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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHY E. MANNING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, 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.

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, and their family members and caregivers.

I am speaking up because the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, made a decision that will severely limit access to the only drug

shown to slow the progression of Alzheimer's. I think their decision is a mistake.

Alzheimer's is a heartbreaking disease. It has no cure. These are the faces of Alzheimer's. They are our sisters, our brothers, our mothers, our fathers, our neighbors, our grandparents, our fellow Americans, who are living with this dreadful disease. As time passes, they are slipping away from their loved ones a little bit at a time. They have asked and hoped for something to help them. Anything. Anything that could give them more time with their families.

For the past 20 years, there has been little progress on new Alzheimer's drugs. Like too many other Americans, I have had the heartbreaking experience of watching my mother struggle with Alzheimer's, and still have the challenge of finding sufficient caregivers to help care for her and those who speak Spanish. My mother's story is not unique. Nearly 6 million people in the United States are suffering from Alzheimer's, and this number is growing every single day.

Last summer, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first new Alzheimer's drug, providing hope for families. But CMS will not cover it. They finalized a coverage policy that will tightly restrict access to the entire and only known class of drug that has shown promise to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Is that the way we should respond to this crisis?

This is an access issue. People who have money and can pay for it will get the drug. People who are under a CMS program will not.

Every day, Americans living with Alzheimer's are burdened with the expense of caregivers, doctors' visits, and seeing their family members decline. This is why my colleagues and I wrote a letter urging CMS not to limit access to breakthrough therapies for Alz-

heimer's patients. And as a representative of over 150,000 Angelenos who are living with Alzheimer's disease, I am deeply disappointed with CMS's decision. These are my constituents and members of my community, as well as yours. Time is not on our side in this fight.

To all the patients, families, and caregivers out there who are struggling with Alzheimer's, I am not done. I stand with you and I will continue to fight for you.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATION'S SERVICE ACADEMIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the men and women from Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District who have received appointments to our Nation's service academies. Through their academic work, their commitment to physical fitness, and their readiness to serve, these students have demonstrated that they are ready to begin the training that will ultimately lead to their commissioning as officers in our Armed Services.

This morning, I am proud to recognize:

Elizabeth Pfisterer of Adams County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Brian Johnson of Blair County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis;

Eli Burtner of Somerset County, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point;

Nathan Kirkwood of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis; and

Meagan McHale of Franklin County, who will attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Nassau County, New York.

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Thanks to these excellent young men and women, their commitment to our Nation and to our military must be recognized. The soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, and marines that you will one day be asked to lead deserve officers who are disciplined and thoughtful.

Thank you for your commitment to our country, and may God bless you and your families as you begin this new chapter of your lives. Today, I congratulate you.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated Democrat.

I rise today on this occasion of remembrance, remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust. I rise to associate myself with comments that have been made by others.

I would first note for the RECORD that there was a joint resolution approved on September 18, 1978, a joint resolution designating April 28 and 29 of 1979 as Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust.

President Carter, who signed H.J. Res. 1014, Public Law 95-371, approved on September 18, 1978, indicated in a public statement, "The resolution was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress. This reflects our Nation's wholehearted conviction that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

Madam Speaker, I acknowledge and associate myself with a statement from President Joe Biden, dated April 22, 2022. It is styled, "A Proclamation on Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, 2022."

In this statement, he indicates, among many other things that I associate myself with, "The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions"—I underscore it by saying it twice—"millions of innocent people."

A PROCLAMATION ON DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, 2022

On Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and throughout this week of remembrance, we reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust when the Nazi regime systematically murdered 6 million Jews and millions of other innocents, including Roma, Sinti, Slavs, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI+ individuals, political dissidents, and many others. We stand with Jewish people in the United States, Israel, and around the world in grieving one of the darkest chapters in history. We honor the memories of the victims. We embrace the survivors. We commit to keeping alive the promise of "never again."

The world must never forget the truth of what happened across Europe during the Holocaust or forget the horrific crimes and suffering the Nazi regime inflicted on millions of innocent people. Entire families were wiped out. Communities were shattered. Sur-

vivors were left with agonizing memories and fading tattoos etched into their skin by the Nazis, reducing them to numbers. It is forever recorded into the history of mankind, and it is the shared responsibility of us all to ensure that the Shoah is never erased from our collective memory—especially as fewer and fewer survivors remain. The truth must always be known and shared with future generations in perpetuity.

I have taught my own children and grandchildren about the horrors of the Holocaust, just as my father taught me. I have taken my family to bear witness to the darkness at the Dachau concentration camp so that they could understand why we must always speak out against antisemitism and hatred in all of its pernicious forms. The legacy of the Holocaust must always remind us that silence in the face of such bigotry is complicity.

Remembrance is our eternal duty, but remembrance without action risks becoming an empty ritual. As individuals, we must never be indifferent to human cruelty and human suffering. As nations, we must stand together across the international community against antisemitism, which is once again rearing its ugly head around the world. We must combat other forms of hatred and educate new generations about the Holocaust. We must reject those who try to deny the Holocaust or to distort its history for their own ends. We recognize that, just as the Holocaust was an act of pure antisemitism, so too Holocaust denial is a form of antisemitism. We watch with dismay as the term "Nazi" is deployed to make flawed historical parallels. Efforts to minimize, distort, or blur who the Nazis were and the genocide they perpetrated are a form of Holocaust denial and, in addition to insulting both the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, spread antisemitism.

My Administration has stepped up our efforts to counter all the ugly forms antisemitism can take, including Holocaust denial and distortion. We co-sponsored a United Nations resolution that charged the international community with combating Holocaust denial through education. We are partnering with the German government to improve Holocaust education and counter Holocaust denial and distortion. A renowned scholar of the Holocaust and antisemitism, Deborah Lipstadt, was recently confirmed as Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism.

In addition to speaking out against the evils of antisemitism, I signed—and my Administration continues to implement—legislation that gives us more tools to combat crimes that are based on a victim's actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability. We issued the first-ever National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism. My Administration has implemented increased funding for a program that helps threatened nonprofits—including houses of worship and other religious affiliated entities—to improve their safety and security. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, I met with Bronia Brandman and the Vice President met with Ruth Cohen—both Auschwitz survivors—at the White House so we could bear witness to their stories, combat Holocaust denial and distortion, and give life to the lessons of that most terrible period in human history.

Those like Bronia and Ruth who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives inspire our Nation and the world, and they are living testaments to the enduring resilience of the human spirit. It is the responsibility of all of us to recognize the pain that they carry and to support them by ensuring that the cruelty of the Holocaust is never forgotten. Today and every day, we stand

against antisemitism and all other forms of hate and continue our work to ensure that everyone can live in a world that safeguards the fundamental human dignity of all people.

Now, Therefore, I, Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 24 through May 1, 2022, as a week of observance of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust, and call upon the people of the United States to observe this week and pause to remember victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to place in the RECORD a statement from Speaker PELOSI styled, "Pelosi Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." Among the many things said that I agree with is this statement: "This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference." Hateful violence when met with indifference.

PELOSI STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we pause to reflect on the unfathomable evils of the Shoah. As we mourn the six million Jews and countless others murdered across Europe, we also honor the survivors who have bravely shared their stories so that such atrocities may never be repeated. More than seven decades later, we remain outraged by the Nazis' barbaric crimes and unwavering in our commitment to fulfilling humanity's sacred promise: Never Again.

"This occasion serves as a reminder of the profound danger posed by hateful violence when met with indifference. In 2020, I had the solemn privilege of leading a Congressional delegation to Poland and Israel to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, bearing witness to hate's destructive consequences. The epidemic of antisemitism still remains today, threatening Jewish communities both at home and around the world. Shadows of these same dark forces have reached into more communities, from the surge of bigoted violence across the country to crimes against humanity being perpetrated abroad, including against Ukraine.

"Our nation must never fail to call out and defeat these perilous threats wherever and whenever they arise. In 1943, my father Thomas D'Alesandro appealed to 'the American sense of justice and decency' as he implored the Roosevelt Administration to take action against the horrors of the Holocaust. Today, driven by those fundamental American values, the Congress is working to preserve our collective memories of the past, educate the next generation and speak out against all of hate's vile manifestations. Congressional action has helped forge a safer, more just society: from combating antisemitism by strengthening Holocaust education resources and establishing Congressionally mandated Days of Remembrance to fighting hate-fueled violence by enacting the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and the Emmett Till Antilynching Act.

Today, joining with House colleagues to honor those murdered in the Shoah, I recalled the moving words inscribed on San Francisco's Holocaust Memorial: 'In remembrance is the secret of redemption.' Let us

reflect on that truth as we seek to find redemption in a future of dignity and justice for all. May we never forget the horrors inflicted on so many innocent souls, and may we never relent in our righteous fight to put an end to the scourge of hate."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise and desire that the statement from Majority Leader HOYER be acknowledged. His statement is styled, "Hoyer Statement on Holocaust Remembrance Day." And I associate myself with many of the things in this statement, but the thing that I want to associate myself with the most are the final words in his statement: "Never Forget. Never Again." I associate myself with his statement.

HOYER STATEMENT ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

"On Yom HaShoah, we remember the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. The genocide perpetrated by Adolf Hitler and his fascist collaborators—and enabled by the indifference of millions of people in Germany and across Europe—continues to bear scars to this day, with the families of victims and survivors still living with immense trauma and grief. The Holocaust was not only an immeasurable tragedy for the Jewish people; it was also a low point for humanity, when the worst evils of human hatred were unleashed in a way that was methodical and on an industrial scale in an effort to dehumanize and destroy an entire ethnic group. First by enacting degrading racial laws and forcing Jewish people to live in squalid ghettos and wear identifying marks for the purposes of ostracism and discrimination, and later through a systematic program of either deportation to labor and death camps or the massacre of entire communities by mobile killing squads, the Nazis taught the world a lesson on what happens when antisemitism and other forms of racism and bigotry are allowed to fester unchecked and are taken to their extreme. Every human being who inhabits our planet has a responsibility to learn the lessons of the Holocaust because it is a warning to all of humanity. 'Never Again!' must be a promise kept by all. 'Terrifyingly, however, we are now seeing in our day a dangerous rise in violent antisemitism here at home and around the world. Extremists of all kinds have revived Nazi tropes, and too many make light of Adolf Hitler and the reality of his crimes against humanity. There ought to be no celebration or even condoning of him or those who helped him perpetrate the Holocaust. At the same time, some have chosen to invoke the Holocaust flippantly when engaging in debates about policy, which is not only deeply inappropriate but also insulting to its victims, its survivors, and their families. In much the same vein, the misuse of the Holocaust and Nazism by Vladimir Putin in an attempt to justify his unjustifiable and criminal invasion of Ukraine—as well as the disgusting misuse of the Holocaust to criticize the Jewish State of Israel, a democracy based in human rights and the rule of law—is a cynical and disturbing effort to twist history upside down. Together, all who support truth and cherish human rights and human dignity must oppose such statements and efforts."

"The Nazis tried to destroy the Jewish people, but their resilience, defiance, and heroism—and the sacrifices of so many brave American servicemembers who were liberators and rescuers—overcame Hitler's evil plans. Today, the success and vibrancy of the State of Israel and the flourishing of Jewish communities in America and around the

world is a living testament to Nazism's defeat and to the triumph of justice. I'm proud to be the Majority Leader in a House that affirms, again and again, that antisemitism has no place in our country or in our politics—and to continue serving as a leader in the broad, bipartisan coalition in Congress ensuring that our ally Israel remains safe and strong and that America and Israel can be successful together in rooting out hatred, injustice, and antisemitism on Earth. "Never Forget. Never Again."

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have Jewish friends, as I believe most people do, and I have spoken to them about the horrors of the Holocaust. I have been to Israel, and I have been to Yad Vashem. I assure you, a visit to Yad Vashem can become a seminal moment in your life because of what it shows with clarity about the horrors of the Holocaust.

I am so proud that our leadership has gone on record in remembrance, and I am proud that this Congress passed a resolution signed by President Carter initially for days of remembrance.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Day of Prayer next week on May 5.

The United States has always been a Nation of prayer. From our very first settlers to our Founding Fathers, our leaders have understood the power of prayer and have consistently called the Nation to prayer during times of consequence, adversity, conflict, and crisis.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonists to pray for wisdom as they worked to form a Nation, the call to prayer has continued throughout our history.

First officially established by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, the National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our country's heritage, and prayers remain very important in strengthening the fabric of our society today.

I would venture to say that 90 percent of our country's challenges—everything from drug addiction, to suicides, to infidelity, to the breakdown of the family, to fraud, to the coarseness and vulgarity of the language we see every day on television and witness in our communities, and even political divisiveness—all are a direct result of a moral and spiritual decline that can only be reversed by our willingness to come before God, acknowledge our sinful nature, and turn our hearts back to Him.

