a newspaperman. I care a lot about people getting information, getting news, and right now, I care a lot about it in rural America because there has been such a breakdown of news coverage—of small newspapers that have folded, in part, because we won't do anything about the social media companies—about Facebook and Google—and how they are able to use the content without being reimbursed. We just let it sit there as their lobbyists come in and stop it.

But while we are doing that in a lot of these areas now, the only news—the only way for them to find out about what is going on with a storm or what is happening with a wildfire or what is even happening with their local softball team or what is happening with the high school or what business is opening or closing—is through these sources of public radio and public TV.

Public broadcasting reaches nearly 99 percent of Americans with free programming, delivering lifesaving emergency alerts by the local news and shows that talk about what is actually happening locally and what is true and

what is happening and what events are going on and when they can attend the school fair—all those kinds of things. But President Trump has decided to try to claw back the money Congress has already provided, I guess, to pay for these tax cuts for the wealthiest and to try to claw it back for over 1,500 local and regional public TV and radio stations throughout the country. Many of these stations provide free, high-quality programming to millions of households in rural areas. A lot of them don't even have what they need to see it online, and this is actually how they get their news. Even without that, they are in their cars a lot. They have a long way to drive, and they get a lot of stuff off the radio.

I know that in my State this will be particularly devastating. We have a lot of rural areas. Minnesota has a long history of public radio and TV programming. Every week, 20 million people across the country listen to the Minnesota Public Radio programs that were originally produced by the Marketplace, right? Since 1967, its award-winning news operation has documented some of the most important stories of our time. With Minnesotans coming from Cambodia and as to what was happening there, it was public radio that was covering that. In 1988, MPR's Main Street radio produced a documentary called "Against the Grain," which gave rural Minnesotans the mic to talk about how they were handling economic change. In 2007, MPR News covered every detail of the collapse of the I-35W bridge, which was, of course, also warning people of where they had to go, of what was happening, of what was closed down. They are covering research on dementia, State plans for K through 12 education. The legislative session right now—both the public TV and public radio stations—are diligently covering every single detail of that while so many other news organizations have gone away or broken down.

What do we want to have—no coverage of a city council in Bemidji, MN? We don't want to know what is happening on Main Street? We don't want to know, when a flood comes in, what stores are open and when? Why would we decide to cut ourselves off from information at this moment in time?

Public TV is a place where so many people get their news that 58 percent of households watch PBS programming in a year. PBS Kids? There are 15 million monthly viewers of PBS Kids, and, yes, that is right. They don't get exposed to all the advertising and all the stuff they would see online because they are watching the PBS Kids. I think that is actually a pretty cool thing for our country that there is a place that kids can watch these programs. Every month, 36 million Americans watch their local PBS.

I was just at KSMQ TV in Austin, MN. I am sure most of the people haven't heard of it, but, boy, to the people in Austin, it is pretty impor-

tant. For tens of thousands of people, that is where they get their news—72 percent. The former Republican Senate leader in the State senate is on the board because they know this is a place that can find out about local news or what is happening and where they can find out about local news in places like Granite Falls, MN, and in places like Bemidji, MN.

All across the country, in times of crisis, public radio and TV are essential to public safety. While many other news sources lost power and the internet during Hurricane Helene, Asheville's Blue Ridge Public Radio stayed online, bringing lifesaving news and information to the over 500,000 people in the region who were without power. When Hurricane Milton devastated the Tampa area, local public station WUSF hosted live call-in shows. It aired frequent local news briefings and maintained a regularly updated live blog with a text-only bandwidth option to keep residents informed and safe before and after the storm.

I have been in so many areas of my State in a time of crisis of flooding, where you go down there, and the mayor in a really small town is sitting there, but he is live-streaming on their local public access because that is the way. Where else are people going to go? Are they going to try 80 different platforms on social media? Hmm. Are they going to go and try to figure out which local TV station in the Twin Cities—miles away—is, maybe, showing something every so often about their problems? They go to public access purely for safety's sake and much less for kids seeing really good programming that is free of all the commercial aspects that are coming kids' ways every single day. There is the interesting, in-depth kind of reporting you can have on a place like Marketplace for what is happening with the economy or something to listen to when you are driving for hours and hours and hours that doesn't mean endless ads and endless marketing because you actually get to hear the news or you actually get to hear some music you like.

That is what public TV and public radio do for us. It is a treasure in our country. Public broadcasting creates a more informed community through quality programming on local and national events, and I think it is really going to be important, as we debate this in the next few weeks, to remember that "local" part. It shines a light on the people, places, history, and stories that are the fabric of towns and cities that are addressing the most pressing issues. We must support these vital resources that give voice to important local issues that wouldn't otherwise be heard. They are going to be lost to history. It is going to be a future erosion of the fabric.

So what do people do instead? Oh, go look on Twitter and see if you can protect your kids from a bunch of bad stuff that is on there. I use it. A bunch of us in here—almost all of us—have

accounts. It is an important way to reach people. I am not cutting it down, but I would much rather have a kid in my State be watching the programming on public radio than looking on social media accounts right now or be watching it on public TV and listening to the radio. It is a safe space for them to get some programming.

The President's request would also deepen the damage this administration has done to our standing in the world through reckless cuts to foreign aid. I will give you one example. The President would impose major cuts to PEPFAR, the program that began under President George W. Bush to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Over many years, this program has earned consistent bipartisan support across 4 administrations and 10 Congresses. It is credited with saving over 25 million lives. These programs not only demonstrate Americans' humanitarian leadership, which certainly helps when you need a friend when there is a conflict going on abroad and you can point to things that you did in working with other countries, but they are also good for our country. We know that you just can't bury your head in the sand and hope that these problems in other countries and diseases aren't heading your way, whether it is Ebola or malaria or the bird flu. Oftentimes, these things come in from other countries. A pandemic, right? They come in from other countries.

So why would we, at this moment in time, cut off our investments in public health and in food aid and other things that are not only right, based on your belief that we are part of this world, and your faith or whatever makes you believe that, if we can save some lives for a small part of the Federal budget in America? Because we are so good at innovation and we are so good at producing things, and, yes, we have some extra food, and, yes, we have some rural economy that we want to keep strong, but also, just from a purely American, selfish version of this—and I don't mean "selfish" like a bad thing; I mean "selfish" like looking out for ourselves and our country—you would want to work with the rest of the world so these diseases don't come through your doors or you don't shut out and anger other countries when 90 percent of our customers, potential customers, are outside of our borders. You want to be able to sell stuff to them but not if we cut ourselves off from the rest of the world and make fun of them and call them the 51st State.

The President's proposed cuts to funding for UNICEF are also misguided. I was one of those kids at Halloween who would go trick-or-treating. I would have my bag and this little UNICEF box so people would put some pennies in, and I learned how much each of those dimes would mean for food for kids in other countries. We should be at the forefront of supporting brighter futures for children who are facing the hardships of poverty so the

next generation can build strong societies and become close partners with the United States.

Think about people who study in our colleges and graduate schools from other countries. Think about what they offer us. Yes, they pay their way a lot of the time. That helps college. But do you know what else they do? Sometimes they stay. Sometimes they stay for a few years. Basically, they are getting advanced degrees. They are getting skills that we want them to get, and sometimes we want them to stay in our country. In my mind, we should be stapling a green card to their diplomas. That is why, when you look at Fortune 500 companies in our country and who has headed them up, a huge number of them are immigrants or are kids of immigrants who were educated in our country.

That is such a big part of our economy and our advantage across the world. Why would we be cutting them off—or they go back to their home countries and say: You know, I kind of liked it there. They start a business. Then they do business with our country. That is how this has worked.

American businesses need access to emerging markets. Many countries that have received U.S. assistance have become important American trading partners. The connection between foreign assistance and American prosperity is especially clear in agriculture. America has proudly fed the world for decades, and foreign aid has been a critical component of that effort. Food aid is a significant market for American farmers, purchasing over \$4.25 billion in American commodities from 2020 to 2024.

Minnesota farmers and ag businesses sold a total of \$70 million in ag products to USAID's Food for Peace Program in 2024 alone.

Continuing this aid should not be a partisan issue. It never has been, or we never would have gotten it done for all these years. It has been completely bipartisan. Some people come at it, as I said, because of their faith and their belief in helping the world. Some people come at it in terms of economics and think this is how we help people, and then this opens the markets for us. Some people come at it from a security standpoint, which I mentioned with health but also applies in other ways. If you help people and you are their friends, it can lead to good things down the line.

Cutting funding for this international aid, not to mention cutting ourselves off from the information we need, especially in rural areas that so often in news deserts rely on public radio and public TV for their information, is sending our democracy backward at a time when we are completely connected and should be connected to the rest of the world.

These investments, compared to the rest of the Federal budget, aren't as big, but their influence in the immediate and in the long term is immense.

They strengthen our country at home and strengthen American leadership around the world.

This is a test of our values, yes, but it is also economically the right thing to do to keep a fragmented country that is ever-divided somewhat on the same plane, by their kids having a public TV program to watch and learn from, from their community being able to tune in and watch a local sports game and are able to get their news about what happened on their city council and talk about it the next day.

So one person says: I don't know what happened. I read this on Facebook.

Then the other person says: No, that is not true. I actually saw the local news in Austin, and I saw what it said on our local public TV network—they don't even, maybe, know what that is, but they know what it is—and this is what I found out.

That is how people can come to some common agreement about what is happening in our world.

And there is no better place to start than on a local level, which is why, when you talk to Republican or Democratic mayors or city council members, they will tell you: If we don't have that, how are we ever going to debate this levy proposal? How are we ever going to get people to understand why we have to make a decision about the school and whether we close it down or whether we expand it or whether we close another school down?

How are they ever going to have that without a public access station?

In this day and age, this idea that we are—what are we going to do? Just expect everyone to go out when they have three kids? Are they supposed to go out to every single meeting and watch it themselves? Or are they supposed to rely on that, maybe, they are going to get the right information on Twitter, but they are not sure if that person is telling the truth or that person is telling the truth? Or are we going to give them the first frontline of information, which is what C-SPAN does, by the way, which is why Senator GRASSLEY and I are trying to make sure that we get C-SPAN on platforms like YouTube, owned by Google; by Hulu, owned by Disney, in the modern day.

It is the same thing here. I want to make sure there are some sources where people can gather and look at this news and know they are getting something of quality, know they are getting something either that entertains them with music, without every single song having an ad in the middle of it, and that they are able to get the news they need to be good citizens of this great country. That is what is on the line with these rescissions.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, a lot of people are asking the question: What exactly were people voting for in the last Presidential election?

Well, many things. We have many citizens who are voters in this country, but the recurring theme seems to be the cost of living for the average family, the ability of mothers and fathers to make ends meet and to see a realization of their dreams and aspirations. We were told, over and over again, that families across this country were being overwhelmed by the cost of living—gas, groceries, housing. So they gave a majority of the votes to President Trump, who promised he would make America great again.

Since taking office, I don't believe that the President has come near to keeping his promise. Instead, he has hired many of his billionaire buddies and cut deals with the ultrawealthy that will harm the same Americans who voted for him.

I am not going to get into his cryptocurrency scheme and how it has enriched him and his family. Let's set that aside for a minute and talk about issues that apply to every person.

Hidden in more than 1,000 pages in the bill that passed the House of Representatives is a plan—a laundry list of things—that I don't believe Americans even considered voting for in the last November election. They are going to have a devastating impact on families and States, red and blue alike.

The main takeaway from this "One Big Ugly Bill": Billionaires are going to win, and American families are going to lose.

Do you think the voters in last November's election for President of the United States would actually vote to close down their local hospital? That is what is looming.

You say: Oh, you Democrats and your scare tactics—that can't possibly be true.

Well, let me tell you what happened.

Three weeks ago, 20 hospital administrators from across the State of Illinois—from Chicago down to the southernmost part of our State—all took a special trip to Washington to warn me that the bill that was pending before the House of Representatives threatened the survival of hospitals across our State. These are hospitals which are not only critical for providing professional medical care, delivering babies, and saving people's lives who are in automobile accidents but also major parts of the local economy.

You come to rural, smalltown Midwest America and ask about the impact to the local hospital, and they will tell you: We don't know that we can keep a business or attract a business if we didn't have it. We count on it every day to be there when we need it. And, secondly, it is a major employer—in

fact, in most towns, the biggest employer in Downstate.

Then they warned me: Many of these hospitals are hanging on by a thread. The money that they receive from government insurance programs like Medicaid keeps the doors open and the lights on and the doctors in town.

And now we have a proposal from the Republicans to cut that Medicaid benefit for 16 million Americans. This would be the largest cutback in health insurance protection in the history of the United States. That is what has been sent over by the House of Representatives and is presently under consideration by the Republican leadership here in the Senate.

Nationwide, half of all rural hospitals already operate in the red, and more than 300 rural hospitals are at immediate risk of closure—26 in Kansas, 22 in Alabama, and 9 in Missouri.

How many closed hospitals will the Republicans accept as part of their plan?

Let me tell you, I am from downstate Illinois—proud to represent the city of Chicago all these years but prouder still of being from downstate and trying to keep track of all the needs they have for this economy to prosper. I know rural hospitals are the backbone of many communities in downstate Illinois. Critical emergency medical care anchors the local economy.

Now you dig deeply into this Republican budget bill that has come over from the House of Representatives, and it turns out they are not just eliminating health insurance coverage for 16 million Americans, they are also cutting Medicare.

Medicare is a program primarily for elderly people in this country. It has been a miracle worker. Medicare was created in the 1960s, and it is no coincidence or surprise that the life expectancy of Americans went up as Medicare took root and became part of healthcare in America.

Despite promising to leave Medicare alone, which everyone said, from Donald Trump on down, Republicans couldn't help themselves. They slashed Medicare benefits and reduced access to hospitals, nursing homes, and medications for seniors in all 50 States—Medicaid and Medicare.

So why would Republicans in Congress take a wrecking ball to these two major parts of our healthcare system? To provide money from tax breaks to the wealthiest people in America.

I will bet you that he is making it up. I will bet you it is another one of those political schemes of his.

It is not being made up. It is true. They want to generate enough money to give tax breaks to wealthy people.

Based on a new update from the Congressional Budget Office today, up to 16 million Americans are now estimated to lose their health insurance coverage under this Republican plan that passed the House and is now being considered by the Senate Republicans.

I can just tell you this from a personal basis: There is no more helpless

feeling in the world than to be a father with no health insurance and being told that your beautiful baby has a serious medical complication. I know. I have been there.

Some Republicans are downplaying these catastrophic health cuts. On the Senate floor earlier today, a Republican Senator said people on Medicaid are lazy and play video games all day. At a recent townhall meeting, when a concerned constituent raised the Republicans' proposed Medicaid cuts and said that people would die, it became a controversy in response to the Senator's comment.

It sounds like Republicans in Congress want to be the ones to decide who is worthy of healthcare in America. But Americans who depend on Medicaid are not strangers. They are your neighbors. They are people at your church, your school, and at your work. It probably is your family too.

If you or a loved one gets sick, will congressional Republicans deem you deserving of seeing a doctor? Is that what this was all about? Is that what this election was all about? Did the American people vote for tax cuts for billionaires? I don't think so.

A party like the Republicans, who claim they are the party of the working class—working-class billionaires—they refuse to put their money where their mouth is. Republicans in Congress may say they are just trying to lower your taxes, but most of the benefit is going to wealthy people who won't even notice it. Maybe their bookkeepers and accountants will be able to give them the good news that they just saved another \$200- or \$300,000 in taxes.

Under the Republican plan, taxpayers in the wealthiest 0.1 percent would get a \$300,000 tax cut every year—\$300,000 for the richest of the richest in America. Why? At the expense of healthcare for 16 million Americans? It makes no sense.

The average full-time worker making minimum wage on average would receive a tax break as well. I have to be honest about it. It is \$20 a month. So \$300,000 for the richest of the rich and 20 bucks a month for the working stiff. How can that possibly be fair?

Did the American people vote to slash jobs across the economy in the last November election? I don't think so. Since we passed the Inflation Reduction Act, 85 percent of investment in clean energy technology has landed in Republican districts.