Only then will healing begin and divisions subside. For the hubris of sin distorts our views of truth and creates divisions even among those with whom we agree most of the time.

Our Founding Fathers understood the sinful nature of man. That is, in fact,

why they devised a government designed to disperse power by creating three equal branches. Even the U.S. Congress—which is one of those branches—the legislative branch, has two very different bodies with different rules and different aims to help ensure that the minority voice is not trampled, and that it is at least heard if it cannot be accommodated.

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Now, many ask me when we are going to fix Washington. My reply is always this: When we fix our home life; when we fix our churches; when we fix our communities, Washington will fix itself.

Those of us who have the honor of serving in Congress are, after all, a reflection of our constituency, as designed by our Founders. And, therefore, the two bodies of Congress are no more and no less than a microcosm of society.

So, on the National Day of Prayer, let us all join in prayer for our families, our communities, our State, and our Nation. May we pray for forgiveness, to seek the face of God and to turn from our inherently sinful ways. For when we do, we will hear, we will learn, we will communicate, and unhealthy traps of division of all stripes will fall away.

Through the power of prayer, we will achieve a renewing of our mind, a renewing of our commitment to that which is honorable and virtuous, a renewing of the family, our societal structure, and a renewing of this great Nation we call the United States of America, the greatest lamp of liberty and beacon of freedom, prosperity, and generosity ever known to mankind

RECOGNIZING GAVIN CHRISTOPHER DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gavin Christopher Deal, a native of Alexander County in the Fifth District.

Gavin has served over a decade in the military and is currently a Surface to Air Ballistic Missile Specialist on the USS Fitzgerald.

Recently, he joined 12 other Petty Officers in representing the United States in the Milan 2022 Multinational Naval Exercise, and the International City Parade.

He also successfully launched two harpoon ballistic missiles in the previous war games near the Philippines. These are terrific accomplishments indeed.

Gavin, thank you for your continued service to both North Carolina's Fifth District and our great country. You are a shining example of the best that the Fifth District has to offer.

RECOGNIZING MAURA SCHAFFER-GREER

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Maura Schaffer-Greer, a social studies teacher, assistant swim

coach, and percussion instructor at South Caldwell High School. As you can tell, she is a true renaissance woman.

Recently, her class participated in a project where class members wrote letters to me about different pieces of legislation and asked for my thoughts. In doing so, her students learned a truly invaluable lesson: becoming an informed citizen is one of the most important duties we have as Americans.

Madam Speaker, after talking with Mrs. Schaffer-Greer and learning about her love of teaching, it is clear to me that she leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her students. May she continue to do so for many years in the future.

SOUTHERN BORDER CATASTROPHE CONTINUES

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, our southern border is under siege and President Biden is asleep at the wheel.

Over 40 illegal aliens on the terror watch list have been arrested at the southern border since President Biden took office.

In March of this year, 220,000 illegal aliens were encountered at the southern border, and 62,000 of them evaded Border Patrol agents.

Madam Speaker, that averages out to roughly 2,000 people per day escaping into our country.

So who did Border Patrol agents not catch? Who else is on the terror watch list that escaped into our country?

Madam Speaker, border security is national security, and it is clear that this administration fails to recognize that most basic fact and do its duty.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month, which we honor in April each year.

Madam Speaker, 1 in 44 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has increased 16.3 percent since the year 2000, making it even more important to expand research and provide adequate resources for people who are on the spectrum. By increasing awareness, we can support the more than 5.4 million individuals in America living with autism spectrum disorder.

Our early childcare programs, especially in schools, must have the knowledge, resources, and ability to provide assistance to those living with autism. Early diagnosis and treatment can make all the difference.

I will take a moment to recognize my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin, of Saugerties, New York, who truly is an inspiration to me and to all of us who are standing there trying to help the cause of autism awareness.

Vincent is an active and dedicated member of his community with full-

time employment and doing volunteer work for the fire department and numerous other not-for-profit agencies in his community. He constantly strives for increased awareness for autism through his selfless service and tenacious advocacy.

Vincent is a shining example of how effective and beneficial early treatment and community empowerment can be for people with autism spectrum disorder.

It is a privilege today to acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month. May all Americans living with autism receive the tools, resources, and support necessary to live fulfilling lives. Autism should never be a barrier preventing Americans from achieving success or pursuing happiness.

Good luck to all of them, and especially my dear friend, Vincent McLaughlin. Thank you so much for keeping me aware and for inspiring all of us.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST BISHOP EVANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TONY GONZALES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Texas National Guard Specialist Bishop Evans. Bishop Evans is a hero. He is a name that we all should learn, should know, and should be speaking.

Bishop Evans, this young gentleman, was a National Guardsman. He was stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas. He selflessly gave his life trying to save people. He didn't care what nationality they were. He didn't care the circumstances.

When the situation arose and two people fell or jumped into the river, he immediately took off his body armor. He immediately jumped into the river, and he tried to save these people, and he lost his life doing it.

This is something that here in D.C. we should be talking about. The whole country should be talking about Specialist Bishop Evans. The man is a hero.

There are many men and women that serve that are just like this, that when the time comes, it is a fight-or-flight moment and they are rushing to the fire; they are not running away from it.

I give my condolences to Specialist Evans, his grandparents, Jo Ann and Dannie Johnson, in Arlington, Texas. Their grandson meant everything to them, and they are going to have a funeral this weekend.

I celebrate this man's life. I celebrate what he stands for. I celebrate everything that he has done. He is a patriot. He served our country. He served in Kuwait. He served in Iraq.

This man, when duty called, he answered the call. And here he was, stationed in Eagle Pass, Texas, in my dis-

trict, in Texas 23, and he jumped into the river. He didn't have to do that. He lost his life doing that.

This border crisis has impacted everybody, all parts, all walks of life, Texas. Every State in America has become sucked up into this crisis, and this gentleman here gave his life. He is a hero that we all should remember. Bishop Evans is a hero that we should all remember.

Please say a prayer for his family. I was raised by my grandparents. He was raised by his grandparents. Not all families are traditional families, per se. And his grandparents, they lost a part of them when they lost Specialist Bishop Evans.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ELLA AND OWEN ROGERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BUSTOS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend two of my young constituents from Daniel Island, South Carolina, Ella and Owen Rogers—Ella is 14 and Owen is 17—and their efforts in support of Ukraine and standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people during one of the toughest times in Ukraine's history.

They are both descendants of their great-great-grandfather, Joseph, who was born in Galicia, Ukraine. Joseph was forced to flee to the United States during the early 20th century due to the armed conflict between Austrian and Russian Empires trying to occupy the region.

The story of their family history shows similarities to what the world has witnessed in the last few months during the beginning of the unconscionable and illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces in late February.

As Ella and Owen Rogers have witnessed these atrocities, as my teenage kids who are very similar in age, these kids have seen these atrocities; have witnessed these war crimes. They have seen it all over social media and television.

But they have spoken with their uncle recently who had been providing humanitarian and military intelligence aid in Warsaw, Poland at the time, and they decided the best way to make a difference was through providing nourishment to mothers and children who are fleeing their home country of Ukraine.

I was recently in Warsaw and in Poland a few weeks ago witnessing the women and children fleeing Ukraine and coming into the country. There are millions of families, particularly women and kids, who have been displaced because their fathers and husbands and partners are staying back home in Ukraine to fight this war.

But they rallied their relatives, their friends, their neighbors, the amazing community of Daniel Island in the

Lowcountry. Ella and Owen have raised over \$7,000 for the World Central Kitchen, which is an organization that provides food and nourishment to communities around the world in times of conflict, crisis, and war.

Ella and Owen are just one example of the type of compassion and empathy that we see each and every day in the Lowcountry. The great people of the Lowcountry show, not only to their fellow citizens, the State of South Carolina, our Nation, and around the world, there are no strangers they have ever met, and everyone is witnessing great hope for the future of Ukraine.

I hope that the story of Ella and Owen can serve as an inspiration to others who stand up for what is right, even when it seems like there is nothing that can be done in the face of hardship. They have shown hard work; they have shown that we need to do the right thing; and they have shown people that they care.

And now, more than ever, it is important that we do all we can to support our friends in Ukraine to help them during this critical crisis.

I again thank the Rogers family and the incredible work ethic that Ella and Owen have shown the Lowcountry and the State of South Carolina.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOBBY BERKSTRESSER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of a good friend and Rockbridge County resident, Bobby Berkstresser, who recently passed away at the age of 71.

Bobby was truly a kind soul who had a passion for both people and business. In 1981, he purchased his first business, Lee Hi Travel Plaza, in Lexington. At the time, he had only eight employees on payroll, but over the years he grew it exponentially and was able to expand.

When Bobby passed, he employed more than 400 people, and his second business, White's Travel Center in Raphine was the largest east of the Mississippi, a fact of which he was definitely proud.

He brought honor and pride to the job and, in 2018, he was honored with the NATSO Hall of Fame Award for his contributions to the industry.

His employees say, "He was not only your boss, he encouraged you, and he was family to a lot of people." That was certainly how everyone felt about Bobby Berkstresser.

Aside from owning White's and Lee Hi, Bobby was deeply committed to his community. He regularly contributed to local nonprofits, in addition to serving on several boards, including the Bank of Botetourt, Rockbridge YMCA, Rockbridge United Way, Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, former Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital,

RALS, Rockbridge Republican Committee, and NATSO.

Madam Speaker, it goes without saying that Rockbridge County lost a giant. His passing will be felt by this community for quite some time, and my thoughts and prayers remain with his wife, Sue, and his beloved family.

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REJECTING THE BIDEN BUDGET

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, as Americans face the worst rate of inflation in 41 years, President Biden's proposed budget does nothing to help ease the burden on our country's struggling families.

Despite experts predicting that a recession is coming, the President's proposed budget would further exacerbate high inflation by spending \$73 trillion over the next decade and would be funded by the highest sustained tax burden in our Nation's history.

As Americans pay record prices at the pump, this budget proposal prioritizes radical Green New Deal energy policies and continues Biden's destruction of American energy independence with increased taxes on the oil and gas industry.

Who is going to feel those increased taxes? Working men and women in the Sixth District of Virginia and across this country. Further, it pushes unnecessary and already rejected Build Back Better social programs and provides benefits to illegal aliens, which is entirely unacceptable.

For my constituents in the Sixth District, I will continue to hold Biden administration officials accountable and demand justifications for this spending spree that is this budget when they come before the committees on which I serve.

Madam Speaker, I stand in strong opposition to the President's proposal, and I urge its rejection should it come before this House.

INVESTING IN SUCCESS OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, the America COMPETES Act of 2022 includes bold, smart, and strategic investments to power the success of America's workers, businesses, and economy based on bipartisan bills, many of which have already passed the House with bipartisan support.

Madam Speaker, for generations, America's innovation, from electricity to automobiles, robotics, and plastics, has shaped the course of history. We prevail because of our early investments in science, research, and technology.

But today, America's preeminence is being challenged. Other countries have followed our lead in research, science, and technology. As a result, more of

the technology that we are relying on today is made abroad, driving up the cost in the United States, contributing to inflation, threatening our workers' financial security and their jobs, and eroding our Nation's competitiveness.

The House's America COMPETES Act is precisely what is needed to ensure America's might in manufacturing and innovation while creating good-paying jobs and lowering costs for our Nation.

Our bill brings American manufacturing back to our shores, including \$52 billion for chips, which are crucial for making cars, cell phones, and more.

Our bill will help reinvigorate America's industries, securing \$45 billion to strengthen our supply chain and reduce dependence on foreign nations and lowering costs.

Our bill will invest in research and education so that we diversify our STEM workforce with apprenticeships.

Our bill will promote U.S. global leadership.

These are investments that all Americans need so desperately in order to obtain prosperity.

My colleagues and I look forward to swiftly going to conference with the Senate so we can put forth a strong bill that will help all Americans and put it on the President's desk to sign.

REAUTHORIZING THE FARM BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, in preparation for reauthorizing the farm bill in 2023, I rise today to deliver the eighth installment of my farm bill impact series, where I am highlighting various aspects of the farm bill that deserve Congress' awareness and support.

The food aid programs within the farm bill not only support the nutrition of millions of Americans struggling with hunger, but they also help to stop global conflicts before they start.

Kansas is the Wheat State, and wheat is the number one commodity used in U.S. donations for international food aid. If you combine all the aid destinations, they amount to a top 10 market for U.S. wheat.

The last two farm bills have granted USAID flexibility in implementing aid programs, which has resulted in the U.S. purchasing from other countries more than half of the total food we give out.

That is a noble thing to use our resources to help hungry people overseas, but our government should prioritize the commodities of American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers as we carry out this good work abroad.

International food assistance programs work alongside legislation to help stabilize countries ravaged by famine and war, reduce terrorism, and give people an alternative from fleeing their homeland just to find food.

For instance, I introduced a resolution condemning and prohibiting the

use of hunger as a weapon, which some bad actors do in countries suffering from war and natural disasters. Food aid programs work alongside the legislation to avert food shortages in such countries, making it more difficult for anyone to use hunger as a weapon in the first place.

The farm bill has some excellent programs for international food assistance that I believe should be reauthorized.

The Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust is a special authority in the 2018 farm bill that allows USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance to respond to unanticipated food crises abroad. I just sent a bipartisan letter earlier this month asking the President to release BEHT.

Food for Peace is another great program through which our country responds to humanitarian crises and food security problems globally. The idea for this program actually came from a meeting of the Southwest Kansas Farm Bureau and first appeared in 1954 when President Eisenhower signed the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act into law.

Today, USDA and USAID partner with organizations to implement Food for Peace and other food aid programs, stopping global conflicts from escalating into humanitarian disasters.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, named in part for Kansas' own Bob Dole, helps support education, child development, and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries around the globe. The program provides for the donation of U.S. agricultural commodities, as well as financial and technical assistance to support school meal programs as well as maternal and child nutrition programs.

I supported this program in fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 appropriations because it has a proven track record for reducing hunger, improving literacy in children, and helping provide nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, and preschoolers.

Earlier this month, Nicole Berg, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, spoke to the House Agriculture Committee's Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee. In her testimony, she gave us her eyewitness account, from her 2019 trip to Kenya and Tanzania, of how international food assistance helps those people in most need.

She visited refugee camps where the World Food Programme is feeding 98 percent of the 200,000 people there who hail from nine countries. She said that witnessing U.S. food shipments saving lives firsthand changed her life.

I want to make sure that, going forward, we use U.S. commodities while we carry out this good work abroad. If America is going to conduct international food assistance in an effective way, the Biden administration is going to have to get a grip on the agricultural impact of its trade and foreign policies.

Sadly, on an international scale, the Biden administration is turning a blind eye to agriculture. Russia's assault on Ukraine is one of the most horrifying humanitarian crises in recent memory, and it has grave food security implications for Europe.

Ukraine is known as the breadbasket of Europe. It is the third-largest grain exporter in the world. You would think this administration would want a point person to develop a strategy for addressing this looming problem, but President Biden still hasn't appointed either a USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs or a Chief Agricultural Negotiator for USTR.

The Biden administration has also sat back and done nothing to hold China accountable for stifling American farmers out of \$16 billion in the Phase One trade deal, and the President left agriculture out of his Indo-Pacific strategy entirely.

I, along with American farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers, am appalled at this shortsightedness. You cannot take food for granted, which is why the Biden administration needs to wake up and why Congress must think carefully about the reauthorization of the international food assistance programs in the farm bill.

I will be back on the floor soon to deliver another installment of my farm bill impact series. America's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers are American heroes who are bearing the responsibility of feeding hungry people around the world.

Their efforts deserve the full support of Congress because the food security and, therefore, the national security of America hangs in the balance.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 39 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

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

O Lord, our God, on this Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remember.

We remember the 6 million lives of Jewish men, women, and children, and the millions of others whose very being was arbitrarily deemed a disgrace, and whose light among us was extinguished. Now they, like the heavens, have no speech, nor are there words,

their voice is not heard. And yet, their cries resound to the ends of the Earth.

Remind us again that each life is sacred; Yours is the breath held in the soul of each person.

We remember that it only took one person to fuel a horrendous movement of hatred, abuse, and genocide. Though one person, there were countless others who would not speak out against the seduction of power or stand up to the sway of control.

Holy God, remind us that this murderous evil still roams the Earth this day. Convict us who remain silent and shield our eyes from the raging fire of inhumanity.

Then inspire us from remembrance to action, from indifference to indignation, from silence to speech. Then may the words of our mouths be effective in Your sight, the meditations of our hearts be worthy of Your blessing, that never again would we allow the catastrophe of the Holocaust to touch Your children.

In Your merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HOULAHAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

RIISING PRICES AND INFLATION

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I am here today to lift up the voices of my community, to address an issue facing too many Pennsylvanians, as well as others across our country. I am here to talk about rising prices and inflation.

When Sidney from Malvern tried to renew an essential prescription, it was on back order and he doesn't know when it will be back in stock.

Andrew from Mohnton is a small business owner affected by supply chain issues, making it difficult for him to employ his staff and keep his equipment running.

And Dennis from Downingtown had to sell his car because he could no longer afford the high financial burden on top of other expenses.

Our communities deserve support in facing these challenges, and it is vital that we do everything that we can to confront them. I helped establish an Inflation Working Group to find policy solutions to lower costs for Americans, reinforce supply chains, and fight inflationary pressures. Simply put, we must use every tool in our toolbox to support our families.

We live in an increasingly globalized world, which is why I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, traveled to Australia and India to speak with our international partners about cooperation on trade, investments, and shoring up our supply chains.

I promise to continue to make this issue a priority, working with all of my colleagues to find substantive solutions for my constituents and for all Americans.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 895. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday.

RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON COUNTY CIDERWORKS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a small business in Iowa's Second District.

Jefferson County Ciderworks of Fairfield recently won four awards at the annual New York International Cider Competition. This competition featured over 300 different ciders from around the world and was judged by industry professionals.

Jefferson County Ciderworks finished the competition with four medals, including being named the Iowa Cider Producer of the Year. Four additional ciders were awarded medals in the modern, fruit, and spiced cider categories.

I applaud Jefferson County Ciderworks for proudly representing Iowa on the international stage and wish them the best in the Great Lakes International Cider and Perry competition later this year.

HONORING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, live from Atlanta, Georgia, households across America were introduced to The Weather Channel. For the first time, Americans could get safe, reliable, trustworthy information about the weather 24 hours a day.

Since its first broadcast, The Weather Channel has done far more than just provide up-to-date information about weather forecasts. With the help of friendly, familiar faces, The Weather Channel's reporting has inspired countless young people to wonder and care about the natural world around them, motivating them to study weather and our climate. And through their constant innovation, The Weather Channel's award-winning breakthroughs in weather reporting have undoubtedly saved countless American lives.

I am proud to lead a House Resolution with my colleague from Georgia, Congressman LOUDERMILK, to commemorate the anniversary; and I wish The Weather Channel continued success as they document and broadcast vital weather and safety information to millions of households across the country.

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET SERIOUS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, in Fiscal Year 2021, Customs and Border Patrol seized 11,000 pounds of fentanyl at our southern border. During the same period, opioid deaths jumped to 75,000, up from 56,000 deaths the prior year.

This is no coincidence. Even in a hearing on combating the opioid crisis this week, not a single one of my Democratic colleagues called for President Biden to end his open border policies that have allowed the free flow of fentanyl or other illicit drugs into the United States.

During the hearing, the former Acting DEA Administrator testified that securing the border is a commonsense approach to stopping drug traffickers and giving power back to our law enforcement.

On one hand, Washington Democrats say they want to solve the opioid crisis. On the other hand, they are supporting policies and politicians that have left our border open.

Washington Democrats need to get serious. If we want to solve this opioid crisis, we must secure the border and restore law and order.

MARKING BIRTHDAY OF THE 11TH PANCHEN LAMA

(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, this week, we mark the 33rd birthday of Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama. Born in central Tibet, at the age of six he was recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, one of the most important figures in the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism, and a senior figure across all of Tibet.

In May of 1995, just 3 days after he was recognized, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima and his family were taken away by the Chinese Government. Disappeared. Kidnapped.

For 27 years, Tibetan Buddhists have asked of his well-being. For 27 years, Chinese authorities have refused to provide proof of life. The most they have said is that he is well and wants to be left alone.

Tibetans deserve an answer. The world deserves to know.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima remains one of the world's longest-held prisoners of conscience.

His enforced disappearance is an egregious example of the Chinese Government's violation of the religious freedom of Tibetan Buddhists, who have the right to choose their own religious leaders, including the Dalai Lama, without government interference.

In honor of his birthday, I again call on the Chinese Government to free the true Panchen Lama immediately and to uphold its international obligation to respect the religious freedom of all persons.

WELCOMING GEORGIAN PRESIDENT ZOURABICHVILI

(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, yesterday, Washington welcomed President Salome Zourabichvili, of the Republic of Georgia, who had come to attend the funeral of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

During an interview with The Washington Post, President Zourabichvili explained that, along with Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova were the two countries closest to Russia wanting to join NATO and the European Union, but not protected by either. "Georgia should not be forgotten" and if so, they might be a temptation for the Russian leadership.

President Zourabichvili reviewed that Georgia also had a history of war with Russia, most recently in 2008, as well as 1991, shortly after declaring independence.

It is reassuring, the President said, the Georgian population is 100 percent united in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Americans are also united for the independence of Georgia, Moldova, led by President Maia Sandu, and Ukraine.

America supports the sovereignty of Georgia and will stand with President Zourabichvili for the freedom of Georgia.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

COMMEMORATING THE 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 107th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire embarked on a genocidal campaign to wipe out more than 1.5 million innocent Armenians. For too long, the world denied the Armenians' plight. But thankfully, leaders like President Biden and this House of Representative have recognized the Armenian genocide for the tragedy that we all know to be true.

My home State of Rhode Island boasts one of the largest Armenian communities in the country, and I have been proud to represent them for the last 22 years.

Yet, as Winston Churchill famously said, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

Mr. Speaker, another genocide is unfolding before our eyes in Ukraine. The scenes from Bucha, Mariupol, and the villages across the country are heart-breaking and haunting. But like the Armenian people, Ukrainians are strong, and they have shown their unmatched bravery to the world.

I strongly reiterate my harsh condemnation of Vladimir Putin's war crimes. We must do all that we can to support the Ukrainian people in their battle for freedom. The consequences of failure are far too dreadful to imagine.

□ 1215

ADMINISTRATION MUST SECURE BORDER

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, every day, we see more and more illegal crossings at the southern border. March was the worst month yet, with over 221,000 migrant encounters.

Instead of securing our border and empowering law enforcement, this administration continues to make this crisis worse every day.

I am a proud immigrant and first-generation American. I came here legally. There are 4.4 million people waiting their turn to legally come to the greatest country in the whole world. Meanwhile, this administration continues to allow millions of illegal migrants to take advantage of our weak border policies.

We are a nation of laws, and enough is enough. The administration must stop the flow of drugs and crime into our country and secure the border to protect our citizens.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the city of River Rouge, Michigan, as they celebrate a 100-year anniversary.

Established as a city on April 3, 1922, River Rouge is a rich part of Michigan's history. It is situated between the Detroit and Rouge Rivers. The city of River Rouge has been the heart of Michigan's industrial and manufacturing history.

Nearly 8,000 residents strong, the city of River Rouge takes pride in its role as being an integral part of Michigan's economy. They are the jewel of Michigan's downriver communities.

It continues to thrive as a diverse, vibrant, and welcoming community that I truly love.

Its public parks and access to river recreation offer unique opportunities for enjoying nature and spotting wildlife along the riverfronts.

Please join me in recognizing the city of River Rouge as we join them in celebrating its 100-year anniversary.

Again, I am beyond proud of serving this beautiful city of River Rouge and its residents in Michigan's 13th District Strong.

HONORING THE SULLIVAN BROTHERS

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

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo, Iowa, as well as those who are working to preserve their legacy by saving the USS *The Sullivans*.

On January 3, 1942, a month after the bombing at Pearl Harbor, George, Frank, Joe, Matt, and Al Sullivan of Waterloo, Iowa, enlisted in the Navy.

At the time, Navy policy separated brothers, but they enlisted under the condition that they could serve their country together, and they did until November of that year when a Japanese torpedo sunk their ship, the USS *Juneau*.

Nearly all the sailors aboard the USS *Juneau* died, including all five of the Sullivan brothers.

The Sullivans weren't just heroes in Iowa; their story was told nationwide. In 1943, less than 3 months after their passing, a Fletcher-class destroyer was named in their honor. The ship's motto is "We Stick Together," a permanent symbol of the Sullivan brothers' commitment to each other and our country.

But earlier this month, a leaky hull caused the ship to start sinking at its berth in the Buffalo Naval Park. So, Mr. Speaker, I am rising today to thank those who are working to refloat and repair the ship to ensure that the Sullivan brothers' legacy continues. Their service and sacrifice are emblematic of the shared experience and patriotism of those in the Greatest Generation.

Freedom is fragile. We know that we must always honor those like the Sullivan brothers of Waterloo who fought and died for our freedoms and for our country.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS

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

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Congresswoman KIM, to honor the winners and participants of 2021's Congressional App Challenge.