Now, I know the President of the United States calls global warming and environmental issues a hoax. He has been hanging with that story for a long time even though we know something is happening. Notice the extreme weather events across the United States and around the world? They are getting more frequent and more costly. Is it a coincidence or is something going on? I happen to believe something is going on.

In just 2 years since passing the Inflation Reduction Act, businesses have

announced 340 new clean technology projects. One estimate says that these projects will create 150,000 permanent jobs. I have seen it in my State. That includes more than 9,000 jobs in Texas, 4,800 in Ohio, 4,500 in Indiana, and 2,700 in my home State of Illinois. The Republicans' "Big Ugly Bill" puts these jobs at risk, taking a hatchet to tax policy that makes these projects possible.

The promise of a Republican repeal has already scared the private sector into withdrawing \$14 billion in investment and canceling 10,000 clean energy manufacturing jobs. Why would the so-called party of the working class want to give their own constituents a pink slip? I don't get it.

Now, some of my Republican colleagues have been brave enough to raise alarms about the Medicaid cuts, the rollback of clean energy credits, and the cost of the bill, but do you know what the cost of this bill is to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people? It is \$3.8 trillion more on the deficit over the next decade.

We already know the scammer in chief will try to bully Republicans into choosing billionaires over working families, using anything he can to persuade them or threaten them. My Republican colleagues must know that this plan does not make America great again; it makes our debt the greatest in the history of our Nation. Instead, it harms families in red and blue States looking for a fair shot.

Their lip service to these terrible cuts is not enough. I urge a handful of my Republican colleagues—and that is all it takes—to show some courage, show some common sense, tell the folks in the House and tell the White House as well that this approach is not going to work.

Taking health insurance away from 16 million Americans—more than has ever happened in the history of this country—is unfair, fundamentally unfair, and we all know it. We know intuitively that is just not fair. Taking Medicaid away from reimbursing hospitals and doctors of critical care in small towns and rural areas is a mistake we will pay for for generations to come.

I urge Republicans to listen to their constituents because I know that Americans who voted for Trump in November did not vote for what I have just described today on the floor of the Senate.

We need four Republicans—four—to stand up and say: This doesn't make sense—too much debt, too much pain for families, and too much of a gamble for rural areas in smalltown America.

We have to stand up and make a much better effort, and we should do it on a bipartisan basis as quickly as possible.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

CLIMATE CHANGE

MR. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I am here now for the 299th time in my

effort to alert our somnolent body to the looming dangers of climate change.

Since President Trump's inauguration in January, he has embarked upon a series of actions that quite simply defy reality. They obey the fossil fuel industry, but they defy reality—or maybe it is the other way around: They defy reality to obey the fossil fuel industry.

On his very first day in office, he issued an Executive order declaring that wind energy and solar energy are not energy. This defies even the dictionary, and it ignores the fact that humans have been harnessing wind and solar power since well before we started combusting fossil fuels.

In March, Trump's EPA Administrator announced his intention to undo the Agency's finding that carbon pollution endangers human health and welfare, despite the fact that the harms and causes associated with climate change become more evident every day.

In May, Jeff Clark, who runs the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB—part of the OMB fossil fuel stooge platoon—best known for his involvement in crooked Keystone Cops efforts to overturn the 2020 election, issued a memo directing Agencies to stop using the social cost of carbon in Agency decision making—again despite the fact that we know that carbon pollution costs the government and the public lots of money.

Now we hear that Trump's EPA is ready to rescind a rule limiting carbon pollution from certain fossil fuel-fired powerplants on the pretense that emissions from these plants do not significantly contribute to climate change, despite the fact that the carbon pollution from fossil fuel-fired U.S. powerplants is greater than all the carbon pollution from all but six countries in the world. It is a major contributor.

Put simply, in Trump's world, facts don't matter, and the truth is whatever his fossil fuel donors say it is.

And now this fossil fuel influence operation has actually infiltrated its way into government, and it is affecting the fossil fuel industry's desires from inside.

This would be a sorry enough state of affairs by itself: a President of the United States who ignores facts and lives in a phony alternate reality of a polluting industry's making. But it gets worse when others modulate their own world views and actions to rely less on facts, on the immutable laws of nature and economics and, instead, on nonsensical utterances about climate change and wacko energy policy.

Take our Fed Chair Jerome Powell. After admitting to Senator TINA SMITH on the Senate Banking Committee in February that climate change would make it impossible to get insurance and, therefore, impossible to get mortgages in certain coastal and wildfire exposed regions of the country, he fell into line behind Trumpian denialism. Three days before Trump's inaugura-

tion, he pulled the Fed out of an international network of central banks that researches climate-related financial and economic risks. The European Central Bank and the central banks of China, Canada, Mexico, Japan, the UK, and more than 80 other countries are members, but not us. Not anymore.

Then in May, the Fed pressured an international banking supervision organization to disband its task force overseeing climate risk. Thankfully, the other central banks refused. Last, the Fed dissolved its own climate risk working groups. We can't have those anymore, not when our polluter-funded dear leader says it is all a hoax.

Or take Daniel Yergin, Peter Orszag, and Atul Arya—three people who should know better. They waited barely a month after Trump's inauguration before publishing a 5,000-word manifesto in Foreign Affairs in defense of what they call energy pragmatism. What is energy pragmatism you might ask?

Basically, it is a Trump-friendly and factually challenged theory that transitioning to green energy is too complicated and expensive, so we may as well resolve ourselves to using fossil fuels for a long, long time to come. Despite its 5,000-word length and despite its inclusion of a section entitled "It's The Economy," this piece never mentions the massive costs and systemic economic risks already looming from climate change. Quite an omission—literally only one side of the case—which brings me back to the social cost of carbon.

There was a time when Republicans were the great champions of cost-benefit analysis. Ronald Reagan was the first to mandate its use in the regulatory process. Obviously far from perfect, it does make sense to have a monetary estimate of the costs and benefits associated with a particular regulatory action. That is the social cost of carbon. It calculates the climate-related costs from adding an additional ton of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere or, alternatively, the benefits from removing or eliminating a ton of carbon pollution.

The social cost of carbon is not a new concept. Economists have been using it for decades. Yet Clark's memo argues that the social cost of carbon shouldn't be used because a monetized estimate of the costs of 1 ton of carbon pollution is too uncertain. So they recommend zero.

Well, first of all, we do know one thing about this, and that is that the cost isn't zero. Our own lived experiences teach us that. And there is actually case law to the effect that the number is not zero. We also know it is not even close to zero. Every serious academic estimate of the social cost of carbon is well north of \$50, with most well over \$100 per ton.

EPA's last estimate, informed by copious academic research, was \$190 per ton in harm from carbon dioxide. The International Monetary Fund cal-

culates that there is a subsidy to the fossil fuel industry in the United States every single year of \$700 billion, which is their valuation of the "pollute for free" fossil fuel business model.

You can back-calculate from that to an effective cost of carbon pollution of around \$150 per ton. Whether \$150 per ton or \$190 per ton, these weren't even the highest estimates out there. There are incredible estimates in the hundreds of dollars per ton.

Much of the variation among the costs comes from the choice of what damage you attempt to quantify. For example, that EPA estimate at \$190 per ton only looked at four harms. It only looked at increased mortality, damage to agriculture, increased energy costs, and damage from sea level rise. Those four things—four things.

It did not consider the systemic financial and economic risks from climate change of the sort that I have discussed so frequently in this body—the ones to which Fed Chair Powell alluded when he admitted that climate change would render parts of our country uninsurable and hence unmortgageable.

That is a huge, looming, economic blow not in the EPA calculation. In other words, almost all estimates of the social cost of carbon are underestimates because they do not attempt to quantify all climate-related costs and damages.

Trump's polluter-run OMB wants us to ignore all of this. The logic is really stunning here—or I should probably say the illogic—because they say it is not clear what number is right, we will use zero, a number we know is wrong. That simply doesn't make sense, but it does solve the problem of the fossil fuel industry having to account for the harm that it causes. It is a massive favor to the fossil fuel industry.

So be clear, this is yet another oily fossil fuel thumb pressed down on the scale to help big polluters. Climate pollution is a global problem. Our emissions harm Americans and the rest of the world. Chinese emissions harm the Chinese and the rest of the world. And harms that occur to people in other countries end up having real costs here at home as well.

Some of them fall in the national security space. Take the Syrian civil war which destabilized the Middle East and led to periodic American military intervention. A long-term severe drought, exacerbated by climate change, is widely understood to have played a role in that conflict.

Look at nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, which have been at odds for decades. As glaciers shrink in the Himalayans due to climate change, water becomes, eventually, more scarce, raising tensions as these adversaries compete for a dwindling supply of that essential need.

Then there are the Northern Triangle countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras hit hard by a drought made worse by climate change. The drought made it harder for subsistence

farmers to eke out a living, contributing to the surge in migration to the United States. Faraway events have economic effects here at home as well.

A drought in Panama lowers water in the Panama Canal and slows shipping, making it more expensive. A drought or flood hits a major agricultural exporter and makes food here at home more expensive.

A flood in Thailand swamps factories and provokes a shortage here in car parts. The global economy is interconnected; climate-related droughts, floods, fires, and storms in foreign lands impose real costs on Americans here at home.

The legions of bootlickers who orbit around Trump remind me of the legend of King Canute. King Canute, like President Trump today, was surrounded by hordes of flattering courtiers. Unlike President Trump, King Canute was displeased by his courtiers' relentless flattery that he was all-powerful. So to give his courtiers a lesson, King Canute set his throne by the sea edge and commanded the incoming tide to halt so as not to wet his feet. Well, of course, the tide took no mind of King Canute's words, continued its advance, and washed over his feet.

King Canute exclaimed:

Let all men know how empty and worthless is the power of kings, for there is none worthy of the name but he whom heaven, earth, and sea obey by eternal laws.

Well, those words should particularly resonate today because climate change is real, and it is driven by eternal laws, by the natural laws of chemistry, for instance, and physics. And a latter-day ersatz King saying otherwise makes no difference at all to the natural systems of this planet driven by nature's laws.

Climate change is going to be very expensive, very disruptive, and very damaging. The warnings are already everywhere. And Florida's insurance crisis is a preview of coming attractions for all of America's coastal communities.

I won't dwell in this speech on that list of warnings. I spoke over and over about the many different Agencies and experts, from insurance industry CEOs to insurance industry board members to the Chairman of the Federal Reserve to the chief economist of Freddie Mac to the Economist magazine to the International Stability Board, and on and on and on. It is over and over the same warning: the warning that climate change is disrupting the planet so much that risks are becoming so unpredictable that insurance is becoming either flatout unavailable, or unaffordable on its way to unavailable, and that that insurance crisis quickly spills over into a mortgage crisis because you cannot get a mortgage on a property on which you cannot get insurance. And that mortgage crisis cascades into a crash in property values because if you bought your home with a mortgage, you probably need to sell it to somebody who needs a mortgage; and if you can't sell to that entire pop-

ulation of human beings who need a mortgage to buy your house because your house won't sustain a mortgage because it can't get insurance, then your market just crashed and the value of your home did as well.

I have shown here at this podium the map from First Street that predicted what, in the time period of a 30-year mortgage, is going to happen to home values around the country from this "insurance to mortgage to values" cascade.

And in some places, the loss of value was at 100 percent, a zeroing out.

But even where the loss of value is going to be 20 percent or 40 percent, think what that does to that community where all of the property in that community has lost that much value. Think of what that does to the community bank in that community and its solvency, its loan-to-value ratio, when the value of the collateral for its loans has crashed 20 to 40 percent.

This is coming. And there is an answer: renewable energy and low carbon technologies. Already cheap; getting cheaper. Plus, whoever dominates those industries will dominate the 21st century.

So let's protect ourselves from that looming threat. Let's make sure that who dominates the 21st century in energy is the United States. Let's not give away America's position in that competition to our foreign rivals just to humor a corrupt political influence effort here at home. That would be a disgraceful outcome, but it is the one we are headed for.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON BOWMAN NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bowman nomination?

Mr. BOOZMAN. 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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 291 Ex.]

YEAS—48

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| Banks | Grassley | Moreno |
| Barrasso | Hagerty | Mullin |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Murkowski |
| Boozman | Hoeven | Paul |
| Britt | Husted | Ricketts |
| Budd | Hyde-Smith | Risch |
| Cassidy | Johnson | Rounds |
| Collins | Justice | Schmitt |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cramer | Lee | Scott (SC) |
| Crapo | Lummis | Sullivan |
| Cruz | Marshall | Thune |
| Curtis | McConnell | Tillis |
| Ernst | McCormick | Tuberville |
| Fischer | Moody | Wicker |
| Graham | Moran | Young |

NAYS—46

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| Alsobrooks | Hickenlooper | Sanders |
| Baldwin | Hirono | Schatz |
| Bennet | Kaine | Schiff |
| Blumenthal | Kelly | Schumer |
| Blunt Rochester | Kim | Shaheen |
| Booker | King | Slotkin |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Smith |
| Coons | Lujan | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Fetterman | Murray | Welch |
| Gallago | Padilla | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Peters | Wyden |
| Hassan | Reed | |
| Heinrich | Rosen | |

NOT VOTING—6

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| Capito | Daines | Ossoff |
| Cotton | Lankford | Sheehy |

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 be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

VOTE ON WALSH NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Walsh 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 292 Ex.]

YEAS—57

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| Banks | Daines | Kaine |
| Barrasso | Ernst | Kennedy |
| Blackburn | Fetterman | King |
| Boozman | Fischer | Klobuchar |
| Britt | Graham | Lankford |
| Budd | Grassley | Lee |
| Cassidy | Hagerty | Marshall |
| Collins | Hawley | McConnell |
| Cornyn | Hoeven | McCormick |
| Cramer | Husted | Moody |
| Crapo | Hyde-Smith | Moran |
| Cruz | Johnson | Moreno |
| Curtis | Justice | Mullin |

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| Murkowski | Schmitt | Tillis |
| Paul | Scott (FL) | Tuberville |
| Reed | Scott (SC) | Warner |
| Ricketts | Shaheen | Welch |
| Risch | Sullivan | Wicker |
| Rounds | Thune | Young |

NAYS—38

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| Alsobrooks | Hassan | Rosen |
| Baldwin | Heinrich | Sanders |
| Bennet | Hickenlooper | Schatz |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Schiff |
| Blunt Rochester | Kelly | Schumer |
| Booker | Kim | Slotkin |
| Cantwell | Lujan | Smith |
| Coons | Markey | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Merkley | Warnock |
| Duckworth | Murphy | Warren |
| Durbin | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Gallego | Padilla | Wyden |
| Gillibrand | Peters | |

NOT VOTING—5

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| Capito | Lummis | Sheehy |
| Cotton | Ossoff | |

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.

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.

REMEMBERING GERALD "JERRY" DANFORTH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and enduring legacy of Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a truly remarkable leader whose impact reached far beyond the Oneida Nation and into Native communities across the United States.

Mr. Danforth was born on December 24, 1946, on the Oneida Reservation to Leslie and Eva (Schuyler) Danforth. He had strong roots in his heritage and spent his life in service to others.

For 30 years, Mr. Danforth served with distinction in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of force master chief. He served during both the Vietnam war and Operation Desert Storm. In 1994, he retired from the U.S. Atlantic Fleet with a record of service marked by courage, discipline, and leadership.

When he returned home, Mr. Danforth focused on building a better future for the Oneida Nation. Elected in 1999 and 2005, he served as Tribal Chairman of the Oneida Nation for two non-consecutive terms. Mr. Danforth was a visionary advocate for Indian gaming and the vital importance of economic diversification. His leadership laid the groundwork for the Nation's self-sustaining and sovereign economy, which will benefit generations to come.

Mr. Danforth never wavered in his goal to improve the lives of the Oneida community. He worked to improve access to quality healthcare and education and to preserve the Oneida language and culture. He respected the General Tribal Council and made sure that the Oneida Nation's Government reflected the wishes of the people.

Mr. Danforth's leadership was firmly rooted in the principles of community well-being. He worked alongside the people of the Oneida Nation to address challenges, ignite change, and envision a better future. Mr. Danforth worked diligently to foster transparency, accountability, and consensus-based leadership. His commitment to good governance led to decisions that were consistently guided by the long-term welfare of the entire Oneida community.