Since the competition's inception in 2013, this official initiative has given middle and high school students from across the country the ability to participate in a program designed to inspire them to pursue computer coding and careers in STEM.

Congresswoman KIM and I have had the privilege of shepherding this year's initiative, which yielded more than 2,100 fully functioning apps from over 7,000 students across the country.

Mr. Speaker, 340 of our fellow Members held challenges in districts spanning all 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.

As excited as we are about this year's participation in the challenge in terms of sheer numbers, the program would not be possible without the students who invest their time and efforts into their passion projects.

Congresswoman KIM and I are honored to co-chair this effort and offer our remarks here today as a testament to the dedication of these students who embody the future of American ingenuity.

To all the winners of this year's competition, we offer our sincere gratitude and congratulations on your work.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE STUDENTS

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the participants and winners of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge. This is the largest App Challenge to date.

The App Challenge gives students of all backgrounds and from communities across the Nation the opportunity to move from passive consumers of technology to active creators of technology.

Coding and technological skills will only become more important in the economy of the future. These students blew us away by creating apps that would make a difference, tackling real-world challenges and reflecting their commitment to making our world a better place.

I thank and offer my congratulations to all the students that participated this year, and I wish every single one of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

QUESTIONING REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, under the American Rescue Plan passed by Democrats and signed by President Biden, more than 7.4 million jobs were created in the first 14 months of the Biden administration, the most in U.S. history.

During that time, unemployment dropped to its lowest in over 50 years. Democrats are building a better America for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know. But I do know that Republican Congresswoman MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE recently stated that the Catholic Church is controlled by Satan. She has not yet apologized for her bigoted remark.

Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN tried to board a plane with a gun for a second time. What has Republican leadership done? Nothing.

DANGEROUS OPEN BORDER POLICIES

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the utter failure of President Biden's dangerous open border policies.

In March, there were over 221,000 illegal encounters at our southern border, a 542 percent increase, bringing the total under Biden's watch to more than 2.4 million. Forty-two of those apprehended were on the terrorist watch list. This can't happen.

Illegal migrants are being dispersed into communities throughout country, making every State a border State, Mr. Speaker.

Meanwhile, my constituent, an American citizen, has been told his wife and daughter, who have fled war-torn Ukraine, must wait up to 2 years outside the United States for a visa interview.

This is wrong. These policies reward those who violate our laws and punish those trying to do the right thing.

They also put law enforcement officers in serious peril, as evidenced by the death of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans. May his memory be

eternal. He tragically drowned last week while courageously working to save individuals trying to cross the Rio Grande River illegally.

This insanity has to stop.

JUSTICE FOR THOMAS RAYNARD JAMES

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the recent freedom of Thomas Raynard James and the crucial work of his attorney, Natalie Figgers.

One of the most paramount pillars of our legal system is the concept that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. But how does the system react when even those who are innocent are deemed guilty? This Wednesday, the Nation was able to witness the legal system right one of these wrongs.

Thomas Raynard James was wrongfully convicted of murder and sentenced to life due to a case of mistaken identity in 1991. His preliminary conviction was based on an eyewitness account.

Three decades later, this wrongful conviction has been overturned based on revised testimony, new evidence, and lack of physical evidence. Due to persistence and faith in the legal system, Ms. Figgers succeeded in freeing Mr. James, who was an innocent man.

We applaud the work of his attorneys and all the leaders who continuously fight the good fight for justice to make sure that everyone has a chance at justice.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS JONES UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Kansan, Dennis Jones, on the occasion of his retirement.

In 1982, Dennis moved from Colorado to Kansas to begin working at the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Holcomb. He started out as an hourly employee on the harvest floor and worked his way up. Soon after proving himself to be knowledgeable and committed to his job, he moved up to the role of department head.

Dennis spent time at the Amarillo plant, learning about different departments and operations within the business, after which he came back to Holcomb in 2006. He quickly became the new operations manager and then moved up again to his current role as complex plant manager.

I love Dennis' story because it exemplifies hard work, tenacity, looking for open doors, and staying committed to a calling that requires skill, intuition, attention to detail, and relationship-building.

Dennis is the type of guy that embodies grit, agriculture, and conservative Kansas values.

On his last day at Tyson, Dennis plans to return his computer in the morning and then spend the rest of the day with the hourly employees on the harvest floor.

This is a great man whose career and legacy I am proud to honor here today. Congratulations on your retirement, Dennis.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those who participated in the National Day of Silence.

This day allows students and allies to take a vow of silence as a way to speak out against any harassment and discrimination experienced by LGBTQ people in our schools.

In my district on the Central Coast of California, Luka Chavez, who attends Watsonville School of Arts, took his vow last week. Luka told me that he wanted to take the vow so that he can make all the difference for all of those who don't have a voice in our own community.

Luka felt that his silence for 1 day was the least that he could do to speak up for those who feel isolated and excluded every day.

Luka, you may have taken your vow last week, but this week, on this day, on this floor, your voice is not only heard but, more importantly, your message is received by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, and all who support you but also, most importantly, those who don't.

Luka, your vow of silence allows me to speak for you and inspires Congress to continue its fight for LGBTQ students in our community and equal rights for our democracy.

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

RECOGNIZING THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Weather Channel for 40 years of exceptional weather journalism, public service, and high-quality educational content.

Since 1982, The Weather Channel has provided accurate, by-the-minute live coverage of weather events, ranging from the mundane daily rain shower to catastrophic hurricanes and tornadoes.

Today, The Weather Channel reaches more than 80 million households across the United States. It has consistently been ranked the most trustworthy cable news network in the country and has received nationwide acclaim for its high-quality reporting and programming.

The Weather Channel has been instrumental in providing critical information to the public during natural disasters and severe weather events such as Hurricane Katrina, the 2011 tornado super outbreaks, and the January 2014 snowpocalypse that shut down much of north Georgia.

During these events, The Weather Channel's information was instrumental to the people in affected areas, giving them guidance on when to seek shelter and what weather developments to expect.

Today, I am proud to co-lead, with Representative MCBATH, a newly introduced resolution recognizing The Weather Channel on its 40th anniversary for its outstanding contributions to broadcast news and meteorology and for its role as a longstanding American institution.

□ 1230

RECOGNIZING SETH PARISH ON TAKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO WORK DAY

(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, today is Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day. While my three sons are grown, I have the privilege of having a friend of mine, Seth Parish, with me today.

Seth is 12 years old and hails from Maryland. He is actively involved in baseball, playing center outfield, ice hockey, and has recently joined the Civil Air Patrol where he learns about aerospace and survival skills.

Our schedule is busy today as the House Agriculture Committee held a 2022 farm bill review hearing. Seth joined me for that, and he is also joining me for this speech today.

In 2009, Seth's dad was serving in the Army and lost his life a month before Seth was born. This is the fourth year Seth has joined me through a program called Tuesday's Children. Tuesday's Children uses its experience and expertise to help our military families work through their own losses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope Seth is enjoying being my shadow again this year, and I can't wait to see all that he can accomplish.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NICHOLAS TROIANIELLO

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Nicholas Troianiello, a true American hero from Staten Island, New York.

After graduating Port Richmond High School in 1944, Nicholas joined the New York Guard where he served for 1 year before enlisting in the Marine Corps during World War II.

On February 19, 1945, Nicholas was one of 30,000 brave marines to land on the island of Iwo Jima for a battle that lasted 5 weeks and was one of the bloodiest battles during World War II. Nicholas was awarded the Purple Heart and the Conspicuous Service Award for his service to our great Nation.

Following his service, Nicolas returned to Staten Island to serve once again, this time as a member of the New York City Fire Department. He served for four decades until he retired with the esteemed title of lieutenant.

Sadly, Nicholas passed away last year at the age of 94. This weekend, I was honored to join local colleagues and Nicholas' family at a street naming ceremony last week to remember his life, legacy, and dedication to our community.

Nicholas was a true American hero who loved our country and our city, and I am proud to recognize his service today.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3522, UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1065 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1065

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 3522) to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, 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 Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 3. House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021 (as most recently amended by House Resolution 1017, agreed to March 31, 2022), is amended by striking "April 29, 2022" each place it appears and inserting (in each instance) "May 13, 2022".

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met yesterday and reported a rule, House Resolution 1065 providing for consideration of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act under a closed rule.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule provides for one motion to commit.

The rule extends recess instructions, suspension authority, and same day authority through May 13, 2022. Finally, the rule deems H. Res. 1035 as passed.

Mr. Speaker, Vladimir Putin's criminal war of aggression and atrocity against the sovereign nation of Ukraine has dismembered the second largest country in Europe. Putin's soldiers have killed more than 2,700 Ukrainian civilians and more than 100 children in Ukraine. They have raped and murdered untold numbers of women, leaving their bodies in the street. They have wounded thousands of civilians. They have displaced 10 million Ukrainians, creating the largest exodus of displaced persons since the Nazis rampaged through Europe. They have traumatized a nation.

It is a sobering thing to canvas the damage today, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Putin's invasion is intended to deal a fatal blow to democracy in Ukraine and around the world. Putin's lurch into fascist aggression has actually unified and galvanized the democratic world, the democratic nations, and peoples and movements of the world.

I concede that Putin still has his cheerleaders for his homophobia, his corruption, and his white nationalist racism around the world. I concede that some people, even in this body, continue to chant the filthy words "Russia hoax" to describe what we know from our own intelligence community of Putin's unceasing efforts to subvert democracy all over the world. I concede that Vladimir Putin has been called a genius by a former twice-impeached President for his assault on a sovereign democratic nation.

The vast majority of Americans and vast majority of democratic societies around the world reject Putin's atrocities against democracy. President Zelenskyy and President Biden have rallied the world against Putin and in defense of the heroic people of Ukraine standing strong against this aggression—people who have more courage in their pinky than Vladimir Putin and his thugs will ever be able to understand.

Mr. Speaker, NATO members have sent or promised at least \$8 billion in weapons to Ukraine. The billions we have sent from the United States of

America has made a key difference in allowing the people of Ukraine to defend themselves. The people of America paid for anti-tank and anti-air systems, for helicopters, for drones, for grenade launchers, for 50 million rounds of ammunition, and more.

Today, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 comes before Congress as an important part of the effort to defend Ukraine. This act is rooted in the lend-lease program of World War II, which President Roosevelt proposed in January of 1941, which allowed our government to lend or to lease war supplies and equipment to any nation whose security was defined as vital to the defense and the security of the United States.

Passage of that act enabled Great Britain and Winston Churchill to keep fighting and to survive the fascist Nazi bombardment until the United States could enter the war.

President Zelenskyy has said that Ukraine needs weapons to sustain themselves, and President Biden has answered that call with billions in military assistance since Russia's full-blown invasion began on February 24, a day that will live in infamy in the freedom-loving world.

On April 21, last Thursday, President Biden announced that we will be sending an additional \$800 million in military aid to Ukraine, the eighth such installment, which will include 72 howitzers, 144,000 artillery rounds, 72 tactical vehicles, and more than 121 Phoenix Ghost tactical drones. Today, I understand President Biden has asked for an additional aid package for the next several months.

But S. 3522 will streamline current legal authorities under the Arms Export Control Act that allows our government to lend defense articles needed to defend civilian populations. We will eliminate red tape to make it easier for our government to lend or lease necessary military equipment in this struggle to defend Ukraine.

The legislation requires the Biden administration to establish expedited procedures for delivering military equipment to Ukraine and other affected Eastern European countries to defend populations made vulnerable by Vladimir Putin's aggression. It also facilitates the provisioning of loaned and/or leased defense articles to Ukraine, easing a myriad of administrative regulations and processes.

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

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman, my good friend from Maryland, (Mr. RASKIN), for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before us today provides for consideration of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

Mr. Speaker, let me start by saying that I strongly support this bill, which

streamlines existing defense authorities to enable the President to enter into a lend-lease agreement directly with Ukraine and Eastern European countries.

I know I speak for my Republican colleagues in expressing my wholehearted support for the people of Ukraine as they defend themselves and their democracy against Vladimir Putin's atrocities. That is why I look forward—and so do so many of my colleagues—to voting for this bill later today.

However, I have to urge my colleagues to oppose this rule as it continues Speaker PELOSI's authoritarian lockdown of the House of Representatives.

For over 2 years the Speaker has used COVID-19 as an excuse to deny Members the ability to advocate on behalf of the people they represent. This rule keeps those oppressive procedures in place, despite the fact that even the bluest of States are easing their COVID restrictions. This is just further proof that my colleagues across the aisle care only about political science, not about real science.

Further, Mr. Speaker, this rule fails to provide for consideration of legislation to address the serious issues facing the American people. Under the Biden administration, our Nation has careened from one crisis to the next.

Right now, families across the country are facing a 41-year high in inflation and skyrocketing gas and food prices. These are expected to cost the average American family \$5,000 a year.