Even after his terms as Chairman, Mr. Danforth continued his service to the Oneida people, serving as a judicial officer on the Oneida Appeals Commission, where he continued to advocate for fairness and accountability.

Beyond his extensive public service, Mr. Danforth was a family man who cherished time with his wife Pamela. They loved spending time in South Padre Island, fishing, having barbecues, and enjoying good food with friends. He also loved golfing, savoring red wine and chocolate, and baking pies. Through these little joys, he showed his warm personality, sense of humor, and love for life—qualities that many people admired about him.

Mr. Danforth is survived by his loving wife Pamela Johns Danforth; his children Paul Jameson (Virna), Steve Jameson (Cathy), Tanya Wood (Steve), Gerald Danforth, Jr. (Chitra), and Patrick Danforth; his stepson Keith Bimosae Johns Herman; his siblings James Danforth (Joanne) and Joanne Smith (the late Bruce Smith); and his treasured grandchildren: Alanna, Erin, Fiona, Ronan, Willem, Isobella, Eilish, Mariah Ciera, John Samantha, William, Gregory, Paul, Kaylah, and Analise.

Mr. Danforth will be remembered for his many contributions to the well-being of Native peoples and to the broader fabric of American life. His leadership, marked by unwavering integrity, thoughtful foresight, and genuine humility, will continue to be honored, admired, and emulated by generations to come.

May this statement serve as a fitting tribute to a life of remarkable distinction—a life dedicated to steadfast service to the Oneida Nation, to the United States, and to the fundamental cause of dignity and sovereignty for all Native peoples.

May his memory be a blessing, and may we carry forward his legacy with the same strength and spirit that defined his every step.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. SERVICEMEMBERS DEPLOYED TO ESTONIA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the servicemem-

bers from the 98th Expedition Signal Battalion, the 297th Regional Support group, the 1st Armored Division, the 200th Military Police, the 303rd Military Policy Company, the 3-321 Field Artillery Regiment, and the 41st Field Artillery Brigade who are currently serving alongside our NATO allies in Estonia. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with them during a recent visit, including several servicemembers from my home State of Florida. These brave American soldiers are currently serving alongside our NATO allies to protect against the threat of Putin's Russia. They are standing shoulder to shoulder with our allies who are putting their resources and citizens on the frontline. For them, the threat of an empowered Russia is not a theoretical one, but a tangible danger they deal with every day on the frontlines of the war. We are happy to support Estonia as they defend themselves and our NATO allies against this threat. I am honored today to recognize and honor the sacrifice of these Americans and the sacrifice of their families as they answer the call to protect their country and its allies.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOE AGUZZI

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, it is an honor to express my deep admiration and heartfelt respect for one of my constituents and dear friend Mr. Joe Aguzzi of Cleveland, MS, who celebrated his 99th birthday on May 8, 2025. At 99 years young, Joe continues to stand as a towering figure, not just in the field, but as a legacy for his family and the Mississippi farming community.

From guiding a mule across his family's fields as a youth to embracing precision agriculture in his golden years, Joe Aguzzi's journey reflects a rare combination of tradition and entrepreneurship. As the grandson of Italian immigrants who came to the Mississippi Delta seeking opportunity, Joe built a legacy that honors their sacrifice and uplifts the generations that follow.

Mr. Aguzzi's story is one of grit and grace. From his service as an 18-year-old infantry scout in World War II to returning home and helping shape what is now a multigenerational farming dynasty, Joe's story is a powerful testament to perseverance, family, and vision. The land his grandfather first tilled more than 100 years ago continues to bear fruit, thanks to the love and labor he poured into it and the wisdom passed down through four generations.

Joe is not only the patriarch of his family but a cornerstone of his community and an inspiration to all who believe in the power of perseverance, service, vision, and unwavering commitment to family and craft. Farming

may be unpredictable, but Joe's presence in the field—rain or shine—is something everyone can count on.

Congratulations to Joe Aguzzi on an incredible life well lived. The fields he has sown have grown more than crops; they have grown generations of strength.●

TRIBUTE TO CURT GRIFFITH

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, our veterans have a unique way of turning hardship into opportunities. No one displays that better than Sergeant Curt Griffith of Florence, AL.

Curt experienced tragedy at a young age, losing his dad when he was only 6 years old. Despite growing up in a single-parent household, he found a sense of community and purpose in the Marine Corps. And now, he helps bring that same feeling of community to children in the Shoals.

Curt joined the Corps at age 19 and traveled across the world, including two tours in Japan. His favorite stop was in a town 30 miles south of Hiroshima. On the second tour, he was able to bring his wife Barbara along with his two sons Curtis Jr. and Michael. Curtis describes their time in the Pacific as a crucial time for their family's growth. The Griffith family invested in the Japanese people—and even found a common thing enjoyed by both of our cultures: baseball. Curtis Jr. and Michael would bring the baseball skills they developed in Japan all the way back to the Shoals, helping take their high school baseball team to the State championship, after coming back to Alabama.

Curt also put his military skills to use, particularly getting involved with the local Marine Corps League and Toys for Tots charity. Thanks to Curt's leadership, the program has expanded to five counties in northeast Alabama: Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Winston, and Marion. The program helps meet needs of children in the local community, especially at Easter and Christmas. Through Curt's leadership, the children Toys for Tots serves has grown its reach from 200 to almost 2,000 children in just a few short years. He works around the clock each year, to help remind children they are not alone.

Curt is a great example of what strong leadership and a will to serve those in need can do. It is my honor to recognize Curt Griffith as the June Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message

from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 160. An act to amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 787. An act to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

H.R. 789. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1621. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial challenges facing entrepreneurs with a disability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1634. An act to provide for a memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the National Council on Disability to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1642. An act to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1804. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1816. An act to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3490. An act to require the Government Accountability Office to produce a report on esophageal cancer, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 5:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 87. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

H.J. Res. 89. Joint resolution providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 787. An act to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 789. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for cancelled covered solicitations, to amend the Small Business Act to provide assistance to small business concerns relating to certain cancelled solicitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1621. An act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial challenges facing entrepreneurs with a disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1634. An act to provide for a memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the National Council on Disability to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1642. An act to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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H.R. 3490. An act to require the Government Accountability Office to produce a report on esophageal cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1034. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human

Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1035. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Rev. Proc. 2024-32" (Rev. Proc. 2025-21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1036. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Estate Tax Closing Letter User Fee Update" (RIN1545-BR28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1037. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the UAE in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-116) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1038. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to the UAE in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-115) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1039. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to the UAE in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-082) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1040. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services and the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to India in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-070) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1041. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 40(g) (2) of the Arms Export Control Act, the report of proposed exports to Syria (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-048) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1042. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to four (4) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1043. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "World Trade Center Health Program; Expanded Eligibility for Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania Responders" (RIN0920-AA86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1044. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1045. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports from the Inspector General and Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period from October 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1046. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Management Response for the period of October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1047. A communication from the Chair of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1048. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1049. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1050. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1051. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1052. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1053. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1054. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1055. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1056. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1057. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1058. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1059. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1060. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1061. A communication from the Chairwoman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Postal Services' Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1062. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-04, Introduction" (FAC 2025-04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1063. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR

Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1064. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-67, "Louise B. Miller Way Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1065. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-68, "Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1066. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-70, "Department of For-Hire Vehicles Delivery Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1067. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1068. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the twentieth report to Congress on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1069. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report entitled "2024 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 1938. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the cover over of certain distilled spirits taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1939. A bill to provide protections for good faith donations of pet food and supplies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 1940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Residential Emergency Asset-accumulation Deferred Taxation Yield (READY) accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1941. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out activities to eliminate hepatitis C virus in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1942. A bill to provide for the establishment of a land health management program

on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1943. A bill to require performance and security audits of the computer systems of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina:

S. 1944. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that individuals who have access to certain healthcare services through a worksite health clinic are eligible to make pre-tax contributions to a health savings account; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JUSTICE (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1945. A bill to prohibit States and local governments from prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, or expansion of an energy service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 1946. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to initiate discussions, through the Quad, with Australia, India, and Japan to identify mutual areas of interest with respect to the formulation of best practices in space, cooperation on space situational awareness, and space industrial policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1947. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial octopus aquaculture operations in the United States, the exclusive economic zone, and the waters of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1948. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1949. A bill to improve certain criminal provisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MORENO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1950. A bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 1951. A bill to ensure the preservation and operational integrity of the aeromedical evacuation capabilities of the Department of the Army within the Medical Service Corps and to maintain the role of the Medical Service Corps as the primary joint service provider for intra-theater aeromedical evacuation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 1952. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal prohibi-

tion on the public release of the name of a Federal law enforcement officer with the intent to obstruct a criminal investigation or immigration enforcement operation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1953. A bill to require States to establish complete streets programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PAUL, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1954. A bill to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1955. A bill to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, and provide for the discoverability and admissibility of gun trace information in civil proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1956. A bill to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1957. A bill to repeal certain executive orders targeting LGBTQ+ individuals; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1958. A bill to exempt certain positions of the National Weather Service that are necessary for public safety from any Federal Government hiring freeze, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. Res. 261. A resolution honoring the life of Sarah Lynn Milgrim and condemning the recent extremist attacks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 262. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. Res. 263. A resolution condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the United States Capitol.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGU) 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. 813

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide families year-round access to nutrition incentives under the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1241, a bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 1380

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes.

S. 1397

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to require the Secretary of State to establish a quantum cooperation program to enhance international cooperation in quantum information science.

S. 1643

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1698

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1698, a bill to amend the Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act of 2008 to require the Small Business Administration to coordinate with resource partners with respect to disaster planning activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1705

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to issue standards with respect to chip security mechanisms for integrated circuit products, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes.

S. 1806

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1806, a bill to terminate unused authorities of the Securities and Exchange Commission that were established pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1808, a bill to permit a registered investment company to omit certain fees from the calculation of acquired fund fees and expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations for the creation or expansion of charter schools.

S. 1827

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to authorize the expedited removal of aliens who are criminal gang members, members of foreign terrorist organizations, or have been convicted of certain specified crimes.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from California

(Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S.J. RES. 56

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution designating the month of June as "Life Month".

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

S. RES. 240

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 240, a resolution affirming that diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility are fundamental values of the United States and emphasizing the ongoing need to address discrimination and inequality in the workplace, pre-K through 12th grade and higher education systems, government programs, the military, and our society.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1948. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of the POST GRAD Act of 2025, which I introduced today.

For too long, the cost of higher education has remained a barrier for students pursuing advanced degrees that are necessary in our economy, including psychology, social work, and teaching, where shortages of qualified professionals that meet the needs of their communities persist. The POST GRAD Act would relieve some of the financial burden of financing a graduate degree by reinstating subsidized Federal student loans for graduate students, which was common practice in the United States from 1994 until 2012.

Unlike undergraduate students, graduate students have only been able to obtain Federal direct unsubsidized loans that accrue interest even while they are still in graduate school for the past decade. This can add thousands of additional dollars over the life of the loan.

Furthermore, the majority of those who take out graduate Federal student loans are disproportionately women, people of color, and people from low- to middle-income backgrounds. This bill presents an opportunity to lower the cost of graduate school and reduce barriers to access that support a 21st-century workforce.

I want to thank Representative JUDY CHU for introducing this bill with me. I hope our colleagues will join us in taking a step towards making an advanced degree more attainable for Americans.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 261—HONORING THE LIFE OF SARAH LYNN MILGRIM AND CONDEMNING THE RECENT EXTREMIST ATTACKS

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 261

Whereas Sarah Lynn Milgrim was born on December 29, 1998;

Whereas Sarah excelled academically and in the arts, partaking in and loving music and theater;

Whereas, at Shawnee Mission East High School in Prairie Village, Kansas, she played in the orchestra and sang in the choir and chamber choir;

Whereas, in the greater Kansas City region, she performed in community show choirs and the KC Lyric Opera children's choir;

Whereas, while growing up, Sarah cultivated her faith as an integral part of her being, attending Sunday school at Congregation Kol Ami;

Whereas, after graduating from Shawnee Mission East High School, Sarah enrolled in and graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, earning a Bachelor of Science in environmental science;

Whereas, at the University of Kansas, Sarah continued to strengthen her faith as an active member of Hillel and Chabad;

Whereas, following her achievements at the University of Kansas, Sarah pursued and earned Master's degrees in International Affairs from American University and Resource Development and Sustainability from the United Nations University for Peace in Costa Rica;

Whereas, in the fall of 2023, Sarah began working as the Director of Civil Society Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas, in this capacity, Sarah worked day and night to fight the scourge of religious discrimination and violence;

Whereas, while working at the Embassy of Israel, Sarah met and fell in love with Yaron Lischinsky;

Whereas, following a panel discussion promoting peace and conflict resolution, a gunman, in a targeted attack, killed Yaron and Sarah; and

Whereas this horrific act of violence represents another direct attack on the Jewish population of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns violence targeted at religious groups;

(2) remembers the life of Sarah Milgrim and celebrates her work;

(3) denounces the senseless violence that resulted in the deaths of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky; and

(4) supports the full prosecution of the individual who committed this extremist attack.

SENATE RESOLUTION 262—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF IN RE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 262

Whereas, in the case of *In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute*, No. 1:24-mc-00032, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the plaintiffs have issued a subpoena for testimony and production of documents from Nichole Kotschwar, Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

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 may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration 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 Nichole Kotschwar is authorized to provide testimony and documents in the case of *In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute*, except concerning matters for which a privilege or objection should be asserted.

Sec. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Ms. Kotschwar in this matter.

SENATE RESOLUTION 263—CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ANTISEMITIC ATTACK IN BOULDER, COLORADO, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 263

Whereas, on June 1, 2025, a violent attack occurred at a peaceful march in Boulder, Colorado, organized by Run for Their Lives;

Whereas Run for Their Lives is an organization that facilitates run and walk events calling for the release of all hostages Hamas kidnapped during the group's October 7, 2023, terrorist attack and continues to hold in Gaza, over 600 days later;

Whereas the attack was carried out with a makeshift flamethrower and Molotov cock-

tails and injured men and women, including a Holocaust survivor, several of whom suffered serious burns and trauma while peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights;

Whereas authorities are investigating the antisemitic attack as an act of terrorism and a Federal hate crime;

Whereas this attack occurred amid a disturbing national surge in antisemitic incidents, with reported antisemitic activity in Colorado rising 40 percent in 2024 and reaching the highest level nationally in nearly 50 years, according to the Anti-Defamation League;

Whereas Jewish communities across the United States have experienced an increase in threats and intimidation in recent months, including fatal shootings, arson, and harassment at synagogues and on college campuses;

Whereas antisemitic violence threatens lives and violates the core values of the United States;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials, along with community leaders, have condemned the attack, reaffirming a shared commitment to ensuring the safety of Jewish Americans and all communities targeted by hate;

Whereas law enforcement officials, including the Boulder Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, responded swiftly and continue to investigate the incident to bring the perpetrator to justice;

Whereas the Boulder- and Denver-based chapters of the Run for Their Lives plan to continue walking each Sunday, despite the terror attack against members of the Boulder chapter, to show solidarity and to continue calling for the release of the hostages in Gaza; and

Whereas elected officials and community leaders in Boulder have called on residents to unite in support of the survivors and to reject antisemitism and extremism in all forms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the antisemitic attack that occurred on June 1, 2025, in Boulder, Colorado;

(2) expresses solidarity with the survivors and their families;

(3) recognizes the resilience of the Boulder community and commends their continued efforts to promote peace, safety, and inclusion;

(4) calls for continued vigilance and Federal resources to counter rising antisemitism, investigate hate crimes, and support targeted communities;

(5) stands with the Jewish community, for freedom of speech and religion and against fear; and

(6) affirms that hate and violence have no place in the United States and that all people, regardless of faith or belief, deserve to live free from fear and persecution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2297. Mr. TUBERVILLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2228 proposed by Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2297. Mr. TUBERVILLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2228 proposed by Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and

Ms. LUMMIS) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Add at the end the following:

(d) PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ADVERSARY OWNERSHIP.—The following countries may not have a controlling interest of 20 percent or more in a foreign payment stablecoin issuer:

(1) the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region.