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This morning we learned the U.S. GDP fell by 1.4 percent during the first quarter of 2022. This is getting worse by the day. Forty percent of small businesses are planning to raise prices by 10 percent just to keep up with inflation. This economic crisis is not the result of the war in Ukraine as President Biden and the leftists on the other side of the aisle like to claim. This crisis is a direct result of the Democrats' out-of-control spending and their far-left, dangerous, radical policies.

Just look at the fact that inflation has increased every month since Joe Biden has been President. Putin didn't invade Ukraine until February of this year, yet during President Biden's first year in office—again, well before the invasion of Ukraine—gas prices jumped nearly 53 percent, from \$2.25 a gallon to \$3.44 a gallon. Again, that was before Russian soldiers ever crossed the border in Ukraine.

But talking about borders, let's talk about our southern border. The border crisis is a direct result of Joe Biden's incompetence, and the radical policies of the left are leading to disaster. Thanks to the open border policy of the left, last month over 200,000 illegal immigrants were encountered at our southern border. That is a new Biden-era high. Again, that is over 200,000 illegal immigrants. To put this in per-

spective for my colleagues, that is roughly three congressional districts.

Since Biden took office, over 2.4 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border, including more than 40 individuals who are on the terrorist watch list. This is only going to get worse if President Biden gets away with lifting title 42.

So, again, Mr. Speaker, while I support S. 3522 and, of course, the people of Ukraine, I believe this is a missed opportunity to help the American people, the people in southwestern Pennsylvania, and the people throughout this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I, therefore, urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to hear from my friend from Pennsylvania that he supports S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. This is a moment of grave emergency in Ukraine as Putin's army continues to bomb hospitals and schools, rape and assault women, and murder the civilian population.

I am, of course, disappointed that even when we agree, the minority caucus insists upon disagreeing and bringing up matters that are utterly extraneous to this resolution. But my friend mentioned authoritarian lockdowns, oppressive procedures, and dangerous and radical policies. I didn't know if he was referring to Vladimir Putin or to the prior President whose dangerous, radical appeasement of Vladimir Putin empowered and emboldened him as Vladimir Putin has tried to undermine NATO; and the last President did everything in his power to undermine NATO and to weaken NATO. But at this point we have the opportunity to rally the democratic world, the democratic nations of the world, the democratic societies, peoples, and movements against Putin's bloody, imperial invasion of Ukraine.

That is what is on the table right now. That is what is on the table in the world today. That is where democracy is on the line.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act.

In the spring of 1941, Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, which allowed the United States to rapidly deliver weapons and military supplies to Allies like Great Britain, assisting their heroic fight against Adolph Hitler. Once dead set on creating a global empire, he failed.

In the spring of 2022, another murderous dictator has emerged, committed to destroying a sovereign democracy and reconstituting old borders of the USSR. We must ensure that Putin also fails.

Since Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, the Biden administration has made impressive progress in the delivery of crucial security assistance to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. And yet, it is time to cut through the remaining bureaucratic red tape and accelerate the delivery of critical equipment to the brave warfighters on the ground in Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, they deserve nothing less than our swift and unwavering support. Freedom and democracy are at stake.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and pass the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. We must stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for their democracy, for their freedom, and for their homeland.

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Maryland said that we just can't help but to disagree. Nothing could be further from the truth. This bill could be passed on the suspension calendar. This is going to pass by well over two-thirds vote. It passed, I believe, unanimously in the Senate. The fact that we are here debating a rule on this instead of just passing this on suspension is a waste of time. This bill will pass.

But we have got a real crisis at the southern border. We have got inflation. Even the Biden administration said we are expected to have food shortages. We also are failing to project American power abroad, which is leading to chaos all over the world.

We agree on the issue with Ukraine, yet we are still here wasting valuable time that we could be using to address real problems.

But let's just go back to the southern border. As I mentioned earlier in my remarks, just in March, encounters at the southern border hit a new Biden-era high of over 200,000 individuals encountered at the southern border. In addition to apprehending individuals from the terrorist watch list, Border Patrol agents are seeing an increase in illicit drugs, including deadly fentanyl. Alarming, fentanyl border seizures increased by 134 percent in fiscal year 2021. President Biden and House Democrats had this open border policy that is creating a humanitarian and a security crisis both at the border and in our communities where people are literally dying from fentanyl overdoses.

With all that in consideration, the Democrats and the left still want to do away with title 42 and lift it. That is why, Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act of 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment in 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 Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK), who is the Republican Conference chair. She will explain the amendment.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act introduced by the gentleman from New Mexico, YVETTE HERRELL, to ensure title 42 remains in place.

Mr. Speaker, since Joe Biden took office and started implementing his radical open border policies, over 2.4 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border. We just had the highest number of border encounters in the past 20 years—over 220,000 in March alone.

In FY 2022, CBP has seized hundreds and hundreds of thousands of pounds of drugs and thousands and thousands of pounds of illicit fentanyl, the leading cause of death for adults aged 18–45. What is worse, over 40 people on the U.S. terrorist watch list were encountered at our U.S. southern border. And just today, Secretary Mayorkas, when asked if those individuals on the U.S. terrorist watch list had been released into the United States of America, could not answer that question. That should stun every American. It is unacceptable that the Secretary of Homeland Security cannot answer a question about whether those dangerous terrorists have been released into the United States of America.

In fact, just yesterday, in previous testimony, Secretary Mayorkas claimed that the Biden administration has “effectively managed” the crisis at the southern border and delusionally believes that the southwest border is somehow secure. Let me tell you something, Mr. Speaker, the American people are smart. There is nothing effective about this border crisis. No good management has come from the Biden administration when it comes to the southern border.

This has been an invasion. Just look at the numbers. President Obama's own Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson, said 1,000 apprehensions a day would be a crisis. We are already at the 7,000 mark, and we could see upwards of 18,000 a day if title 42 is lifted.

I just came back with my colleagues on a congressional delegation from Eagle Pass, Texas, from the Del Rio sector of our southern border. This was a delegation led by Republican Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY, hosted by our colleague, TONY GONZALES, who has been such a tremendous voice standing up for his constituents, particularly Border Patrol officers and their families.

It was a somber day. Just hours before, our Border Patrol identified the remains of Texas National Guardsman Bishop Evans. In fact, I had the opportunity to go on the boat with the river

Border Patrol officers, the two individuals who actually identified the remains.

God bless Bishop Evans. God bless his grandmother who has laid him to rest.

This is irresponsible of Joe Biden; and Joe Biden, Secretary Mayorkas, and this administration must be held accountable.

We also spoke to ranchers, local leaders, and local elected officials. They broke down in tears talking about the risks to their livelihood and their families. One rancher told us, in fact, that his children needed to carry pistols if they wanted to go outside and play in their yard because they needed to protect themselves as droves of illegal immigrants cross their property.

Do you know whom they blame, Mr. Speaker?

They blame Joe Biden, and they blame this administration who has turned their backs on having a secure border. They have turned their backs on the people, not just of south Texas but the people across this country.

We also witnessed a processing facility where illegal immigrants were given brand new iPhones—just released. I thought they were doing facial recognition technology to run through a list. No. They were doing facial recognition technology to hand the illegal immigrants their cell phone paid for by U.S. taxpayer dollars.

This is a crisis. Every district across the country is a border district and every State is a border district.

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

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. STEFANIK. On top of that, we have seen flights in the middle of the night relocating illegal immigrants to other States across the Nation, including my home State of New York.

This current crisis is untenable. Our systems are well-beyond the breaking point. The drug crisis caused by our porous border is reaching every part of this country causing deaths in every congressional district. Every Member of Congress needs to step up and secure the border. Our colleagues across the aisle have had over a year to put forth any bill to secure the border. They have failed to put forth any single bill, and, now, because we are heading toward a November election, they are honestly worried. And they should be, because the American people are smart. They know this is a result of their failed policies.

In my district in northern New York, I am proud to represent Border Patrol officers who have been transferred over and over and over again to the southern border. They are stepping up to do their job. They are stepping up to address this catastrophe caused by Joe Biden.

House Republicans are going to be unified. We stand behind the PAUSE Act to make sure title 42 remains in place, which is why we will oppose the previous question.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think that all of these efforts to distract us from the issue at hand are meant to cover up the very clear pro-Russian and pro-Putin faction at the heart of their side of the aisle.

Last month in March of this year, the very distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia went on a radio show called the "Voice of Rural America," and she followed Donald Trump's sickening appeasement of Vladimir Putin and blamed Ukraine for the situation.

She said:

You see, Ukraine just kept poking the bear and poking the bear which is Russia, and Russia invaded. There is no win for Ukraine here. Russia is successful in this invasion.

When Members of Congress are cheerleaders for Vladimir Putin and are voices of nothing but defeatism, fatalism, and pessimism for democracy in Europe, then they try to distract us with a lot of phony rhetoric about other issues.

She also said:

NATO has been supplying the neo-Nazis with powerful weapons and extensive training on how to use them. What the hell is going on with these NATO Nazis.

Mr. Speaker, we have to decide which side we are on.

When Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and Americans looked at what was happening in Europe during World War II and they saw Nazis marching down the street, they did not see very fine people on both sides of the street. They did not start cheerleading for Mussolini, Hitler, and Franco. Yet we have people here who go out and speak on the side of Vladimir Putin and on the side of Russia.

□ 1300

Let's pass this Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act to show where America is. We are not cheerleaders for Vladimir Putin. We are not going to follow the Trump-Putin axis down the road toward autocracy and kleptocracy and sedition and insurrection and corruption and coups in the United States. That is not where we are going.

This is the land of the free, the home of the brave. We stand for democracy here, not Vladimir Putin.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, many people say ours is a nation of immigrants. But our Nation also has an unfortunate history of political opportunists who attack the latest wave of immigrants and seek to stoke fear and chaos in order to gain or cling to power.

Whether the attacks were against my ancestors, the Irish; those at the southern border today; or the many other groups in between, we have heard the same language and scare tactics year after year, generation after generation. But then as now, those attacks are a

sham. They are attention-seeking to divide and distract us from their proponents' lack of seriousness, their lack of solutions, and, at times, their own misconduct.

Now, I rise today in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act and hope to send it quickly to President Biden's desk. The Senate acted quickly to pass this bill and send it our way.

Eighty years ago, the U.S. created the lend-lease program to provide military and humanitarian aid to Great Britain and our Allies in Europe as they stood on the front lines to oppose the Axis powers that threatened democracies around the world, including our own.

Today, the Ukrainian people are standing on the front lines in the fight for democracy and against tyranny. The U.S. needs to provide them with every possible measure of humanitarian and military aid.

To date, Congress and President Biden have led the world in supporting the Ukrainian people, sending nearly \$14 billion in food, medical supplies, and military assistance to Ukraine, working in close collaboration with our allies.

With this aid, the Ukrainian armed forces have been incredibly effective in opposing Putin's unlawful and unprovoked invasion. But the Ukrainian success is dependent on them having the equipment and supplies to continue fighting, and this bill will ensure that they do.

This is a bill that every freedom- and democracy-loving Member of the House should support, and I look forward to its swift passage on the floor.

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

Just two quick points in rebuttal for my friend from Pennsylvania.

First off, if there is concern about the humanitarian crisis on the southern border, the best thing you can do is try to bring order to that southern border. The trek that these individuals have to take is incredibly dangerous. Women and children are often exploited. Coyotes are making literally millions of dollars. Oftentimes, when the illegal immigrants come to the United States, they are put in sort of indentured servant status to the drug cartels and the coyotes.

The perverse thing about arguing that you care about people is that if you really did care about the humanitarian crisis, you would share the Republican viewpoint of law and order.

Secondly, to the fact that we need to act quickly on the bill regarding Ukraine, my colleagues across the aisle could have passed this bill on Tuesday. The fact that we are here wasting time on a bill that could have passed by suspension just shows the lack of seriousness on the other issues facing the American people. To act quickly, my colleagues should have been advocating this bill be run on Tuesday on suspension.

Here to talk more about these issues is the Republican leader of the Oversight and Reform Committee, Mr. JAMES COMER of Kentucky, who recently led a delegation to the southern border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, Oversight and Reform Committee Republicans witnessed firsthand the crisis on the border after the southern border trip I led earlier this month.

By pushing blanket amnesty and eroding interior enforcement, President Biden has now signaled to the world that our laws can be violated with little to no consequence.

In 2021, over 2 million apprehensions of illegal immigrants were made. This is the most ever recorded by U.S. Border Patrol. In fact, I want to quote Punchbowl News because they really put it into perspective yesterday morning when they reported: "According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, during the past 3 weeks, the agency has 'encountered an average of 7,800 migrants per day across the southwest border. This compares to a historical average of 1,600 per day in the prepandemic years,' a roughly 480 percent increase."