(2) the Republic of Cuba.

(3) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(4) the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

(5) the Russian Federation.

(6) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicolás Maduro Moros.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have five 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 FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 1 p.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, June 4, 2025, at 10 a.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, June 4, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 4:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF IN RE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 262, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 262) to authorize testimony, document production, and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a subpoena for deposition testimony and documents in a civil action pending in Federal district court in the District of Columbia. Plaintiffs in this case, former employees of the Architect of the Capitol, have sued the Architect of the Capitol alleging discrimination based on gender, age, and military status or service.

Plaintiffs have sent a subpoena to Nichole Kotschwar, deputy staff director of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, seeking deposition testimony and document production regarding matters in connection with the underlying employment dispute. The subpoena implicates the Committee's constitutional privilege and presents concerns regarding imposing an undue burden on a nonparty Senate committee employee. On advice of counsel, the Rules Committee seeks Senate authorization for Ms. Kotschwar, on behalf of the committee, to provide testimony and produce documents and communications with individuals outside of Congress relating to the requests of the subpoena.

This resolution would authorize the testimony and production of documents from Ms. Kotschwar except where a privilege or objection should be asserted. The resolution also authorizes the Senate legal counsel to represent Ms. Kotschwar in this matter.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 262) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

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, June 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 144, James O'Neill, under the previous order; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during Tuesday's session of the Senate ripen following disposition of the O'Neill nomination and if cloture is invoked on the Eisenberg nomination, the postcloture time expire at 1:45 p.m. tomorrow; finally, that if cloture is invoked on the Shumate nomination, all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Shumate nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, on Monday, June 9.

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 7:16 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. ALEXUS G. GRYNKEWICH

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 4, 2025:

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

MICHELLE BOWMAN, OF KANSAS, TO BE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EDWARD WALSH, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO IRELAND.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE URBAN LEGENDS HAIR STUDIO

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize a truly valued small business and an indispensable pillar of our community: Urban Legends Hair Studio, founded in 2006 by the esteemed Mr. Aldo Brown. Located at 1419 E 79th St., Urban Legends Hair Studio has, for nearly two decades, transcended the traditional role of a barbershop; it has become a vibrant and essential cornerstone of the South Side of Chicago.

Mr. Brown, with his profound vision, unwavering dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit, has cultivated an establishment that is far more than just a place for exceptional hair care services.

Urban Legends Hair Studio stands as a dynamic community hub, a gathering place where relationships are forged, conversations flourish, and a sense of belonging is palpable. It is a space where clients not only receive top-tier styling but also find camaraderie and a genuine connection to their neighborhood.

Urban Legends Hair Studio has consistently demonstrated an unyielding commitment to excellence, unparalleled professionalism, and the cultivation of a truly welcoming and inclusive environment for every client who walks through its doors.

Their remarkable longevity and sustained success over nearly twenty years are a powerful testament to their unwavering dedication to superior quality, their deep-seated roots within the community, and their ability to adapt and thrive while maintaining their core values.

It is precisely businesses like Urban Legends Hair Studio, and visionary entrepreneurs like Mr. Aldo Brown, that strengthen the very fabric of our neighborhoods. They are not merely economic entities; they are vital social anchors, creating local jobs, fostering economic stability, and contributing significantly to the cultural richness and overall vitality of the South Side.

Their enduring presence and positive impact resonate deeply within the lives of countless families and individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Brown and the Urban Legends Hair Studio for their contributions to the Southside of Chicago.

HONORING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, GENERAL LAFAYETTE CHAPTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor of joining the General Lafayette

Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they placed an America 250 marker at Zion Methodist Church, paying tribute to the American Revolution patriots who are buried there. The General Lafayette Chapter is a part of the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an incredible organization whose members all share a unique and special bond—each can trace their ancestry to a hero of the American Revolutionary War. They are passionate about preserving the legacy of their ancestors who put everything on the line to establish our free country in the new world. The members of General Lafayette honor this sacrifice by volunteering their time through service, historic preservation, and unwavering patriotism. Their work even goes beyond remembering the past. They support our veterans and active-duty military through volunteer service and financial support, and they even craft award-winning quilts as a gesture of gratitude. These women ensure that the legacy of our country's first veterans lives on by preserving historic documents, maintaining the Isaac Watson State House, and placing markers at sites of historical meaning. I thank these incredible women, for all the work they have done for New Jersey veterans and veterans everywhere. God bless the General Lafayette Daughters of the American Revolution and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING RYAN WRENFROW

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan Wrenfrow for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Ryan 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 Ryan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Ryan'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 Ryan Wrenfrow on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING REBECCA SEILS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Rebecca Seils 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 Rebecca Seils 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.

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MIRA CAHALANE NAMED OHIO'S
13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF
THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mira Cahalane, who recently won best actress at the 10th annual Dazzle Awards, as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

The Dazzle Awards honors high school musical theater students and departments in Northeast Ohio for their outstanding performances and productions.

At the awards, Mira received the best actress award for her phenomenal performance of Hermes in "Hadestown: Teen Edition" at Hudson High School and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

As a result of her win, this June, Mira will be representing Northeast Ohio in the National High School Musical Theater Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards, held in New York.

At the Jimmy Awards, Mira will join top high school musical theater students across the country to compete and showcase her extraordinary talent on a national stage.

Again, I want to congratulate Mira Cahalane for her exceptional win and on being named this week's Champion of the Week. I wish her the best of luck as she prepares to compete in the Jimmy Awards, and know she will represent Northeast Ohio well.

HONORING DEVIN SOFFY, EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, recently, I had the honor of attending Devin Soffy's Eagle Scout Court of Honor after his 10 great years of service through the Boy Scouts. Devin started his journey when he was in the second grade and since that time he has achieved an impressive 47 merit badges. His badges are in a variety of different areas including first aid, search and rescue, personal fitness, and life-saving, showing how well-rounded of a young man he is. He has dreamed of being a doctor since he was a little boy, and many of the skills he has learned through scouting will help him on that journey. Devin has already taken the next step toward that dream by being accepted into the prestigious pre-medicine program at Baylor University where he will pursue a degree in Biology.

Beyond scouting and academics, Devin gives back to his community by volunteering at the local EMS station and as a swim instructor for young children. I congratulate Devin on this incredible achievement. I know he has a bright future ahead, and I look forward to seeing all that he will accomplish. God bless Devin and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY SEILER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tommy Seiler for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Tommy 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 Tommy, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Tommy'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 Tommy Seiler on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT O'BRIEN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Robert "Bob" O'Brien has made through his volunteerism at Cypress Elementary School. Bob's talents and craft as a Master Gardener are enjoyed by students and appreciated by staff. Affectionately called Gardener Bob, he brings the art of growing one's own fruits and vegetables to the Cypress Elementary Cubs. As part of the school's 4th Grade Science Lessons, students learn the farm-to-table concept by preparing the soil, planting seeds, nurturing the seedlings into mature plants, harvesting and finally preparing and consuming fresh produce. They learn the life cycle of plants and the value of working for your food. In addition to leading students, Bob recruits and manages his Garden Crew; a handful of additional dedicated volunteers that are passionate about the art of gardening and promoting fresh and healthy eating. Where Bob primarily works with 4th grade students, all students in the school benefit from his efforts. Located by our playground, all students watch the progress of the plants as they grow, building excitement for when it is their turn to garden. He has helped instill a love of learning in students as look forward to Garden Day when it is their turn to get their hands dirty and learn.

It is clear Robert "Bob" O'Brien has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING 8TIV MULTIMEDIA
LABS AND 247HH: INNOVATION
AND CULTURAL IMPACT IN CHI-
CAGO

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate two dynamic and impactful creative forces based in our district, operating from 1727 S. Indiana, Chicago: 8tiv Multimedia Labs and its partner company, 247HH. Both were founded by visionary leaders, Ranadeb Choudhury and Osvaldo "Tito" Garcia, who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to innovation, authentic storytelling, and cultural engagement.

8tivLabs, founded in 2010, is a truly remarkable, Emmy Award-winning creative powerhouse. This agency is dedicated to empowering brands to become authentic trendsetters and cultural cocreators. They achieve this by blending strategic foresight, creative bravely and data-driven insights to craft unforgettable experiences and groundbreaking content productions. At its core, 8tivLabs thrives on collaboration, transforming bold ideas into groundbreaking realities by blending skilled craftsmanship with strategic insight that directly impacts the community. Their purpose is clear: to craft transformative experiences that push boundaries and connect with audiences on a profound level.

Complementing this, 247HH, founded in 2005, stands as a premier digital platform entirely dedicated to celebrating hip-hop culture. Through exclusive interviews, compelling behind-the-scenes content, and original video series, 247HH provides an intimate look into the lives and journeys of urban culture's most compelling voices, from mainstream icons to underground artists. Their programming, including the impactful "Culture Builders" series, spotlights influential figures across politics, media, sport, fashion, tech, and music, pushing the culture forward with a steadfast commitment to authenticity.

The purpose of 247HH is to amplify and celebrate hip-hop culture, providing a vital platform for its diverse narratives.

Together, 8tiv Multimedia Labs and 247HH, under the leadership of Mr. Choudhury and Mr. Garcia, exemplify the very best of Chicago's creative and entrepreneurial spirit. They are not only driving economic growth and creating jobs but are also profoundly shaping cultural narratives and empowering voices that resonate globally.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Ranadeb Choudhury, Osvaldo "Tito" Garcia, and their entire teams at 8tiv Multimedia Labs and 247HH for their innovative contributions. Their dedication to cultural stewardship builds legacies that will inspire future generations of creatives and cultural leaders.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the SAVE Act, No Rogue Rulings Act, and reforming U.S. foreign assistance.

DEAR FRIEND, The right to vote in American elections is a right reserved for American citizens, not illegal immigrants.

I recently voted for the House-passed SAVE Act to ensure election integrity and safeguard our democratic process. The SAVE Act would:

Require in-person proof of U.S. citizenship when individuals register to vote in federal elections.

Allow more than six types of identification to prove U.S. citizenship.

Require states to remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls and give them the tools to do so.

Ensuring that only American citizens vote in our elections is common sense, yet 228 Members on the other side of the aisle voted to leave our elections vulnerable to fraud and abuse. Their excuse is that this bill prevents married women from voting, when the reality is that this bill gets ahead of any potential barriers to voting by providing six options of identification to prove U.S. citizenship.

To make it clear: This bill will not prevent married women from voting, but it will prevent illegal aliens and foreign influence from permeating our electoral system.

Thus, it's a fair question to ask—why are they opposed to securing our elections?

Upholding the Constitution's system of checks and balances:

Radical district judges are overstepping their authority and blocking President Trump's lawful executive powers by unilaterally imposing rulings that affect the entire nation.

This unchecked judicial overreach is a breach of our Constitution's system of checks and balances, and the House took action to restore balance to our judicial system by passing the No Rogue Rulings Act with my support.

This bill will stop judicial overreach, especially when individual district judges block executive policies. Activist federal judges are undermining the constitutional separation of powers and the will of the American people, and it's time to restore judicial integrity to our federal government.

U.S. foreign assistance should not be funding overseas abortions:

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is a program that has been successfully combating HIV/AIDS.

Yet, during President Biden's term in office, he chose to use tax dollars in a way that Congress had not authorized by redirecting funds that were meant for saving lives to instead perform abortions.

Congress must strengthen guardrails around program fundings to prevent such abuse of taxpayer money. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to call out and demand necessary reforms to stop the misuse of funds and make sure that our policies are standing up for, not destroying, innocent life.

Standing up for faith, family, and freedom: It was an honor to receive the Family Research Council Action's One Hundred Percent Award for my commitment to sup-

porting policies that protect the rights to faith, family, and freedom, I will continue to stand for the rights of the most vulnerable and the values that we hold dear and make our country great.

With my warmest regards,
CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING KRISTEN PINNOCK

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristen Pinnoch for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A Gales Ferry, Connecticut native, Kristen graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Secondary Science and Social Science Education from DePaul University in 2011. While completing her Masters of Art/Ph.D in Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment from the University of Connecticut, Kristen began her career in Washington, D.C. as a Student Trainee for the U.S. Government Accountability Office before becoming an Analyst and Senior Analyst. In March 2023, she joined the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as a U.S. Government Accountability Office Detailee for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where she has been a critical team member in leading investigations into Anti-Semitism in medical schools and hospitals and supported the Committee's role in the bipartisan AI Task Force report that came out in the 118th Congress. Kristen was also essential in Committee efforts in writing letters pertaining to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Most recently, Kristen completed another degree graduating with a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2024.

Kristen's time as detailee with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce is ending this week and she will return to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. I know Kristen will continue to be as valuable of an asset for the U.S. Government Accountability Office as she was for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. I wish her the best and thank Kristen Pinnoch for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONGRATULATING THE MANHEIM
TOWNSHIP UNIFIED TRACK AND
FIELD TEAM CHAMPIONS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Manheim Township Unified Track and Field team on their first-place victory at the PIAA Unified Track and Field championship on May 23 and 24.

The Manheim Township Blue Streaks excelled at the meet, collecting 59 points and earning the gold medal. Malakai Minguez nabbed gold in the 400-meter race with 58.01 seconds. Bronze medals in the 800-meter race, earned by Cole Richards with a time of

2:23.08, and in the 400-meter relay helped to spur the Blue Streaks to victory.

Manheim Township's championship in 2025 is their third consecutive team title since Unified Track and Field's introduction in 2023.

The Unified Track and Field program is organized by the Special Olympics. Each team has a proportional number of athletes who are eligible to participate in the Special Olympics and includes boys and girls from grades 9 to 12.

As Manheim Township celebrates another Unified Track and Field team championship, I sincerely congratulate the athletes and coaches that have made this accomplishment possible, and I look forward to seeing what these students accomplish next.

HONORING JORDYN STORCK,
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to congratulate Jordyn Storck for passing her review board and attaining the coveted rank of Eagle Scout after years of hard work. Jordyn began her journey in Troop 452 five years ago and through the years, she has persevered through the struggles to achieve the required 22 merit badges to become an Eagle Scout. But she didn't stop there—she went above and beyond, earning five additional merit badges to receive the Bronze Palm award, an honor rarely given to Eagle Scouts. Her success extends far beyond scouting. Jordyn is a disciplined martial artist, earning her Black Belt at The Growth Dojo in South Jersey. She is also a talented singer, performing as a member of the All-Star Treble Choir, where she specializes in high-frequency vocal tones. Jordyn plans to continue her education at Rowan University to pursue a degree in Inclusive education, and I am certain that she will achieve anything she puts her mind to. God bless Jordyn and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING VINCENT MEDINA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vincent Medina for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Vincent 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 Vincent, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Vincent'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 Vincent Medina on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT ROSS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Robert Ross has made through his volunteerism with Paul R. Smith Middle School. Mr. Robert Ross exemplifies the spirit of dedication and community involvement at Paul R. Smith Middle School. His unwavering commitment to the school and its programs has made a significant impact on students, staff, and the broader community. Every Friday, Mr. Ross dedicates his time to the Eagle Eyes Program, a vital initiative that fosters a safe and supportive environment for students. His consistent presence and active participation in this program demonstrate his genuine care for the well-being and development of the students. His efforts ensure that the program runs smoothly and effectively, providing a positive influence on the school culture. In addition to his work with the Eagle Eyes Program, Mr. Ross is an invaluable member of the School Advisory Council. His contributions to the council are marked by thoughtful insights and a collaborative spirit. He brings a unique perspective as a parent, helping to bridge the gap between the school administration and the parent community. His input is instrumental in shaping policies and initiatives that benefit the entire school. Mr. Ross's dedication extends beyond regular school activities. He has presented at the Great American Teach-In, sharing his knowledge and experiences with students. This event is a highlight for many students, and Mr. Ross's engaging presentations inspire and educate, leaving a lasting impression on young minds. One of Mr. Ross's remarkable qualities is his ability to reach out to the community to garner support for the school. He tirelessly works to secure donations that benefit both students and staff, ensuring that the school has the resources it needs to thrive. His efforts in this area are a testament to his commitment to the school's success and his belief in the power of community support. Mr. Ross is known for his kindness, respect, and caring nature. Even on challenging days, he remains dedicated to the school and its mission. His positive attitude and unwavering support uplift those around him, creating a nurturing and encouraging environment. Furthermore, Mr. Ross is a strong advocate for parent involvement. He actively supports all parent involvement in evening events, encouraging other parents to participate and engage with the school community. His enthusiasm and dedication help to build a sense of unity and positivity within the school and its surrounding community. Mr. Robert Ross is a cornerstone of the Paul R. Smith Middle School community. His dedication to the Eagle Eyes Program, contributions to the School Advisory Council, presentations at the Great American Teach-In, efforts to secure community support, and advocacy for parent involvement make him an invaluable asset to the school. His kindness, respect, and caring nature inspire others and contribute to a positive and supportive school environment. Mr. Ross's unwavering commitment to the school and its community is truly commendable.

It is clear Mr. Robert Ross has made a profoundly positive impact on our community,

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

HONORING BOSS SHOE SHINE AND REPAIR: A CORNERSTONE OF THE 75TH STREET COMMUNITY

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a cherished and enduring small business in our community: Boss Shoe Shine and Repair, located at 349 East 75th Street in Chicago.

For over three decades, Boss Shoe Shine and Repair has served as more than just a place to polish and repair footwear; it has been a true anchor on 75th Street, representing the dedication, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurial spirit that defines our local businesses. In an era where quick fixes often supersede quality.

Boss Shoe Shine and Repair stands as a testament to the enduring value of expert service and meticulous attention to detail.

This establishment provides an essential service to the community, helping residents preserve their favorite shoes and boots, ensuring they look their best, and contributing to sustainability by extending the life of cherished items. Beyond the practical services, Boss Shoe Shine and Repair also embodies the spirit of a traditional neighborhood business—a place where customers are known by name, and a sense of community is fostered with every interaction.

Businesses like Boss Shoe Shine and Repair are the backbone of our local economy and the heart of our neighborhoods. They provide vital services, create jobs, and contribute to the unique character of our urban landscape.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Boss Shoe Shine and Repair for their unwavering commitment to quality, their dedication to serving the community, and for maintaining a business that has been a steady and reliable presence on 75th St.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NELSON LINE AS HE RETIRES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nelson Line as he prepares for retirement after more than 20 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Over his career, Nelson has been one of the House's most dedicated public servants, serving in multiple positions in the Office of Official Reporters within the Office of the Clerk.

Nelson was born in Hagerstown, Maryland. In 1976, he graduated from South Hagerstown High School. After high school, Nelson attended Hagerstown Junior College and in 1981, he earned a bachelor's degree in Recording Industry Management from Middle

Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

After college, Nelson relocated to the Washington, D.C. area and worked in retail management selling recorded music. He then went on to work for several court reporting firms, including Miller Reporting, Inc.; Susan Talarico and Associates; and Diversified Reporting Services, Inc.

In November 2004, Nelson joined the Office of Official Reporters' committee division as a Production Assistant. In June 2009, Nelson transitioned to the floor operational division of the Official Reporters' Office, working as a Legislative Data Specialist. Nelson was promoted in 2016 to the Systems Analyst position, the most senior position of the Official Reporters' Legislative Data Specialists' team.

Over long hours whenever the House is in session, Nelson's duties include processing Members' submissions for the *Congressional Record*, including Extensions of Remarks, General Leave Statements, and Personal Explanation statements. That includes, Mr. Speaker, more than just a few submissions from yours truly. Furthermore, Nelson is also responsible for the transmittal of the electronic *Congressional Record* to the Government Publishing Office.

Nelson has admirably dedicated 20 years of his professional career to the Office of the Clerk. He has worked under six Speakers of the House: the Honorables J. Dennis Hastert, NANCY PELOSI, John A. Boehner, Paul D. Ryan, Kevin McCarthy, and now, MIKE JOHN-SON.

In addition, Nelson has worked for five Clerks of the House: the Honorables Jeff Trandahl, Karen L. Haas, Lorraine C. Miller, Cheryl L. Johnson, and Kevin F. McCumber. Post retirement, Nelson is looking forward to his next chapter of adventures. He plans to travel, read, spend time with friends, pursue educational opportunities, and invest more time in personal interests.

Nelson is one of the countless hardworking, dedicated professionals who serve behind the scenes to make the People's House function For The People. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to thank Nelson Line for his wonderful service to his country and to wish him well as he begins this exciting new chapter.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHARLES SMITH

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the inauguration of the Sixth President of the University of Mobile, Dr. Charles Smith, who was unanimously elected to be inaugurated on May 1st and has taken charge of leading the university.

Dr. Smith was born and raised in Montgomery before he pursued his PhD at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina. He served for eleven years as Senior Vice President for Institutional Relations and an Assistant Professor of Christian Leadership at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Spurgeon College in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Smith also co-founded the "For the Church" resource platform, offering free online resources for churches across the Nation.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Smith on his inauguration and thank him for spreading the Word of God and serving students at the University of Mobile.

CELEBRATING FAGER'S ISLAND'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend John Fager on the 50th Anniversary of Fager's Island. A small business he started with simple grit, determination and the aspiration of living the American Dream.

Fager's Island is an Island personified. It has its own personality and spirit, a living breathing entity created by John Fager and his patrons and employees. People come to Fager's Island to enjoy some of the best moments of their lives professionally and personally. Engagements, Family, the Beauty of the Bay, Food and Drink, Sunsets. It's never nostalgic but grounded in a deep respect for its past, the men and woman who built it into the iconic operation now celebrating its 50th year. Fager's Island creates a deep emotional magic with people. It's the place they have lived their "glory days".

John Fager built Fager's Island. Sheer will, determination, foresight, tape measure, tractor. He is a Laid-Back Trailblazer, a Humble Maverick, An American Patriot. He is years ahead of his time and always evolving, yet forever mindful of the past. He possesses a ferocious work ethic but always still has time for people, a kind word, a warm greeting, a welcome smile. All of the meaningful things about Fager's Island stem from his unwavering code, his devotion to faith, family, people, and his staff.

HONORING KAREN BIERNACKI AND
CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF LA PORTE COUNTY
FAMILY ADVOCATES

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to honor Karen Biernacki and her lifetime of service to children and families across Northwest Indiana and to celebrate the 35th anniversary of La Porte County Family Advocates.

In 1990, Karen founded the La Porte County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program to assist abused and neglected children in need of services through the court system. Starting from humble beginnings with a minimal budget, Karen built the foundation of CASA out of her own home, where she trained volunteers to provide essential support to ensure the protection of these vulnerable children. Since its inception, the La Porte County CASA program has trained over 425 volunteers, who collectively spent more than 1.5 million hours advocating for children who suffered abuse and neglect.

Through her meaningful work in the Community, Karen saw the need for a safe and nurturing space for families to reconnect and heal. In 1999, under Karen's leadership, La Porte County CASA partnered with the Swanson Center, a local community mental health agency, to create a safe environment for supervised family visitations. Harmony House served our community for over 20 years, allowing for 56,000 hours of supervised visitation in an authentic setting where family members can cook meals, eat together, and play games. Recognizing the need for greater collaboration and strength in their mission, La Porte County CASA and Harmony House merged their boards in 2004. The organization became known as La Porte County Family Advocates, further enhancing their capacity to serve the community of Northwest Indiana. Although she retired as Chief Executive Officer of La Porte County Family Advocates in 2021, Karen's service to the community continues to serve as an inspiration to us all, and she is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Karen Biernacki for her lifelong service to children and families throughout Northwest Indiana and in recognizing the invaluable contributions of La Porte County Family Advocates on their 35th anniversary.

HONORING NAPA POLICE CHIEF
JENNIFER GONZALES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa Police Chief Jennifer Gonzales upon her retirement after 32 years of service in law enforcement. Chief Gonzales' career exemplifies commitment to community, service, and excellence, and her legacy in Napa will continue to inspire future generations.

Born in Santa Clara, California, Chief Gonzales attended California State University, Chico, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies with a minor in Health Science. She later earned a Master of Arts in Behavioral Science, specializing in Negotiation and Conflict Management, from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Committed to continuous professional development, she further honed her leadership skills by graduating from the FBI National Academy, both the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Command College and Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, and the Executive Leadership Institute at the Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University.

Chief Gonzales began her law enforcement career in 1993 as a Community Service Officer and Dispatcher with the CSU Chico Police Department. She became a sworn officer in 1995, serving in the Chico Police Department for 20 years, and rose through the ranks to the level of Lieutenant. In 2015, she joined the Napa Police Department as Captain and was named Chief of Police in 2021.

Throughout her career, Chief Gonzales has been deeply involved in community service and law enforcement leadership. She has

served on the boards of Nurturing Empowerment, Worth, Safety (NEWS) Napa domestic violence and sexual abuse services organization, the Napa Special Investigation Bureau, the California Massage Therapy Council, and the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Mentor Committee. She was also appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the State of California 9-1-1 Advisory Board. Additionally, Chief Gonzales has been a representative on the Napa County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Napa Opioid Safety Coalition, and the Napa Valley Community Leaders Coalition.

Chief Gonzales has also made significant contributions to officer wellness and professional development. As a certified member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation team, she traveled to New York City after the September 11th attacks to assist with first responder recovery efforts. She also served as the founding Napa Police Peer Support Coordinator and was a part-time lecturer in the Political Science Department at CSU Chico, where she helped prepare future law enforcement professionals.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Jennifer Gonzales has dedicated her career to strengthening public safety, building community trust, and mentoring the next generation of law enforcement professionals. It is fitting and proper that we recognize her service and leadership here today as she enters her well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN CARMAN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a true patriot and beloved member of our South Jersey community, John "Ghost" Carman. John recently passed away after an incredibly courageous fight with cancer that began November of last year. John fought until the very end with incredible strength and grace. At the age of 18, John married the love of his life, JoAnn. They shared 47 beautiful years together and raised two children, Cherie and John the third. He was a hardworking man who made his mark in Atlantic City's construction industry, contributing to many of the city's major casino projects. John showed his love for the community by serving in public office, including positions on Egg Harbor Township Committee and Town Board for Municipal Authority. He was devoted to our country, serving most recently as the Treasurer of the American Legion Post in Somers Point, South Jersey. As John's friends and family would say, "to know John was to love him," and he will be greatly missed, but we are eternally grateful for his lasting legacy and love he left behind. God bless John and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING KLOEY KEHL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kloe Kehl for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Kloe 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 Kloe, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Kloe'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 Kloe Kehl on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING RONNIE HUTTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

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

HONORING YASMINE CURTIS OF
TWO FISH CRAB SHACK**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and celebrate the remarkable entrepreneurial spirit and culinary success of Ms. Yasmine Curtis, the visionary owner of Two Fish, a thriving and beloved food business on the Southside of Chicago. Ms. Yasmine's dedication and the flourishing of Two Fish exemplify the vital role that local, independently owned enterprises play in strengthening our communities and enriching the lives of our constituents.

In the competitive landscape of the food industry, Ms. Yasmine has carved out a significant niche, building a successful business that not only serves delicious fare, but also contributes significantly to the economic and social fabric of the Southside.

Her commitment to excellence has earned Two Fish a reputation for outstanding cuisine and a loyal following. The success of businesses like Two Fish is paramount to the vitality of neighborhoods across the Southside of Chicago. They create jobs, foster local pride, and provide unique culinary experiences that reflect the rich culture and diversity of the area. Ms. Yasmine's journey with Two Fish stands as an inspiring example of what can be achieved through hard work, innovation, and a deep connection to one's community.

She has demonstrated how a local food business can become a cornerstone of its neighborhood, drawing people together and contributing to a vibrant local economy.

Ms. Yasmine's entrepreneurial prowess and her commitment to delivering exceptional food have made Two Fish a true success story. She has not only built a profitable enterprise but has also cultivated a space that brings joy and sustenance to her patrons. It is with great honor and admiration that we acknowledge Ms. Yasmine and the outstanding achievements of Two Fish. Their success is a beacon for local entrepreneurship and a powerful example of how small businesses can make a monumental impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending our deepest congratulations to Ms. Yasmine Curtis for her outstanding contributions. May her success continue to inspire us all.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
LIFE OF A.E. "PETER" PIERCE**HON. MIKE EZELL**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great Mississippian, A.E. "Peter" Pierce of Helena, who went home to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of May 24th.

Peter was the very best of us—a devoted husband to his beloved Grace for nearly 69 years, a U.S. Army veteran, a hardworking father, grandfather, and public servant, and a man whose quiet faith was lived out in every act of service.

From the shipyards of Pascagoula to the halls of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, from coaching little league to mowing the church lawn even after his diagnosis—Peter gave his time, his energy, and his heart to others.

He was a faithful member of Escatawpa Assembly of God, a friend to the forgotten, and the kind of man who cooked Christmas breakfast for a house full of grandkids, always reminding them: he was the most blessed man on earth.

We grieve his loss, but we celebrate a life well-lived, and we thank God for the example he gave us.

CELEBRATING MICHAEL PRICE
FOR HIS HONORARY TONY AWARD**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Mr. Michael Price of Essex, Connecticut, for his outstanding achievements in the realm of American theatre and the arts. On June 8, Michael will receive special honors for his lifetime achievements at the prestigious 2025 Tony Awards ceremony. Michael holds the record as the longest serving Executive Director of an American theatre, leading the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Connecticut for 47 years from 1968 to 2014. The impact of his tenure on the Goodspeed Opera House has reverberated all across the world, and thus this honor is well deserved.

Michael was born on August 5, 1938, to William and Sylvia Price in Chicago, Illinois. From a young age, he was introduced to the theatre through family members who worked in the industry. Michael got a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, followed by a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's in fine arts from the Yale University School of Drama.

Michael's career included many different jobs at theatres throughout the country. Early in his career, he worked as a stagehand and electrician at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut. Other jobs took him around the country, serving in different roles at theatres and performances before he settled at the Goodspeed Opera House.

In 1968, Michael started as the Executive Director of Goodspeed Musicals in East Haddam, Connecticut. After years of disrepair, Michael helped rebuild the reputation of the Goodspeed Opera House as one of the best venues to develop musicals in the country. Goodspeed became internationally recognized for their distinguished performances.

During Michael's time as Executive Director, he produced over 250 classic and forgotten musicals, 100 new musicals, and transferred 19 shows to Broadway, which earned 13 Tony Awards. The Goodspeed Opera House was honored with two special Tony Awards during his reign.

Michael's valuable contributions to the theatre industry have been recognized before. He was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame, which honors lifetime achievement in the American theater. Michael's involvement in theatre is not limited to his time at the Goodspeed Opera House. He is also the founder of the League of Historic American Theatres and a founding member of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre. Michael currently serves on the Executive Committee of the American Theatre Wing and as a member of the Tony Administration Committee. Michael is also a board member for the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, the Johnny Mercer Foundation, the ASCAP Foundation, and numerous charitable and non-profit organizations.

Now, Michael will receive one of the Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre, a well deserved honor that he will share with his wife Jo-Ann, children Daniel and Rebecca, and grandchildren Ezra and Ari who have been

with him every step of the way to this special honor. The Tony Awards are presented annually to Broadway productions for exceptional performances and include special honors beyond the boundaries of Broadway.

Mr. Speaker, Michael has been an asset for the theatre community locally in Connecticut, nationally, and internationally. He spent his entire life dedicating himself to the preservation of the arts, and this award is a representation of that devotion. As a friend of Michael's for over twenty years, I can attest to his endless passion for advancing the benefits of live theatre, and for his wonderful, down to earth sense of humor. He is a caring person, always ready to help his community and people in need. He is an inspiration to all who have the opportunity to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in this chamber join me in adding a layer to his already permanent case, by recognizing the astonishing career of Michael Price.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
MELISSA COBURN FOR HER
SERVICE TO THE 22ND AIR
FORCE

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Melissa Coburn for her service to the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia.