The surge of illegal immigrants is overwhelming the Department of Homeland Security. As a result, DHS was forced to release hundreds of thousands of these illegal border crossers into the United States.

Catch and release does not work. It only encourages more illegal immigration. The numbers we have don't even account for illegal immigrants who have evaded capture entirely. That number is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.

The situation only gets worse when we look at how much fentanyl and other deadly drugs are being smuggled across the border by cartels. On our trip, we witnessed hundreds of discarded backpacks littering the ground, backpacks that once carried illicit narcotics.

The Biden administration's border policies have only boosted the human smuggling industry and empowered drug cartels.

Now, President Biden's decision to terminate the CDC's public health order under title 42 on May 23 will turn this national security and humanitarian crisis into a catastrophe.

Former Obama administration Secretary of Homeland Security Johnson once said that only 1,000 apprehensions per day was "a relatively bad number" that "overwhelms the system." He described 4,000 apprehensions per day as a crisis.

The Department of Homeland Security now predicts as many as 12,000 to 18,000 illegal migrants per day will attempt to cross the border because of President Biden's policies when the

title 42 order terminates, overwhelming the congregate processing facilities in ports and Border Patrol stations that we toured along the border in California and Arizona.

This administration's plan to address this catastrophe boils down to simply speeding up the release of even more illegal border crossers. Mr. Speaker, that is no plan at all. Placing illegal immigrants over Americans is unacceptable.

Committee on Oversight and Reform Republicans have been at the forefront of this crisis, demanding answers and seeking to hold the administration accountable to the American people.

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

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, the American people should know this: We will persist in exposing the waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement by this administration that has led to this current crisis. We will do everything in our power to stop the flow of fentanyl across President Biden's broken border.

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

Mr. Speaker, I find this astounding. We are here to talk about aid to Ukraine, how to streamline and expedite aid to defend the people of Ukraine, and they will talk about anything but.

I was willing to believe that the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia and several other Members were isolated in their Conference. Now, I am starting to think that maybe they are speaking for the whole Conference.

I wonder if my good friend from Pennsylvania would explicitly repudiate some of these statements made by the gentlewoman from Georgia.

Does the minority Conference agree that NATO has been supplying the "neo-Nazi in Ukraine" with powerful weapons?

Does the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania support or dissociate himself from the argument that the aid that we send to Ukraine falls "into the hands of Nazis," a statement made by the gentlewoman from Georgia, echoing Putin's filthy claim that his war on the sovereign democracy of Ukraine is, in fact, an attempt to denazify the country?

Of course, we hear distinct echoes in everything that we get from the erudite gentlewoman from Georgia.

Does the minority agree that Putin invaded because Ukraine repeatedly poked the bear?

I mean, I can't understand why they won't talk about defending Ukraine. That is what this legislation is about. That is what this rule is about. They want to talk about anything other than that.

We can debate all of those other important issues in other contexts at the right time. This is how the House of Representatives works. But why are they covering up for the pro-Putin fac-

tion within their Conference? I would like them to dissociate themselves from the people who are blaming Ukraine for Russia's bloody imperial invasion and war of human rights violations and atrocities against the people. Please do that.

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

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act of 2021.

This important bill, introduced by my good friend YVETTE HERRELL, would maintain health screening protections at the border and ensure that the Biden administration does not allow foreigners to enter our country illegally without being properly vetted.

I am from Georgia. For those of us that don't live in border States, it is a lot different when we see on the news the stories of the massive invasion at our southern border. It is a lot different when we read about it.

But when I went to the border just a few days ago with Congressman TONY GONZALES—he put together a great trip, and I am so grateful—it became very clear to me. What is happening at our southern border is a crisis of epic proportions, and it is difficult to comprehend it until you actually see it in person.

This is a complete human and drug trafficking operation that is doing nothing for Americans but hurting our country and enriching the cartels. They have grown their network and expanded it massively throughout their country, into our country, far-reaching, even into our cities, as was explained to us by the Border Patrol, where they recruit from our own American cities to come down to Mexico to help them traffic humans and drugs across our southern border.

This should never be happening, and it certainly was not happening not long ago under the Trump administration, where we had the most secure border we have had in decades.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our Congress to take this very seriously. As we are discussing other countries and other borders, this is the one country where we all swear an oath to uphold our laws and defend our Constitution, and we serve the American people from each of our own districts.

We should be taking extreme seriousness to this invasion at our southern border, not only for the COVID-19 pandemic but also for the many other dangerous diseases such as tuberculosis and others that they bring into our country.

Passing title 42 is imperative, and it is the most important thing this Congress can do at this time, as there is an average of 7,000 people coming across the border every single day and hundreds of thousands of got-aways that we don't know who they are, where

they are from, and what their purpose and intent is to do in the United States of America.

We already know that 42 known terrorists have been apprehended at our southern border, but we don't know how many terrorists exist in those hundreds of thousands of got-aways.

When I listen to a grown man cry over the amount of illegal aliens that are, 24 hours a day, coming across his ranch in Eagle Pass, it is a shame, and it is a tragedy.

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

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America just witnessed the most astonishing spectacle. We are here to debate aid to the people of Ukraine defending themselves against a massive invasion by Vladimir Putin and his army. Then, the minority puts up the distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia, who does not mention Ukraine once.

She does not mention the thousands of Ukrainian civilians who have been slaughtered by Putin's army. She does not mention more than 100 Ukrainian children who have been shot and killed by the Russian army. Instead, she talks about a massive invasion at the border, a massive invasion, which their own speakers have said, today, hundreds of thousands of people have been apprehended in.

That is very different from a military invasion, the one in Ukraine. Of course, the gentlewoman is not going to talk about that. She had a lot to say the other day when she heckled me continuously. When I came to the floor, it was like "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in here with her chanting about the Russia hoax and Russia this and Russia that.

Now, she had the opportunity to tell the world what her views about Russia are. I put them out there, exactly what she has said. She said that the aid that the taxpayers of America are sending to the people of Ukraine to defend themselves against Vladimir Putin and the Russian army falls into the hands of Nazis.

□ 1315

I want to see her proof.

Where is her evidence?

She talks about NATO Nazis. Does the minority believe that our allies in NATO, who are trying to defend the people of Ukraine, are Nazis? Has it come to this?

The gentlewoman talked about massive invasion. We had a massive invasion of our own Chamber. ***

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I would request to have words taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland will be seated.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the offending remark.

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

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the words are withdrawn. There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the House rules do forbid engaging in personalities. I accept the advice of the Parliamentarian that I used unparliamentary language to make my point, and I certainly respect the necessity for parliamentary decorum.

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Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close when my friend from Pennsylvania is prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I would tell my colleague across the aisle that I still have several speakers, just so we are on the same page.

Mr. Speaker, there were comments made prior regarding why we, on our side of the aisle, are not talking about the underlying bill.

The answer to that is very simple. Let's put this into perspective.

We are here debating the rule.

We are not debating final passage. In fact, we don't need to debate final passage because the vast majority of my colleagues agree on this particular bill. We are not here debating final passage of the bill.

We are debating, in essence, the rest of the legislative calendar for the day. We simply are arguing that in this calendar and in the agenda for the rest of the day, we should be considering other important matters, such as the crisis at the southern border.

So I just felt like I needed to put that in perspective.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST), my good friend.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the previous question.

Right now, the men and women of law enforcement are battling to secure our borders. Every day they are pushing back against drug smugglers, human traffickers, and the cartels. Make no mistake, this is the worst border crisis in our Nation's history and this administration took just over a year to bring our national security to this state.

I know because I have seen it myself. I was at the border a few days ago for my second trip in two weeks and I heard from the men and women on the border. Every single person we talked with told the same story. They told us that this administration, President Biden's administration, has abandoned them. They asked us to please provide help.

Instead of providing help, President Biden and many of my colleagues on the left have attacked the last tool the men and women of law enforcement have to perform their duties.

Without the Court's intervention, this administration would have stripped the last tool these law enforcement officers have to secure our border. I am glad that some of my colleagues across the aisle have seen the value in preserving title 42.

They have seen the importance of securing our borders against criminals and terrorists that we know are exploiting the crisis to enter America. They see the devastating impact that 18,000 encounters a day would have on communities across our Nation if title 42 is removed. Most importantly, they see the hard work of the men and women of law enforcement on the border, and like Republicans, they want to help.

I hope the rest of the Democratic Caucus will join them and support these men and women who are risking their lives to secure our Nation.

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

Mr. Speaker, my good friend from Pennsylvania suggests that this is something that we didn't actually need to bring to the floor, that it could have been done on a suspension vote. And yet, I am certain that my dear friend is aware that a number of suspension votes on things as simple as post office renamings have been voted down by the minority.

There was a distinguished judge who a post office was going to be named after and that was sabotaged on a suspension vote. There have been multiple votes like that.

In fact, we have a resolution that we put forward to affirm support for NATO and its democratic principles. And that was rejected by 63 Members of the minority caucus; 63 Members voted against a resolution expressing unequivocal support for a strong NATO and for the democratic principles underlying it.

Mr. Speaker, I would love if it were as simple as he was suggesting, that we could all agree to this, but they are not agreeing with the things that we are putting forward about the need to unite for democracy around the world. That is why we are precisely in this situation we are in.

Even when we are trying to talk about the importance of this new lend-lease expediting program to allow the U.S. Government to lend military equipment, to lease military equipment to Ukraine and to get it done quickly, it seems like our friends keep on wanting to change the subject to talk about anything other than that.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what to say other than I wish we were unified in supporting this rule for the legislation that we are bringing forward to make it a lot easier to get support to the people of Ukraine, the support they need to fight off the bloody military invasion being conducted by Putin's army.

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

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN), my good friend, to rebut the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is frustrating to hear the political games being played, when a piece

of legislation isn't really about what it is intended to be about or what the title says that it is.

My colleague, whom I have respect for, and have watched him argue cogently on some issues, is actually incorrect on this. Suggesting that because I voted "no" on this bill I somehow don't support NATO, it is really, quite frankly, absurd.

I remember being in Iraq in 2003 when British SAS soldiers were wounded, and my Tier One task force went in, and we pulled those guys off the battlefield wounded. I took care of them in the back of the helicopter. I am fully supportive of NATO.

Quite frankly, it angers me that the suggestion because I voted on a piece of legislation that had a clause in it that didn't make sense to me that I am somehow not supportive of NATO. No one has been more supportive of NATO.

Yes, many of us voted "no" on that bill, but it was because it created this extra body to discuss democracy when we are at war trying to save a democracy.

How about we focus NATO on what is going on in Ukraine and not forming some new discussion group about democracy?

So, yeah, several of us voted no. But I assure you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleague from Maryland, that has nothing to do with a lack of support for NATO. Because when I was on that battlefield helping that British SAS warrior and they are supporting us, I didn't see a lot of other people who might be pointing a finger at us for not supporting NATO on that battlefield that day. There was nobody in this room in that helicopter flying into Baghdad with me.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman for his service, of course, and also for his clarification about his particular vote.

The House Resolution we are talking about is 831, calling on the United States Government to uphold the founding democratic principles of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and establishing a center for democratic resilience within the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Of course, everyone in the majority voted for it. I think the vast majority of the people on the gentleman's side of the aisle voted for it, but there were 63 Members who did find this or that clause objectionable and, therefore, voted against it. But that is precisely my point.

My good friend from Pennsylvania takes me to task for saying, Why didn't we just do this on a suspension vote basis, just bring it up here and let it glide through. Because nothing is simple when we are talking about these issues.

There are some people who are out there on the radio calling NATO Nazis and saying that the money that Americans are putting into Ukraine is going

to support Nazis. I haven't heard anybody renounce or repudiate that point of view.

Then there are others who find far more substantive and defensible problems with what we are doing.

In any event, they have been voting against it, so we were not able to do a suspension resolution. So we bring it up to have a discussion about Ukraine to see if we can get unity and then they take us off in 50 other directions.

It is a sad thing to see that when President Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine have demonstrated democratic courage, bravery, and valor to the entire world, and democratic societies are trying to get together to mobilize behind democracy to oppose what Vladimir Putin and his gang of thugs in Moscow and their allies in different places, like Orban in Hungary and—well, I don't want to get into the whole rogues' gallery of tyrants and bullies that they have gathered to support them.

We have got to be building the democratic forces. We should be together on this. We should be able to think about this in a far broader way than just talking points for the next election.

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

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, let me just be clear. We are not going down several roads. We are going down one road with this argument and that is the southern border.

I am willing to bet that this vote will pass, the underlying bill will pass with over a two-thirds vote. We could have tried to run this on Tuesday. Even if it did fail, we could have been here running it today.

We have delayed this when we have serious business to discuss, particularly the southern border. And that is what we are debating; the fact that the legislative business for today should include the crisis at the southern border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER), my good friend, and a good pharmacist, to talk more about the crisis at the southern border.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 471 to reinstate title 42 and protect our Nation from the influx of drugs and illegal immigrants flocking across our southern border.

Mr. Speaker, it is no coincidence that a 480 percent spike in border encounters, combined with a 68 percent drop in deportations, has led to the most deadly year on record for opioid overdoses.

This administration must answer for its atrocious public health record. The fentanyl that is invading our schools and killing our children is coming across the southern border. No mask is going to protect them from the dangers hiding in what appears to be an everyday painkiller. And this administration isn't going to protect them either.

Unlike President Biden and border czar, Harris, I have been to the southern border. In fact, I have been there four times. I have seen the gaping holes where a wall should be, the vast areas of land where smugglers can walk into our country virtually unchecked.

Lifting title 42 will open the flood gates even further. Like pouring hot water into a cold glass, the rule of law at our southern border is shattering.

Right now, in America, your child is forced to be vaccinated and wear a mask in order to attend school, but illegal immigrants are bused around the country without so much as a COVID test.

Explain to me how a President can justify extending pandemic-era student loan pauses, advocate for mask mandates on airplanes, and insist on vaccine mandates for healthcare workers, but when it comes to protecting our immigration system, suddenly the pandemic is no longer a concern.

If you are worried about contracting COVID, I suggest spending time at the southern border, because apparently, you can't contract it there.

Title 42 is a necessary rule that is preventing our border crisis from becoming a full-blown catastrophe. Removing it now would shackle our Border Patrol agents and threaten our immigration system, as we know it.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me just start by reiterating that I and the vast majority of my colleagues support S. 3522, and we look forward to voting on that bill later today. We need to bolster Ukraine's defense capability and protect vulnerable civilian populations in Ukraine.

However, we are debating the rule right now. The rule before us extends Speaker PELOSI's authoritarian COVID lockdown that has stripped rank-and-file Members of their ability to advocate for the people they represent.

Let's just look at the stats. Ninety percent of the country is in a low-risk community level. That is according to the CDC; over 90 percent of the country. So why is the Speaker so afraid to let the House get back to work?

If the Speaker followed the real science, not the political science the left has followed through this entire pandemic, the Speaker would allow the people's House to resume regular business.

Further, this rule is a missed opportunity to address the serious issues that are facing American families. American families are getting hammered by inflation. Gas prices are out of control. The border crisis is raging, and we are being told by President Biden that we are expected to face food shortages in future months.

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On top of all that bad news, just this morning, we learned the GDP de-

creased at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the first quarter of 2022. Our GDP is decreasing. This is the weakest showing since the pandemic recovery began and this falls well below the projections of economists.

So, instead of passing legislation to address the serious economic crisis we are facing and the serious security issue we are facing at the southern border, Democratic leadership is sending the House home a day early. We were supposed to be here tomorrow. Yet, we are getting sent home early, despite all these issues facing the American people.

We can do a lot more for this country and the American people. For that reason, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

I thank my friend for our lively discussion today. And I am glad to hear, again, that he supports the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022, S. 3522. I wish we could have focused on the meaning of this legislation, rather than for them to fight about the rule and to raise subjects that are not part of this legislation.

More than 10 million Ukrainians have been forced out of their homes; have been forced to flee in the worst mass exodus of refugees since World War II. Thousands of Ukrainian civilians have been killed. More than 100 Ukrainian children have been murdered by Putin's Army.

And I have heard the word authoritarian uttered on the other side of the aisle today, and it applies to whom? Not Vladimir Putin. They used it to apply to NANCY PELOSI, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, because they disagree with some interpretations of the rules of the House.

Well, this is a serious moment for people who are serious about democracy in the new century. If allowed to continue, Vladimir Putin will spread his rampage beyond Ukraine into neighboring countries in Eastern Europe, and then other authoritarian and autocratic leaders around the world will decide they will be able to do to their neighbors what Vladimir Putin was allowed to do to his neighbor.

This legislation is named after what President Roosevelt made happen during World War II, the Lend-Lease program that, without declaring war, America would come to the aid of its allies by lending and leasing military equipment to our allies in order to secure the democratic world. And that is where we are again.

So we need to streamline all of the red tape. We need to expedite the delivery of equipment to our allies in Ukraine. And I hope we will hear the end of the constant statements of defeatism and pessimism and surrender that we get from so many people who are out there and continue to take the position of the former President Trump

that Vladimir Putin is some kind of genius for invading his neighbor. He is not a genius. He is a mass murderer. He is not a genius. He is a human rights violator, and he is a perpetrator of war crimes.

The world needs to know where America stands. And we should stand, if we could, unified, for the people of Ukraine, for democracy in Europe, and for democracy all around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a “yes” vote on the rule and the previous question.

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

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 1065

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 4. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 471) to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of, the COVID-19 border health provisions through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 471.

Mr. RASKIN. 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 on the resolution.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 204, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 139]

YEAS—218

Adams	Boyle, Brendan	Castro (TX)
Aguilar	F.	Cherfilus-
Allred	Brown (MD)	McCormick
Auchincloss	Brown (OH)	Chu
Axne	Brownley	Cicilline
Barragán	Bush	Clark (MA)
Bass	Bustos	Clarke (NY)
Beatty	Butterfield	Cleaver
Bera	Carbajal	Clyburn
Beyer	Cárdenas	Cohen
Bishop (GA)	Carson	Connolly
Blumenauer	Carter (LA)	Cooper
Blunt Rochester	Cartwright	Correa
Bonamici	Case	Costa
Bourdeaux	Casten	Courtney
Bowman	Castor (FL)	Craig

Crist	Kind	Price (NC)
Crow	Kirkpatrick	Quigley
Cuellar	Krishnamoorthi	Raskin
Davids (KS)	Kuster	Rice (NY)
Davis, Danny K.	Lamb	Ross
Dean	Langevin	Roybal-Allard
DeFazio	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
DeLauro	Lawrence	Rush
DelBene	Lawson (FL)	Ryan
Delgado	Lee (CA)	Sánchez
Demings	Lee (NV)	Sarbanes
DeSaulnier	Leger Fernandez	Scanlon
Deutch	Levin (CA)	Schakowsky
Dingell	Levin (MI)	Schiff
Doggett	Lieu	Schneider
Doyle, Michael F.	Loftgren	Schrader
Escobar	Lowenthal	Schrier
Eshoo	Luria	Scott (VA)
Españolat	Lynch	Scott, David
Evans	Malinowski	Sewell
Fletcher	Maloney, Carolyn B.	Sherrill
Foster	Maloney, Sean	Sires
Frankel, Lois	Manning	Slotkin
Galleo	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Garamendi	McBath	Soto
Garcia (IL)	McCollum	Spanberger
Garcia (TX)	McEachin	Speier
Golden	McGovern	Stansbury
Gomez	McNerney	Stanton
Gonzalez, Vicente	Meeks	Stevens
Gottheimer	Mfume	Strickland
Green, Al (TX)	Moore (WI)	Suozzi
Grijalva	Morelle	Swalwell
Harder (CA)	Moulton	Takano
Hayes	Mrvan	Thompson (CA)
Higgins (NY)	Murphy (FL)	Thompson (MS)
Himes	Nadler	Titus
Horsford	Napolitano	Tlaib
Houlihan	Neal	Tonko
Hoyer	Neguse	Torres (CA)
Huffman	Newman	Torres (NY)
Jackson Lee	Norcross	Trahan
Jacobs (CA)	O'Halleran	Trone
Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez	Underwood
Jeffries	Omar	Vargas
Johnson (GA)	Pallone	Veasey
Johnson (TX)	Panetta	Velázquez
Jones	Pappas	Wasserman
Kahele	Pascarell	Schultz
Kaptur	Payne	Waters
Keating	Perlmutter	Watson Coleman
Kelly (IL)	Peters	Welch
Khanna	Phillips	Wexton
Kildee	Pingree	Wild
Kilmer	Pocan	Williams (GA)
Kim (NJ)	Porter	Wilson (FL)
	Pressley	Yarmuth

NAYS—204

Aderholt	Cole	Graves (LA)
Amodei	Comer	Graves (MO)
Armstrong	Crawford	Green (TN)
Arrington	Crenshaw	Greene (GA)
Babin	Curtis	Griffith
Bacon	Davidson	Grothman
Baird	Davis, Rodney	Guest
Balderson	DesJarlais	Guthrie
Banks	Diaz-Balart	Harris
Barr	Donalds	Harshbarger
Bentz	Duncan	Hartzler
Bergman	Dunn	Hern
Bice (OK)	Ellzey	Herrell
Biggs	Emmer	Herrera Beutler
Bilirakis	Estes	Hice (GA)
Bishop (NC)	Fallon	Higgins (LA)
Boebert	Feenstra	Hill
Bost	Ferguson	Hinson
Brady	Fischbach	Hollingsworth
Brooks	Fitzgerald	Hudson
Buchanan	Fitzpatrick	Huizenga
Buck	Fleischmann	Issa
Bucshon	Fox	Jackson
Budd	Franklin, C.	Jacobs (NY)
Burchett	Scott	Johnson (LA)
Burgess	Gaetz	Johnson (OH)
Calvert	Gallagher	Johnson (SD)
Cammack	Garbarino	Jordan
Carey	Garcia (CA)	Joyce (OH)
Carl	Gibbs	Joyce (PA)
Carter (GA)	Gimenez	Katko
Carter (TX)	Gohmert	Keller
Cawthorn	Gonzales, Tony	Kelly (MS)
Chabot	Gonzalez (OH)	Kelly (PA)
Cheney	Good (VA)	Kim (CA)
Cline	Gooden (TX)	Kustoff
Cloud	Gossar	LaHood
Clyde	Granger	LaMalfa

Lamborn	Nehls	Stauber
Latta	Norman	Steel
LaTurner	Obenroite	Stefanik
Lesko	Owens	Steil
Letlow	Palazzo	Steube
Long	Palmer	Stewart
Loudermilk	Pence	Taylor
Lucas	Perry	Tenney
Luetkemeyer	Pfuger	Thompson (PA)
Mace	Posey	Tiffany
Malliotakis	Reed	Timmons
Mann	Reschenthaler	Turner
Massie	Rice (SC)	Upton
Mast	Rodgers (WA)	Valadao
McCarthy	Rogers (AL)	Van Drew
McCaul	Rogers (KY)	Van Dyne
McClain	Rose	Wagner
McClintock	Rosendale	Walberg
McHenry	Rouzer	Walorski
McKinley	Roy	Waltz
Meijer	Rutherford	Weber (TX)
Meuser	Scalise	Webster (FL)
Miller (IL)	Schweikert	Wenstrup
Miller (WV)	Scott, Austin	Westerman
Miller-Meeks	Sessions	Williams (TX)
Moolenaar	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Mooney	Smith (MO)	Wittman
Moore (AL)	Smith (NE)	Womack
Moore (UT)	Smith (NJ)	Zeldin
Mullin	Smucker	
Murphy (NC)	Spartz	

NOT VOTING—7

Allen	Meng	Sherman
Fulcher	Newhouse	
Kinzing	Salazar	

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS and Mr. TURNER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 139.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams (Manning)	Doyle, Michael F. (Evans)	Ocasio-Cortez (Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Brooks (Moore (AL))	(Correa)	(Stanton)
Brown (MD)	Gomez (Correa)	Perlmutter
(Evans)	Grijalva	(Neguse)
(Jeffries)	(Stanton)	Pfuger (Mann)
Brownley	Hartzler	Price (NC)
(Correa)	(Lamborn)	(Butterfield)
Carey	Higgins (NY)	Ross (Beyer)
(Balderson)	(Pallone)	Scott, David
Casten (Foster)	Johnson (TX)	(Jeffries)
Castro (TX)	(Jeffries)	Sires (Pallone)
(Correa)	Lamb (Pallone)	Strickland
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Lawson (FL)	(Jeffries)
Craig (Pallone)	(Wasserman)	Suozzi (Beyer)
Crist	Schultz	Taylor (Van Dwyne)
(Wasserman)	Levin (MI)	Trahan (Beyer)
Schultz	(Beyer)	Veasey (Escobar)
DeSaulnier	Meijer (Katko)	Wagner
(Beyer)	Morelle (Jeffries)	(McHenry)
		Waters (Takano)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BEATTY). The question is on the resolution.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 205, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 140]