Major General Coburn commissioned through the United States Air Force Academy in 1992 and served eleven years on active duty, before transitioning to the Air Force Reserve in February 2003. During her service, Major General Coburn has more than 6,000 flight hours in the T-37, T-38, C-141B, C-123, KC-135, C-17A, C-40, C-130H/J, including 279 combat hours in support of operations in Hungary, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Major General Coburn has been a close partner in improving our Nation's tactical air mobility operations capability through recapitalization of the Air Force Reserve's C-130 inventory. She has heavily invested in servicemember quality of life improvements throughout her command, especially at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. With more than 12,000 Reserve Airmen and 59 unit-equipped aircraft, her leadership of the 22nd Air Force has directly contributed to our Nation's security through aerial spray, fire suppression, weather reconnaissance, tactical airlift and airdrop and aeromedical evacuation.

As Major General Coburn continues her service to the United States upon her departure from Dobbins Air Reserve Base and the 22nd Air Force, it has been a pleasure working closely with her to benefit our servicemembers. I congratulate Major General Coburn on her Change of Command and look forward to working with her again soon in the years to come.

HONORING BREANNA GRACE
EHRlich, EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I honor Eagle Scout Breanna Grace Ehrlich after her years of service to the Scouts of America including being a founding member of the first female Scouts Troop in South Jersey. Throughout the years, she held several leadership positions starting with Patrol Leader before climbing her way to Senior Patrol Leader, the highest youth leadership rank. Breanna showed her dedication to the scouts by achieving 36 merit badges and putting together a two-fold for the Hamilton Township Rescue Squad for her Eagle Scout project. She has been awarded a high-level scholarship to Juniata College, where she has continued her dedication to success focusing in the challenging major of Biochemistry. Breanna has also continued her passion for singing by auditioning and being chosen for the Select Choir, and she also participates in theater programs as the Stage Manager. I congratulate Breanna on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and I look forward to hearing what great things she will accomplish in college. God bless Breanna and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING LAURA JEFFRIES

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura Jeffries for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Laura 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 Laura, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Laura'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 Laura Jeffries on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING RUTH GAVISH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Ruth Gavish 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. Gavish was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Ruth Gavish 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 VINTAGE 1945 PREMIUM
CIGARS AND IRENE "THE
DREAM" LOYDE

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate a remarkable entrepreneur and her inspired business, Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars, founded and led by the truly exceptional Irene "The Dream" Loyde.

Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars is more than just a business; it is a heartfelt tribute, thoughtfully named after her mother. Faye Anderson's birth year. This deeply personal connection speaks volumes about the passion and dedication that Ms. Loyde pours into every aspect of her venture. As the Owner and CEO, Irene "The Dream" Loyde has cultivated a brand that offers premium cigars, embodying quality, heritage, and a unique personal touch. She has been a national cigar industry entrepreneur since 2010, a testament to her resilience and perseverance in a male dominant industry.

In an industry often dominated by large corporations, Ms. Loyde stands out as a visionary and successful independent business owner. Her leadership exemplifies the strength and resilience of entrepreneurs who bring their unique stories and craftsmanship to the marketplace. Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars not only provides a high-quality product but also contributes to the rich tapestry of small businesses that are the backbone of our economy and the heart of our communities.

Irene "The Dream" Loyde's journey with Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars is an inspiration, showcasing how personal heritage can be transformed into a thriving enterprise. Her commitment to excellence and her ability to create a brand with such significant meaning are truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Irene "The Dream" Loyde on the success of Vintage 1945 Premium Cigars, for her entrepreneurial spirit, and her dedication to quality. I also ask that my colleagues congratulate her in building a business that continues her family legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in regard to missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

RECOGNIZING BEAUTY MOOD'S
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Jenya Rahazhynskaya. Jenya is the founder and owner of Beauty Mood, a hair and beauty salon located in Warminster, Pennsylvania. With her business' mission to enhance people's natural beauty and provide opportunities to indulge in self-care, Beauty Mood offers a wide range of services in a relaxing environment, delivered by skilled professionals. On June 24, 2025, Beauty Mood will be celebrating its first anniversary, commemorating a year of giving clients a place to unwind, pamper themselves, and receive hairdos of perfection.

With Jenya's commitment to her mission, Beauty Mood provides a vast array of hair and beauty services, including haircuts, styling, coloring, makeup, brow lamination with tint and shape, as well as eyelash extensions, lifts, and tints. Her team of highly skilled and experienced stylists and beauticians deliver exceptional services, ensuring every client leaves feeling refreshed and renewed.

Beyond exceptional expertise, Jenya's salon offers impeccable customer service and attention to detail. The staff is friendly, professional, and always willing to go the extra mile to meet their clients' needs. Whether you're looking for a quick trim or a complete makeover, Beauty Mood has you covered.

In essence, Jenya's story embodies the American Dream. Hailing from Minsk, Belarus, she came to the United States with the dream of opening her own salon. In 2019, she earned her cosmetology license from the Jean Madeline Aveda Institute. By combining her new certification with skills cultivated during her upbringing in Eastern Europe, Jenya brought a unique professional expertise to the Greater Philadelphia area. After obtaining her United States Citizenship, Jenya fulfilled her dream through opening her very own small business. Today, Beauty Mood's popularity and success makes a difference in the lives of many Bucks County individuals—an area I proudly serve and represent.

Ultimately, Jenya Rahazhynskaya's story serves as a shining example of how dedication and ambition lead to success. Through earning her cosmetology license and owning a successful small business, Jenya sets a powerful example for others in the beauty industry—especially through her professionalism, attention to detail, and passion for her craft. Her salon attracts clients from diverse backgrounds, notably the large Eastern European community in Bucks County. Through her ability to blend American and Eastern European techniques with ever-changing trends, her business serves as a true asset to the salon industry in the United States.

We are incredibly grateful for the impact Jenya Rahazhynskaya has had throughout her career and we happily celebrate the first anniversary of her salon. We wish for her continued success as she continues to serve and uplift our community.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
DEAN MATHIS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present this citation to Lieutenant Colonel Dean Mathis, on the occasion of his retirement with twenty years of honorable service in the United States Army, from May 28, 2005, through May 31, 2025.

Born in 1983 at Andrews Air Force Base, Dean was raised in a family with a long history of military service to the country. Dean's great-grandfather, Corporal James T. Plummer, served a distinction in the U.S. Army field artillery during WWI. His grandfather, Commander Raymond J. Plummer, served 23 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1952 through 1975. Dean's mother, Julia Plummer, was commissioned at Penn State University by her father, Commander Plummer, in May 1979 and served 6 years active duty in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

In 2001, Dean graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and played varsity football. Dean's military career started in June 2001 when he was accepted as a cadet into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2005.

On May 28, 2005, Dean's grandfather, Commander Raymond Plummer (USNR ret.), commissioned 2nd Lieutenant Dean A. Mathis into the U.S. Army Infantry. Dean served with distinction and courage through three combat tours in Iraq in 2006, 2008, and 2011, rising to the rank of Captain. On his third combat tour, Captain Mathis commanded Apache Troop, 6–9 CAV, 1 Cavalry Division. Captain Mathis was awarded the Bronze Star medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault Badge, Global War on Terrorism medal, the Iraq campaign medal with four campaign stars, and the Overseas Service ribbon.

From 2012 through 2014, he earned a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M University as part of his transition from the Infantry Branch to Functional Area 52, or the Army's nuclear counterproliferation branch. Following graduation, Major Mathis was assigned to teach Physics and Nuclear Engineering at West Point. From there, he served in both the Defense Intelligence and Defense Threat Reduction agencies from 2017 through 2025 with a focus on assessing and reducing the threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to the United States.

In addition to the medals previously listed, Lieutenant Colonel Dean A. Mathis was awarded the following medals during his distinguished career: Defense Meritorious Service medal, the Army Commendation medal, Joint Service Achievement medal, the Army Achievement medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service medal, and the Army Service ribbon.

The United States of America and the 119th Congress of the United States thank him for his honorable and dedicated military service in the United States Army from 2005 through 2025.

On behalf of the 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I commend Lieutenant Colo-

nel Dean A. Mathis and thank him for his distinguished service.

HONORING NATHANIEL MIGNANO,
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to honor new Eagle Scout Nathaniel Mignano, who during his time with the scouts, earned an impressive 30 Merit badges, achieved a high number of awards, and completed an outstanding Eagle Scout project. Nathan started eleven years ago as a Cub Scout and now has accumulated merit badges across a multitude of categories, including Citizenship in the Nation and the Community showing just how patriotic Nathan is. He also earned badges in personal fitness and hiking, and earned the National Outdoor Achievement Award by obtaining the Camping Award and two gold pins by completing additional tasks. Throughout his time as a Scout, Nathan hiked over 250 miles, kayaked 13 miles, and spent 70 nights camping in the wild. For his Eagle Scout project, he made major improvements to the Elephant Swamp Trail by installing a larger flower bed, and adding plants to the entrance sign as well as put in new mile markers and birdhouses every quarter mile. Nathan is homeschooled, so he is exercising his high school option as a student at Rowan College of South Jersey, where he is on the President's List and a member of the Honor Society. He has expressed interest in following in his family's footsteps and becoming an attorney, or possibly a National Park Ranger. I have no doubt Nathan will be successful in any endeavor he decides to pursue. God bless Nathan and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING LUCAS STEISKAL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lucas Steiskal for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Lucas 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 Lucas, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Lucas'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 Lucas Steiskal on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING SUE SIMONE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Sue Simone has made to our community through her volunteerism at HPH Hospice. HPH Hospice services Hernando, Citrus, and Pasco Counties. In 2022, Sue joined the HPH Hospice Foundation as a founding member of the Women of Giving (WOG). She played a crucial role on the Steering Committee, helping to define the WOG's operating structure, roles, mission, and vision. Together, the members aimed to create a significant pool of funds to support the Foundation's various charitable programs, all under the guiding principle of "Igniting Love and Spreading Hope." In addition to her committee work, Sue also became a trained Ambassador for the Foundation. Over the years, WOG has achieved remarkable fundraising milestones: In its first year, 20 members raised \$15,675.00. In the second year, 47 members raised \$40,845. In the third year, despite a smaller membership of 44, they raised \$51,082.57. At the beginning of this year, the Lightning Hockey Team awarded the WOG a \$50,000.00 Hero's Award. Each year, during the annual meeting, funds are donated throughout the Foundation's programs, which include: Charity Care, Adult and Child Bereavement Counseling, a camp for kids ages 6 to 17 that teaches them to manage grief and reassures them they are not alone in their loss, Building a Children's Bereavement Center, Circle of Hope in Pasco County, and renovations in Citrus and Hernando counties. Sue has also contributed to the Valor and Legacy program in a variety of meaningful ways.

It is clear Sue Simone 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 MR. ANTHONY "TONY"
POWELL OF WINDY CITY CIGARS
LOUNGE

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the remarkable dedication and profound impact of Mr. Anthony Powell, a stalwart leader and invaluable pillar of the Southside Chicago community. For decades, Mr. Powell has served with unwavering commitment through his work with the Windy City Cigars Lounge, dedicating his life to uplifting and empowering the Black community they so deeply cherish.

Their journey of service is a testament to the power of grassroots leadership and persistent advocacy. Beyond his tireless work with Windy City Cigars Lounge, Mr. Powell is also the proud owner of the now-famous Windy City Cigar Lounge in Bronzeville. This establishment is not merely a place of leisure; it has become a vital hub, playing a crucial

role in helping to revitalize the economy of Bronzeville's historic market district. Through the lounge, Mr. Powell has fostered a vibrant social and commercial space, attracting patrons and contributing significantly to the local economic resurgence.

Mr. Powell has been instrumental in fostering positive change, addressing critical needs, and building a stronger, more vibrant Southside. His tireless efforts have touched countless lives, providing essential resources, advocating for equitable opportunities, and nurturing a sense of hope and collective strength.

From organizing community initiatives to championing educational programs and economic development, Mr. Powell has consistently demonstrated a selfless devotion to the betterment of his neighbors. His vision and leadership have helped to create pathways to success for many, ensuring that the voices and needs of the Southside's Black community are not only heard but also acted upon.

It is with immense gratitude and admiration that we acknowledge Mr. Powell's years of exceptional service.

His legacy is etched in the progress and resilience of the Southside Chicago community, both through his direct advocacy and his entrepreneurial spirit that fuels local prosperity. On behalf of a grateful Nation and the constituents of the 1st District of Illinois, I extend our deepest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Powell for his extraordinary contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the success Mr. Powell has cultivated by hard work. May his dedication continue to inspire us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

RECOGNIZING DYNAMIC RANDOM
ACCESS MEMORY (DRAM) DAY**HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation recognizing National Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Day:

Whereas, Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) has been a cornerstone of technological innovation since its invention. On June 4, 1968, Dr. Robert Dennard was granted the patent for DRAM, a breakthrough that revolutionized computing and paved the way for the digital age. Today, DRAM is an essential component in countless devices, from personal computers and smartphones to advanced data centers and artificial intelligence systems.

Whereas, DRAM's impact on our economy and society is profound. It has enabled the

development of faster, more efficient, and more powerful computing systems, driving innovation across industries and improving the quality of life for millions of people. The semiconductor industry, including DRAM manufacturing, supports millions of jobs and contributes significantly to the United States' global leadership in technology.

Whereas, As we celebrate National DRAM Day, we honor the legacy of Dr. Robert Dennard and the countless researchers, engineers, and manufacturers who have advanced this critical technology. Their ingenuity and dedication have made DRAM a vital part of our technological infrastructure, fueling economic growth and enhancing our national security.

Whereas, The semiconductor industry is a cornerstone of the U.S. economy, driving innovation and supporting millions of jobs. In 2024, global semiconductor sales reached a record \$627.6 billion. The U.S. semiconductor industry directly contributes \$246.4 billion to the nation's GDP and employs over 300,000 people in roles such as chip design, electronic design automation, and manufacturing. Additionally, the industry supports nearly two million indirect and induced jobs. With continued investments and advancements, the semiconductor sector is projected to see further growth, reinforcing its critical role in the U.S. economy.

Whereas, During National DRAM Day, we recognize the importance of DRAM to our economy and our way of life. We celebrate the achievements of those who have contributed to its development and reaffirm our commitment to supporting the semiconductor industry and bringing manufacturing back to American soil.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, I, Suhas Subramanyam, Member of Congress, call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor the legacy of DRAM and its impact on our world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the June 3, 2025 vote series due to a personal family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

RECOGNIZING CURTIS BASHAW

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a great American servant and one of my good friends, Curtis Bashaw. Curtis grew up in Camden County, New Jersey before earning his bachelor's degree and then going to the Ivy League to earn his Master's from the University of Pennsylvania. He has devoted his life to creating jobs and building opportunities in New Jersey and the United States, working in the real estate and hospitalities industry. As its Founder and Managing Partner, Curtis has done great work for Cape Resorts which is famous for focusing on restoration and operation of the classic American

resort properties in the Northeast United States. Throughout his life, he has dedicated himself to strengthening communities and bringing people together to work for a common good. He is widely recognized for his leadership in the major restorations of the historic Congress Hall established in 1816 as well as the Virginia Hotel in Cape May, South Jersey. He has also helped to launch new creative programs to dramatically extend Cape May's tourism season, which has been a major catalyst for the economic rebirth of one of the Jersey Shore's most beautiful communities. God bless Curtis and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING MADISON SOURS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Sours for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Madison 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 Madison, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Madison'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 Madison Sours on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN WALKER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Steven Walker has made to the community through his work at CREST in Lecanto. Steven created a food drive as a class project to help local Veterans. This food drive was used to educate the students about the struggling Veterans in the community and to teach about the importance of service to others. This project has also opened their hearts to lend a helping hand to others in need. The students look forward to this food drive every year and have such pride in participating. The students also speak around the town to spread the word about the food drive and garner support. For students struggling with physical and/or mental health limitations, this program has been an invaluable tool for teaching about citizenship.

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

HONORING LUXURY YACHT PARTY, INC.

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. for its outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the Chicagoland area. Established in 2016 at its prominent location at 3101 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive, this esteemed business has consistently set the standard for premier luxury yacht experiences on the magnificent waters of Lake Michigan.

Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has meticulously built its reputation on the foundation of offering truly premier luxury yacht experiences. They have curated an exquisite fleet of vessels, each maintained to the highest standards of safety and opulence.

At the core of their remarkable success is an extraordinary team of dedicated and highly knowledgeable professionals. Under Kadesha Kirkman, famously known as "Captain K's" leadership, the team has achieved unprecedented growth, broadened perspectives and creating new avenues for development for everyone involved. From the seasoned captains who expertly navigate Lake Michigan's waters to the attentive crew members who anticipate every need, their collective expertise and unwavering focus on client satisfaction are paramount.

This team ensures that every outing is not only meticulously planned and executed with the utmost safety and executed with the utmost safety but also transformed into a truly unforgettable experience, creating cherished memories for countless residents and visitors who embark on their journeys. Their commitment to personalized service elevates each charter from a simple boat ride to a cherished event.

Beyond providing exceptional recreational opportunities, Luxury Yacht Party, Inc. has contributed significantly to the local economy. By drawing tourism and supporting local maritime services, they play a valuable role in enhancing the economic vitality of our community.

They showcase the breathtaking beauty of Chicago's skyline from a unique vantage point, encouraging visitors to explore all that our great city has to offer, thereby amplifying our appeal as a world-class destination. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding their work.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" DEEVER

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William "Bill" Deever, a dedicated public servant, journalist, veteran, and lifelong champion of East Kern County. Bill passed away on May 30, 2025, at the age of 89, still engaged in the political and civic life of the region he called home for more than seven decades.

Bill moved to Mojave, California in 1948. While his career and service took him to other places such as Northern California, Washington, D.C., and beyond, his heart never left the desert. He returned to Mojave time and again, determined to help the community grow and thrive. With a deep love for East Kern County, he spent decades working to improve local institutions for all residents to enjoy.

Bill was a veteran of both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Reserve. He brought that same spirit of service to civilian life, including a distinguished tenure in the Reagan administration. He later served in the administration of President George H.W. Bush, worked for two Members of Congress and a California State Assemblyman, and held a seat on the California Fair Political Practices Commission. In Mojave, he and his wife Billye modernized the Mojave Desert News, cementing its role as a trusted local institution. He also served as Constable of Mojave, President of the Mojave Chamber of Commerce, and was a longtime member of the Kern Press Club.

Throughout his life, Bill helped shape the institutions that define Mojave. He was a founding member of the East Kern Economic Alliance, the East Kern Educational Resource Network, and the Mojave Transportation Museum. He played a vital role in protecting Edwards Air Force Base from closure during multiple rounds of base realignment, and as one of the original organizers of the East Kern Medical Center, he helped ensure access to healthcare for area residents. Most recently, Bill served from 2014 to 2022 on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Air and Space Port, where he worked to preserve Mojave's role as a hub of aerospace innovation and exploration.

Bill later moved to Tehachapi to be closer to his sister, Susan Wiggins, and her family. However, his love for the desert and his commitment to the people of East Kern County never wavered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bill Deever, whose life was marked by tireless service and an unwavering devotion to community. East Kern and our Nation as a whole are stronger because of his contributions, and I have no doubt that his memory will continue to inspire future generations.

TRIBUTE TO TROY BUCKLER AS HE RETIRES FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Troy Buckler, who is retiring on June 30, 2025, after over 37 years of outstanding service to the House of Representatives in the Office of Acquisitions Management. He lives in Seagate, Maryland, and I am proud to represent him here in Congress.

Troy was born in Leonardtown Hospital in St. Mary's County and has lived in Maryland his whole life. His parents own Sandgates Restaurant in Sandgates, Maryland, where he spends his leisure time helping out. He has two children and one grandson.

He first came to the House in 1988, when he applied for a position in the Office Supply

Store. His job included fulfilling delivery orders to the Cannon and Old O'Neill House Office Buildings. It was a big change for him where he had spent most of his time doing blue collar jobs wearing jeans and T-shirts. He didn't think he would last a week when he started March 28, 1988. It took a lot for him to get used to wearing dress slacks and ties. But here he is 37 years later and looking forward to playing with his grandson, Levi, and not having to commute over 50 miles to work.

He held several positions over the years in the Office Supply Store, including stock orders and special orders for Members. During a reorganization realignment in 2009, Troy became a Purchasing Agent under the Office of Acquisitions. His favorite job over the years was doing the deliveries being around people and socializing with Members and staff.

Troy's plans for retirement include doing what he wants and having fun. He is looking forward to working at his parents' restaurant and helping his brother who has an electrical business. Now he will have the time to join his parents in Florida during the winter months and also help his brother who shovels snow for the county. Although he has lived his whole life around seafood, pizza is his favorite food and Jim Beam and cranberry juice over the rocks is his favorite drink. He likes football, wrestling, and baseball and roots for the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Commanders. He fondly remembers meeting the team's legendary fullback John Riggins in person. His interests and hobbies include riding his motorcycle and working at his parents' restaurant. Outside of work, he treasures time with his family and is looking forward to more adventures.

I congratulate Troy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his distinguished service to the House and the Nation it represents. He has helped the People's House function For The People. I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILLARY J. SCHOLTEN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 3, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146, and YEA on Roll Call No. 147.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM PATRICK KOZLOVSKY

HON. SAM T. LICCARDO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and contributions of U.S. Coast Guard veteran and community leader Rear Admiral William Patrick "Bill" Kozlovsky—a model of service and passion.

Bill was born in Antigo, Wisconsin and grew up in Wausau, Wisconsin. Upon graduation from high school, Bill received an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy. At the Academy, he became the Battalion

Commander of the Corps of Cadets and graduated first in his class in 1954, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as Ensign in the United States Coast Guard.

After graduation, he was stationed at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California, where he met and started dating his beloved wife, Teri. After getting married, Teri and Bill spent more than 32 years experiencing many adventures with the Coast Guard as they moved 19 times all over the United States. Bill became the 14th District Commander in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he was responsible for U.S. Coast Guard missions throughout much of the Pacific. Hawaii grew to be one of his favorite places to the extent that after his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard, Bill dedicated years to causes on the beautiful island of Oahu and took on multiple positions to serve the community in Hawaii. He became the Chief Financial Officer of Aloha United Way and then CEO of the Hawaii Maritime Museum in Honolulu.

Eventually, Bill made his way back to California and became the Executive Director of the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. Bill left his mark in the Bay Area when he shared his love of aviation and began the annual air show that continues to this day.

Notably, Bill was a devoted father and husband. He loved Teri deeply during their 66 years of marriage and ardently strived to ensure that his children were taken care of and well-supported. During every move he confirmed that his kids were in the right schools and supported his kids in all their extracurricular activities—from attending horse shows, swim meets, piano recitals, and dance recitals—to coaching and announcing 4-H horse shows. He was also a man of strong faith and always made it his priority to identify a Catholic Church for worship in every location at which he lived. He and Teri frequently volunteered at St. Francis of Assisi in San Jose, working on the finance committee and assisting with the construction of the chapel that the parish uses today.

Bill was a straight shooter who told it like it was and always believed in doing the right thing. He stood up for his crew, whether that was his family, friends, the Coast Guard or any organizations to which he belonged.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Bill in the late 1990's, through his daughter Kaela, who has become a dear friend, and his boundless positive energy, his love of family, and sharp mind made him a favorite of everyone who came to know him.

Bill's great legacy lives on in his five children, their spouses, eight grandchildren and great grandchild: Susan (Kozlovsky) Husk and Mike Husk, Bill Kozlovsky and Ann (Ducharme) Kozlovsky, Patricia Kozlovsky and Paul Martin, Janette (Kozlovsky) Blee and Robert Blee, and Kaela (Kozlovsky) Bernal and Mark Bernal; grandchildren Kirsten Kozlovsky Abercrombie, Karen Kozlovsky, Christina Kozlovsky, John Blee, Shannon Blee, Mary Blee, Aidan Bernal, Declan Bernal; and great grandson, Edward Abercrombie.

On May 11, 2025, Bill Kozlovsky passed away peacefully in his San Jose home, surrounded by family, music and prayer. His family and friends will always remember the love and kindness he shared, the Irish twinkle in his eye and his wonderful sense of humor, as well as his devotion to family and the United

States Coast Guard. He will be greatly missed, but we know he is happy to finally be reunited with his beloved wife, Teri.

RECOGNIZING MARCO POLO SMIGLIANI, U.S. MARINE CORPS VIETNAM VETERAN AND PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a servicemember that went above and beyond the call of duty not once, not twice, but five times this man took a bullet for this country. Marco Polo Smigliani, a proud resident of South Jersey, served in the world's most tenacious fighting-force, the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Marco started off in the Merchant Marines before enlisting in the Marine Corps and deployed to Vietnam in January of 1969. He volunteered for the front lines of service as a Machine-gunner and served less than two months before being wounded five times over an eleven-day stretch. The battle began after the Marines made one of the biggest discoveries of the war when they occupied a North Vietnamese Army's arsenal with thousands of rifles, machine guns, and high-level intelligence. The North Vietnamese then ambushed the Marines, resulting in over 100 deaths before the Marines pushed the enemy away. Even after suffering shrapnel to the head, being shot, and later struck again by RPG fire, Marco refused to leave the battle, saving lives and showing extraordinary courage. Two weeks later, he continued to show his strength and bravery after being shot, patching himself up, then nearly lost an arm saving a fellow Marine's life, and then rested for a day, and went back into combat the next. After returning from the war a hero, Marco became a Deputy Sheriff before working in the casino business in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Marco has dedicated his life to helping other Veterans by contributing to organizations like the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. I thank Marco for all he has done, and I am proud to have a great American like him in my district. God bless Marco and God bless our United States of America. The greatest country in the world.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN ANGEL PEREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Angel Perez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Nathan 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 Nathan, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

This award is a testament to Nathan's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Wheat Ridge High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Nathan Angel Perez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING SHAWN WOODRUFF

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Shawn Woodruff has made through her work at the Nature Coast Outreach Center. Shawn is a shining example of grassroots impact and unwavering compassion. This nonprofit organization has become a vital support system in our community, meeting both practical needs and offering emotional encouragement to those who are struggling. Each Friday, the Center provides a freshly cooked meal to anyone in need—offering not just food, but also kindness, dignity, and a sense of belonging. For many, this meal is the highlight of their week—a safe and welcoming space where they feel seen and cared for. In addition to their weekly meal program, the Center runs a robust food distribution service to combat food insecurity. Volunteers deliver bags of groceries directly to targeted areas of need throughout the community, ensuring that no one is left behind. They also host a large-scale monthly food distribution event in partnership with Grace World Outreach Church through their Compassion Food Outreach program—providing generous bags of groceries to hundreds of families. The outreach doesn't stop at food. The team also helps furnish homes with donated items such as furniture, clothing, and household necessities—empowering individuals and families to start over after experiencing homelessness, crisis, or hardship. These efforts help transform empty houses into warm, livable homes filled with hope. They also provide essential supplies for those currently experiencing homelessness, including tents, food, and ongoing support, helping meet urgent needs. What truly sets the Nature Coast Outreach Center apart is the heart behind the mission. No one is paid—this life-changing work is powered entirely by a group of selfless, committed volunteers who give their time, energy, and love every single week. Their unwavering dedication is a beautiful example of community in action and the power of people coming together for a greater purpose. At the center of it all is Shawn Woodruff, a humble and passionate leader whose tireless efforts and deep compassion inspire everyone around her. She coordinates logistics, builds relationships, and ensures every person served is treated with dignity and grace. Her vision has created a ripple effect of kindness that continues to grow. Nature Coast Outreach Center may not seek the spotlight, but their impact is undeniable. They are transforming lives, restoring hope, and strengthening our community—one act of kindness at a time. They are truly heroes among us.

It is clear Shawn Woodruff 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 PIER 31 CHICAGO AND
MS. NIKKI HAYES: A LAKEFRONT
GEM

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a remarkable establishment on Chicago's iconic lakefront, Pier 31 Chicago, and its visionary founder, Ms. Nikki Hayes.

Approximately 12 years ago, Ms. Hayes embarked on an extraordinary entrepreneurial journey, establishing Pier 31. This venue stands as a testament to her pioneering spirit, making it the only female and Black-owned restaurant, bar, and entertainment venue on the entire Chicago lakefront. Her dedication has transformed Pier 31 into a beloved destination, bringing joy and vitality to our city's beautiful shoreline.

Pier 31 Chicago offers a truly unique and inviting experience, boasting a vibrant, beachy atmosphere complete with live music, delicious food, and stunning views of Lake Michigan.

It's a culinary delight, specializing in customer favorites like their renowned chicken wings, a variety of savory sandwiches, and inclusive vegan options, ensuring there's something for every palate. The venue is meticulously designed to welcome everyone, making it the perfect spot for families, friends, and couples of all backgrounds.

With its full bar, ample outdoor seating, and convenient free Wi-Fi, Pier 31 provides an ideal setting for a relaxing day or a lively night out. Customers consistently praise the tasty food, quick service, and reasonable prices, highlighting the commitment to value and quality that Ms. Hayes has instilled. Whether one is craving a refreshing cocktail, a hearty veggie burger, or a classic favorite, Pier 31 offers a vibrant and diverse setting for all to enjoy.

Ms. Hayes' leadership of Pier 31 Chicago is a powerful example of entrepreneurial excellence and community enrichment. Her success not only provides a valuable amenity for Chicagoans and tourists alike but also serves as an inspiring testament to the power of diverse ownership and leadership in our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Ms. Nikki Hayes for her incredible achievements with Pier 31 Chicago and for her continued contributions to our city, including her expansion to the River Walk District. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated business owner in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, the voting machine did not register the vote. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146.

CONGRATULATING ADAM
KINGSTON, GOLD MEDAL RUNNER

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Adam Kingston of Manheim Township on winning a gold medal in the Class 3A 3,200-meter run at the PIAA track and field championship on May 24.

The 2025 PIAA Class 3A track and field championship saw students from across Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District excel, but it was Manheim Township senior Adam Kingston who took home the gold. Kingston maintained the lead for the entire 3,200-meter race and crossed the finish line with a time of 8:51:25, a Lancaster-Lebanon League record.

Kingston's state title finishes a storied career at Manheim Township. He was also a part of Manheim Township's 4x800 relay team, alongside Andrew Kemper, Ethan Peffley, and Cole Stevens, which won fourth place later that day.

With his gold medal in the Class 3A 3,200-meter run, Kingston solidified himself as one of Pennsylvania's best track and field athletes. I sincerely congratulate Adam on his success this year and wish him well in his athletic and academic endeavors at Penn State University.

RECOGNIZING KALEY STIDHAM

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kaley Stidham for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A London, Kentucky native, Kaley began her career as an intern for her hometown member and Dean of the House Congressman HAL ROGERS (KY-05) followed by an internship with Senate Republican Leader MITCH MCCONNELL (KY). During her Senior Year at the University of Kentucky, Kaley became the Staff Assistant for Congressman ANDY BARR (KY-06) in his Lexington, Kentucky office and upon graduation in May 2023 transitioned to his Washington, D.C. office and shortly after took on the role as Press Assistant as well. When I became Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in January of this year, Kaley joined my team as the Press Assistant where she became a valuable team member in keeping the American public updated on what our committee has been doing to restore the American Dream.

Recently, Kaley departed the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to take on a new role as the Communications Director for Congresswoman KAT CAMMACK (FL-03). While she will no longer be working for a member of the Kentucky delegation, I know she will succeed in her new role. I wish her the best, congratulate her on her new role, and thank Kaley Stidham for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the Helene Small Business Recovery Act, tax cuts, and beneficial ownership reporting.

DEAR FRIEND,

Communities throughout Western North Carolina are continuing to pick up the pieces to rebuild after the worst natural disaster to ever hit our mountains made landfall on September 27, 2024. This includes our district's small businesses, which were hit particularly hard due to the loss in tourism following the disaster.

Small businesses are the lifeblood of WNC's tourism economy and many of them were left suffering from Helene's destruction. Thus, federal support is vital to helping folks rebuild their livelihoods and the region's economy.

That's why I introduced the Helene Small Business Recovery Act to facilitate small business owners' access to federal aid for rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. This bill clarifies that Small Business Administration loans and federal grants, like those that will be offered through the CDBG-DR program, are not duplicative. Without this clarification, businesses that took an SBA loan to keep themselves afloat would be prohibited from accessing federal grant money when it becomes available.

Loans and grants are inherently different, and my bill will allow small business owners to access both federal resources so that WNC, and every small business that makes our mountains such a great place to live, has the resources needed to recover.

Relieving the tax burden for hard-working Americans:

Americans are benefitting from lower taxes because of the tax cuts that President Trump implemented during his first term.

However, the tax relief secured in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) is set to expire next year, and if these cuts are not extended, a family of four in North Carolina will face a tax hike of about \$1,400.

To prevent tax increases for workers and businesses nationwide, I'm working with my colleagues to extend and potentially make permanent President Trump's 2017 tax cuts. This would ensure we avoid the largest middle and lower class tax increase in American history, stimulate job growth, make American businesses more competitive, and support American workers by helping them keep more of their hard-earned dollars in their wallets.

Small business victory over beneficial ownership reporting requirements:

Small businesses saw a major victory in the fight against beneficial ownership reporting requirements with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's new ruling that exempts U.S. small businesses from having to report Beneficial Ownership Information under the Corporate Transparency Act.

As we move through the 119th Congress, I will continue to be a voice for WNC's small business owners whose hard work benefits our communities and strengthens our economy.

With my warmest regards,
CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

CAPTAIN MICHELLE WILTROUT
NAMED OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Captain Michelle Wilttrout, who retired this year from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

For 32 years, Captain Wilttrout, dedicated her career to serving and protecting the people of Summit County in a wide range of roles. Her work has spanned the corrections division, the patrol division and special operations, the detective bureau, and more.

In 2021, Captain Wilttrout earned the Taskforce Director position for a State of Ohio Narcotics Taskforce, making her the first woman to run a Narcotics Taskforce in the State of Ohio.

Just two years later, she was named 2023 Taskforce Commander of the Year for her exceptional work and dedication in her role. She was also the first woman to receive this honor in the State of Ohio.

While in charge of the Drug Unit, Captain Wilttrout introduced new tools such as drone technology, and expanded the county's K9 unit from one dog to eight.

Again, I want to thank Captain Michelle Wilttrout for her distinguished career serving our community, and congratulate her on being this week's Champion of the Week.

HONORING CLARK SILVERN,
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, Clark joined the Boy Scouts in March of 2019 and quickly achieved the rank of Tenderfoot before climbing the ranks to Star Scout, Life Scout, and finally, Eagle Scout. He has held a number of leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and most recently, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He earned an extraordinary 40 Merit badges, showing his strong passion to the Scout Oath and Law. His marksmanship skills were especially outstanding, earning him high honors in both Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting. For his Eagle Scout project, Clark created a beautiful garden area on the grounds of Saint Gianna Parish, giving church members and visitors a peaceful place for reflection. His parents, Chris and Paige, are very proud of him, just as I am, and we all look forward to the great things Clark will do in college and the years after. God bless Clark and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING PARKER WELLS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Parker Wells for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Parker 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 Parker, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Parker'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 Parker Wells on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING SHAE BURGESS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Shae Burgess has made to our community as a volunteer with Pasco County Schools. Shae's has been an integral part of organizing a more robust support system for the school's athletic teams. With a passion for sports and a heart for service, Shae took on the challenge of revitalizing the athletic booster program. Under Shae's leadership, the booster program has flourished. They have organized numerous fundraising events and supported multiple school organizations. These funds have been used to purchase new equipment, upgrade facilities, and provide scholarships for student-athletes. Shae's innovative ideas and relentless drive have not only increased financial support but also boosted community involvement and school spirit. In addition to her work with the booster program, Shae volunteers directly with the sports teams. Shae is always there to lend a hand and mentor other volunteers. Shae's commitment to the school extends to the staff as well. Recognizing the hard work and dedication of teachers and administrators, Shae has initiated several programs to show appreciation for their efforts. She organizes staff appreciation events, where teachers and staff are treated to breakfast or lunch, and receive tokens of gratitude from the community. Through her actions, Shae has fostered a sense of unity and pride within the school community. Her ability to bring people together, whether it's parents, students, or staff, has created a supportive environment. Shae's impact is felt not just in the success of the athletic programs, but in the overall morale and spirit of the school. Shae Burgess is a remarkable volunteer whose dedication and hard work have made a lasting difference. Shae's story is a testament to the power of volunteerism and the profound impact one person can have when they commit to making a difference.

It is clear Shae Burgess 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 TONI TAYLOR AND
MALKAH TAYLOR OF THE WRAP
BAR

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit and community impact of Ms. Toni Taylor and Ms. Malkah Taylor, the visionary owners of The Wrap Bar, a beloved culinary gem on the Southside of Chicago, home to the now-famous jerk wraps. The dedication these women have exemplified plays a crucial role that family-owned businesses, particularly those led by Black women, play in strengthening our local economies and enriching our communities.

The Wrap Bar, under the Taylors' leadership, is more than just a restaurant; it is a testament to perseverance, culinary excellence, and community building.

As a proud family-owned establishment, it embodies the values of hard work and generational commitment, providing not only delicious and unique jerk wraps that have garnered widespread acclaim but also a welcoming space that fosters local connection and pride.

In the vibrant landscape of Southside Chicago, Black women-owned businesses like The Wrap Bar are indispensable. They serve as vital economic engines, creating jobs, circulating wealth within their neighborhoods, and providing essential services and products.

Beyond their economic contributions, these businesses are powerful symbols of self-determination, resilience, and success, inspiring future generations and challenging systemic barriers. Ms. Toni and Ms. Malkah's success with The Wrap Bar shines a bright light on the incredible talent and dedication within the Black women entrepreneurial community.

The Taylors' commitment to quality, their innovative approach to cuisine, and their role as a business leader in the Southside are truly commendable.

They have built a thriving enterprise that feeds both body and spirit, contributing significantly to the cultural and economic vitality of their community.

It is with great honor and admiration that we acknowledge Ms. Toni and Ms. Malkah Taylor for The Wrap Bar. Their success is a beacon for family entrepreneurship and a powerful example of the transformative impact of Black women-owned businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Toni Taylor and Ms. Malkah Taylor for their outstanding contribution for our community. May their success continue to inspire us all.

RECOGNIZING PRESLEY GRIEGO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Presley Griego for earning the

Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Presley 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 Presley, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Presley'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 Presley Griego on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING SEAN ARNOLD

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

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

RECOGNIZING ZION METHODIST
CHURCH IN EGG HARBOR TOWN-
SHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of visiting Zion United Methodist Church in historic Bargaintown, South Jersey, as they were awarded an America 250 marker to honor the American Revolution patriots buried on their grounds. This church has a rich history, dating back to 1764, when it was built by Presbyterian residents and American Revolution patriot, John Brainerd. In 1814, the Methodists purchased the building before constructing the brick church that still stands today. This Church serves as the final resting place for many brave American soldiers from both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Walking through its grounds is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom. But the Church isn't just about preserving history—it's about serving the community. Through missions like their Free Food and Walk-In Pantry Distribution, online Bible study, and summer concert series, they continue their mission of faith and service. I thank Zion Methodist Church, for the great things they do through the love of Jesus and for their incredible commitment to remembering the first heroes to our great Nation. God bless Zion

Methodist Church and God bless our United States of America.

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, June 5, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy 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

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 National Institutes of Health.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador, and Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, and Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Government's border management and personnel readiness efforts for the decade of sports.

SD-342

2 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

3 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian Quintenz, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-106

JUNE 11

10 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the privacy and national security implications of the 23andMe bankruptcy.

SD-226

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 Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-124

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine reforms after the storms, focusing on conducting oversight of SBA's Disaster Loan Program.

SR-428A

3 p.m.
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 Housing and Urban Development.

SD-192

3:30 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Treasury.

SD-138

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the posture of the United States Central Command 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

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries
To hold hearings to examine conflicts over ocean resources.

SR-253

JUNE 17

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy
To hold hearings to examine the World Anti Doping Agency, focusing on swimming in denial over Chinese doping.

SR-253

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Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3211–S3237

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1938–1958, and S. Res. 261–263. **Pages S3234–35**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing testimony, document production, and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, to authorize testimony, document production, and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *In re Architect of the Capitol Employment Dispute*.

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O'Neill Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S3222–30**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3222**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 5, 2025, under the order of Tuesday, June 3, 2025; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Tuesday, June 3, 2025, ripen following disposition of the nomination of James O'Neill, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, the post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, June 5, 2025; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Brett Shumate at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with Democratic Leader on Monday, June 9, 2025. **Page S3237**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 291), Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 288), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3218**

By 57 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 292), Edward Walsh, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Ireland. **Pages S3218–22, S3230, S3237**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 289), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3218**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

Pages S3236–37

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—292)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3237.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce.

CHINA'S INFLUENCE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine China's malign influence in Africa, after receiving testimony from Troy Fitrell, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MONOGRAPH DRUG USER FEE PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the over-the-counter monograph drug user fee program, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline Corrigan-Curay, Acting Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Whitney D. Hermandorfer, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, Maria A. Lanahan, Zachary M. Bluestone, and Cristian M. Stevens, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Joshua M. Divine, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, and Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Legislative Affairs), both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FARM WORKFORCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the aging farm workforce, focusing on America's vanishing family farms, after receiving testimony from Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation, Madison, Georgia; Jim Alderman, Alderman Farms, Boynton Beach, Florida; Aaron Locker, Kincannon and Reed, Lewes, Delaware; and Christopher A. Wolf, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 3699–3743; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 469–478, were introduced. **Pages H2466–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2470–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1900, to specify when the record is complete on certain acquisition applications related to depository institution holding companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–132);

H.R. 3323, to update the definition of an emerging growth company, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–133);

H.R. 3348, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act with respect to the definition of accredited investor, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–134);

H.R. 3380, 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–135);

H.R. 2441, to provide for the electronic delivery of certain regulatory document required under the securities laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–136);

H.R. 884, to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections

in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–137); and

H.R. 2096, to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–138).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fong to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Page H2439

Recess: The House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2483, to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, by a yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 151.

Pages H2431–39, H2439–41, H2441–56, H2456–57

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119–4 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

Pages H2247–53

Agreed to:

Bresnahan amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–130) that requires all HHS regulations or guidance documentation to use language that is inclusive of all opioid overdose reversal drugs that have been approved by FDA, instead of referring to brand names;

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Kiggans (VA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–130) that requires the Office of the National Coordinator to convene a public roundtable to examine how the expanded use of electronic health records among mental health and substance use service providers can improve outcomes for patients in mental health and substance use disorder settings and how best to increase Electronic Health Record adoption among such providers; and

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Wittman amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–130) that requires HHS to convene a public meeting to improve awareness of, access to, and information related to funding opportunities related to mental health and SUD programs of SAMHSA grant programs.

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Rejected:

Pettersen amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 119–130) that sought to codifies Biden-era guidance to ensure that budget neutrality requirements for Section 1115 Waivers take into account downstream savings (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 150).

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H. Res. 458, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2931), (H.R. 2966), (H.R. 2987), and (H.R. 2483) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 208 noes, Roll No. 149, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 148.

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Permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker: The House agreed to H. Res. 469, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Golden (ME) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 432) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2550) to nullify the Executive Order relating to Exclusions from Federal Labor-Management Relations Programs (Discharge Petition No. 6).

Senate Referral: S. 201 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2441.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2439–40, H2440–41, H2456–57, and H2457.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: FROM BLUEPRINT TO A FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: From Blueprint to a Functional

Framework”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Chris Rocheleau, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Russell Vought, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FISCAL YEAR 2026 POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Army Fiscal Year 2026 Posture”. Testimony was heard from Daniel P. Driscoll, Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army; and General Randy A. George, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

UPDATE ON NAVY PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Update on Navy Programs and Capabilities for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from Brett Seidle, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Vice Admiral James E. Pitts, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities, Department of the Navy; and Lieutenant General Eric E. Austin, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Combat Development and Integration, Department of the Navy.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Education”; and a business meeting on subcommittee assignments. Testimony was heard from Linda McMahon, Secretary, Department of Education. Subcommittee assignments were approved.

STOPPING ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS AND ROBOTEXTS: PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, AND NEXT STEPS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Stopping Illegal Robocalls and Robotexts: Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE EVERYDAY: CURRENT APPLICATIONS AND FUTURE FRONTIERS IN COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “AI in the Everyday: Current Applications and Future Frontiers in Communications and Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: FROM BLUEPRINT TO A FUNCTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Innovation and the Future of Digital Assets: From Blueprint to a Functional Framework”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE CHALLENGES FACING NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Europe Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Challenges Facing NATO”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ELITE UNIVERSITIES CARTEL: A HISTORY OF ANTICOMPETITIVE COLLUSION INFLATING THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “The Elite Universities Cartel: A History of Anticompetitive Collusion Inflating the Cost of Higher Education”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESTORING AMERICAN SEAFOOD COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SAFEGUARDING PROCUREMENT:
EXAMINING FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Procurement: Examining Fraud Risk Management in the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; and Kelly P. Mayo, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense.

**PUBLIC FUNDS, PRIVATE AGENDAS: NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS GONE
WILD**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Public Funds, Private Agendas: NGOs Gone Wild”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BUDGETING FOR GROWTH: TESTIMONY
FROM SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATOR KELLY LOEFFLER**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Budgeting for Growth: Testimony from SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler”. Testimony was heard from Kelly Loeffler, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024:
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON
IMPLEMENTATION ONE YEAR LATER**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementation One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE,
NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET HEARING**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “National Reconnaissance Office, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency FY 2026 Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Lieutenant General Jeffrey Kruse, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Christopher Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and Vice Admiral Frank Whit-

worth, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. This hearing was closed.

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR
THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on National Security Agency and Cyber held a hearing entitled “FY 2026 Budget Request for the National Security Agency”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General William Hartman, Official Performing the Duties of the Director, National Security Agency. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 5, 2025**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1397, to require the Secretary of State to establish a quantum cooperation program to enhance international cooperation in quantum information science, S. 1463, to allow the Secretary of the Interior to enter into memoranda of understanding for the purpose of scientific and technical cooperation in the mapping of critical minerals and rare earth elements, S. 1478, to provide the United States Government with additional tools to deter state and non-state actors from wrongfully detaining United States nationals for political leverage, S. 1579, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) as international organizations for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, S. 1731, to require the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy in response to the global basing intentions of the People's Republic of China, S. 1780, to provide for congressional oversight of security assistance to Mexico, S. 1801, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. Res. 227, 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, S. 1900, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions, S. 1883, to require the executive branch to develop a whole-of-government strategy to disrupt growing cooperation among

the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which are the foremost adversaries of the United States, and mitigate the risks posed to the United States, and the nominations of Joel Rayburn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, and Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Penny Schwinn, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary, and Kimberly Richey, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, both of the Department of Education, and Daniel Aronowitz, of Virginia, and David Keeling, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be National Cyber Director, Robert Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and James Percival, of Florida, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Homeland Security, Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James Woodruff II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1829, to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry, and the nominations of Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, and Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, and David Charles Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice, Joseph Edlow, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology, hearing entitled "Supporting Farmers, Strengthening Conservation, Sustaining Working Lands", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Indian Health Service, 1:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2026 Posture", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Labor", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 3616, the "Reliable Power Act"; H.R. 1047, the "Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power Act"; H.R. 3632, the "Power Plant Reliability Act of 2025"; H.R. 3638, the "Electric Supply Chain Act"; H.R. 3157, the "State Energy Accountability Act"; H.R. 3628, the "State Planning for Reliability and Affordability Act"; H.R. 3657, the "Hydropower Relicensing Transparency Act"; H.R. 3015, the "National Coal Council Reestablishment Act"; H.R. 3617, the "Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act"; H.R. 3109, the "Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act"; H.R. 3062, the "Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act"; H.R. 1949, the "Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025"; and H.R. 3668, the "Improving Interagency Coordination for Pipeline Reviews Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of James O'Neill, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John Andrew Eisenberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. If cloture has been invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

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