YEAS—220

Adams	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Aguilar	Golden	Ocasio-Cortez
Allred	Gomez	Omar
Auchincloss	Gonzalez,	Pallone
Axne	Vicente	Panetta
Barragán	Gottheimer	Pappas
Bass	Green, Al (TX)	Pascarell
Beatty	Grijalva	Payne
Bera	Harder (CA)	Perlmutter
Beyer	Hayes	Peters
Bishop (GA)	Higgins (NY)	Phillips
Blumenauer	Himes	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Horsford	Pocan
Bonamici	Houlihan	Porter
Bourdeaux	Hoyer	Pressley
Bowman	Huffman	Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Jackson Lee	Quigley
	Jacobs (CA)	Raskin
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Ross
Brown (OH)	Jeffries	Roybal-Allard
Brownley	Johnson (GA)	Ruiz
Bush	Johnson (TX)	Ruppersberger
Bustos	Jones	Rush
Butterfield	Kahele	Ryan
Carbajal	Kaptur	Sánchez
Cárdenas	Keating	Sarbanes
Carson	Kelly (IL)	Scanlon
Carter (LA)	Khanna	Schakowsky
Cartwright	Kildee	Schiff
Case	Kilmer	Schneider
Casten	Kim (NJ)	Schrader
Castor (FL)	Kind	Schrier
Castro (TX)	Kirkpatrick	Scott (VA)
Cherfilus-	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
McCormick	Kuster	Sewell
Chu	Lamb	Sherman
Cicilline	Langevin	Sherrill
Clark (MA)	Larsen (WA)	Sires
Clarke (NY)	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Cleaver	Lawrence	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Lawson (FL)	Soto
Cohen	Lee (CA)	Spanberger
Connolly	Lee (NV)	Speier
Cooper	Leger Fernandez	Stansbury
Correa	Levin (CA)	Stanton
Costa	Levin (MI)	Stevens
Courtney	Lieu	Strickland
Craig	Lofgren	Suozzi
Crist	Lowenthal	Swalwell
Crow	Luria	Takano
Cuellar	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
Davids (KS)	Malinowski	Thompson (MS)
Davis, Danny K.	Maloney,	Titus
	Carolyn B.	Tlaib
Dean	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
DeFazio	Manning	Torres (CA)
DeGette	Matsui	Torres (NY)
DeLauro	McBath	Trahan
DelBene	McCollum	Trone
Delgado	McEachin	Underwood
Demings	McGovern	Vargas
DeSaulnier	McNerney	Veasey
Deutch	Meeks	Velázquez
Dingell	Meng	Wasserman
Doggett	Mfume	Schultz
Doyle, Michael F.	Moore (WI)	Waters
Escobar	Morelle	Watson Coleman
Eshoo	Moulton	Welch
Espallat	Mrvan	Wexton
Evans	Murphy (FL)	Wild
Fletcher	Nadler	Williams (GA)
Foster	Napolitano	Wilson (FL)
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Yarmuth
Gallego	Neguse	
Garamendi	Newman	
Garcia (IL)	Norcross	

NAYS—205

Aderholt	Brady	Clyde
Amodei	Brooks	Cole
Armstrong	Buchanan	Comer
Arrington	Buck	Crawford
Babin	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Bacon	Budd	Curtis
Baird	Burchett	Davidson
Balderson	Burgess	Davis, Rodney
Banks	Cammack	DesJarlais
Barr	Carey	Diaz-Balart
Bentz	Carl	Donalds
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Duncan
Bice (OK)	Carter (TX)	Dunn
Biggs	Cawthorn	Ellzey
Bilirakis	Chabot	Emmer
Bishop (NC)	Cheney	Estes
Boebert	Cline	Fallon
Boat	Cloud	Feenstra

Ferguson	Katko	Reschenthaler
Fischbach	Keller	Rice (SC)
Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)	Rodgers (WA)
Fitzpatrick	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (AL)
Fleischmann	Kim (CA)	Rogers (KY)
Foxx	Kustoff	Rose
Franklin, C.	LaHood	Rosendale
Franklin, Scott	LaMalfa	Rouzer
Fulcher	Lamborn	Roy
Gaetz	Latta	Rutherford
Gallagher	LaTurner	Salazar
Garbarino	Lesko	Scalise
Garcia (CA)	Letlow	Schweikert
Gibbs	Long	Scott, Austin
Gimenez	Loudermilk	Sessions
Gohmert	Lucas	Simpson
Gonzales, Tony	Luetkemeyer	Smith (MO)
Gonzalez (OH)	Mace	Smith (NE)
Good (VA)	Malliotakis	Smith (NJ)
Gooden (TX)	Mann	Smucker
Gosar	Massie	Spartz
Granger	Mast	Staubert
Graves (LA)	McCarthy	Steel
Graves (MO)	McCauley	Stefanik
Green (TN)	McClain	Steil
Greene (GA)	McClintock	Steube
Griffith	McHenry	Stewart
Grothman	McKinley	Taylor
Guest	Meijer	Tenney
Guthrie	Meuser	Thompson (PA)
Harshbarger	Miller (IL)	Tiffany
Hartzler	Miller (WV)	Timmons
Hern	Miller-Meeks	Turner
Herrell	Moolenaar	Upton
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Higgins (LA)	Moore (UT)	Van Dyne
Hill	Mullin	Wagner
Hinson	Murphy (NC)	Walberg
Hollingsworth	Nehls	Walorski
Hudson	Newhouse	Waltz
Huizenga	Norman	Weber (TX)
Issa	Oberholte	Webster (FL)
Jackson	Owens	Wenstrup
Jacobs (NY)	Palazzo	Westerman
Johnson (LA)	Palmer	Williams (TX)
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Johnson (SD)	Perry	Wittman
Jordan	Pfuger	Womack
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NOT VOTING—4

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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.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams	Doyle, Michael	Ocasio-Cortez
(Manning)	F. (Evans)	(Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran
Brooks (Moore)	(Correa)	(Stanton)
(AL))	Gomez (Correa)	Perlmutter
Brown (MD)	Grijalva	(Neguse)
(Evans)	(Stanton)	Pfuger (Mann)
Brown (OH)	Hartzler	Price (NC)
(Jeffries)	(Lamborn)	(Butterfield)
Brownley	Higgins (NY)	Ross (Beyer)
(Correa)	(Pallone)	Scott, David
Carey	Johnson (TX)	(Jeffries)
(Balderson)	(Jeffries)	Sires (Pallone)
Casten (Foster)	Lamb (Pallone)	Strickland
Castro (TX)	Lawson (FL)	(Jeffries)
(Correa)	(Wasserman)	Suozzi (Beyer)
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Schultz	Taylor (Van
Craig (Pallone)	Levin (MI)	Dwyne)
Crist	(Beyer)	Trahan (Beyer)
(Wasserman)	Lowenthal	Veasey (Escobar)
Schultz)	(Beyer)	Wagner
DeSaulnier	Meijer (Katko)	(McHenry)
(Beyer)	Morelle (Jeffries)	Waters (Takano)

ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1035

Resolved,

SECTION 1. ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS.

(a) AGGREGATE AMOUNT FOR CONGRESS.—Notwithstanding section 1(b) of House Resolution 316, the amount paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives with respect to the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in such section shall be as follows: Committee on Agriculture, \$12,903,444; Committee on Armed Services, \$19,499,783; Committee on the Budget, \$11,444,418; Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, \$4,060,000; Committee on Education and Labor, \$16,514,033; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$24,276,492; Committee on Ethics, \$7,366,162; Committee on Financial Services, \$18,828,344; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$18,172,203; Committee on Homeland Security, \$16,877,072; Committee on House Administration, \$12,071,622; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$13,740,458; Committee on the Judiciary, \$17,862,842; Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, \$2,146,625; Committee on Natural Resources, \$15,320,258; Committee on Oversight and Reform, \$29,183,624; Committee on Rules, \$7,578,176; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$12,215,318; Committee on Small Business, \$6,831,416; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$20,154,063; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$10,063,152; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$20,880,218.

(b) SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 3(b) of House Resolution 316, the amount provided for the expenses of each committee named in such section which shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2022, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2023, shall be not more than the following: Committee on Agriculture, \$6,758,947; Committee on Armed Services, \$10,381,791; Committee on the Budget, \$5,994,695; Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, \$2,145,000; Committee on Education and Labor, \$8,650,208; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$12,559,115; Committee on Ethics, \$3,858,466; Committee on Financial Services, \$9,862,466; Committee on Foreign Affairs, \$9,518,773; Committee on Homeland Security, \$8,840,371; Committee on House Administration, \$6,481,432; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$7,197,383; Committee on the Judiciary, \$9,356,727; Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, \$1,145,375; Committee on Natural Resources, \$8,024,897; Committee on Oversight and Reform, \$15,286,660; Committee on Rules, \$4,167,807; Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, \$6,398,500; Committee on Small Business, \$3,578,361; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$10,556,890; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$5,271,175; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$10,780,114.

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1065, I call up

the bill (S. 3522) to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3522

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. LOAN AND LEASE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF UKRAINE AND EASTERN FLANK COUNTRIES.

(a) AUTHORITY TO LEND OR LEASE DEFENSE ARTICLES TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the President may authorize the United States Government to lend or lease defense articles to the Government of Ukraine or to governments of Eastern European countries impacted by the Russian Federation’s invasion of Ukraine to help bolster those countries’ defense capabilities and protect their civilian populations from potential invasion or ongoing aggression by the armed forces of the Government of the Russian Federation.

(2) EXCLUSIONS.—For the purposes of the authority described in paragraph (1) as that authority relates to Ukraine, the following provisions of law shall not apply:

(A) Section 503(b)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2311(b)(3)).

(B) Section 61 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796).

(3) CONDITION.—Any loan or lease of defense articles to the Government of Ukraine under paragraph (1) shall be subject to all applicable laws concerning the return of and reimbursement and repayment for defense articles loan or leased to foreign governments.

(4) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The President may delegate the enhanced authority under this subsection only to an official appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) PROCEDURES FOR DELIVERY OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall establish expedited procedures for the delivery of any defense article loaned or leased to the Government of Ukraine under an agreement entered into under subsection (a) to ensure timely delivery of the article to that Government.

(c) DEFINITION OF DEFENSE ARTICLE.—In this Act, the term “defense article” has the meaning given that term in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS).

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MEEKS. Madam 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 S. 3522.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

When Russia launched its renewed war against Ukraine, it thought Ukraine would fall in a matter of days. Putin and Russia thought the West would be divided, unable to offer Ukraine the support that it needed. They thought the world would believe their Russian lies. They thought that we would never stay together.

Well, Madam Speaker, on all accounts, Putin has been proven wrong. Two months ago, the people of Ukraine united in defense of their home. I visited Ukraine at that time, before the invasion, and they said: We will fight; we will defend our democracy and our country.

Then what happened? President Biden kept all 30 nations of NATO together, joining with and bringing along other allies and other democracies from around the world, all united like never before. We have jointly imposed devastating sanctions on Russia and provided Ukraine with billions of dollars of security, humanitarian, and economic assistance. And we have demonstrated to Putin and to the Russian Government that their actions have left them isolated.

At the time, our goal was clear: Help Ukraine do what we heard the people ask us to do, defend themselves. But it is now abundantly clear that we must adjust our assumptions and our strategies and that we must help Ukraine, as Secretary Austin said, win.

I strongly support the efforts of the administration, in coordination and in close cooperation with Congress, to provide as much assistance as we can to help Ukraine protect itself. We must look forward to what Ukraine needs to fend off the renewed Russian offensive in the east and, ultimately, win this war, to retake territory, to liberate the towns and cities from Russian occupation and ongoing Russian war crimes, and to maintain and regain their sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This bill is a further step in that direction of thinking toward the long term. It can and must be part of a strategy to not only continue providing Ukraine with the weapons systems its soldiers are well trained to use, including Russian tanks and planes, the U.S.- and NATO-origin anti-air and anti-tank missile systems and drones, but also to step up our training efforts. Through additional training, we will be able to provide more and more advanced equipment.

The administration already has the authority to lend and lease equipment to allies and partners to support the United States’ national security interests, and it has already been using all the funds that Congress has given it previously. This bill will allow the administration to cut through the red tape in existing lend-lease authorities to facilitate another channel by which all this vital support can be provided.

Specifically, this bill streamlines the processes to facilitate the administration’s provisioning of lent or leased defense articles to Ukraine or Eastern European countries impacted by Russia’s invasion for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. It does so by exempting the administration from provisions of law that limit the duration of loaned equipment to 5 years only, as well as exempting such loaned and leased equipment from repayment of costs incurred by doing so.

In short, it does not create a new program, as lend-lease authority is already enshrined in law, but it gives the administration added flexibility in using an existing program to get vital support to Ukraine.

I strongly support this bill, and I urge all of my colleagues to show the same unity that our allies have shown as we fight off this vicious invasion by Putin and Russia in Ukraine.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3522, the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022.

Madam Speaker, it is absolutely amazing the unintended consequence of Vladimir Putin, war criminal Putin, that he has brought Democrats and Republicans together. He has united the people of the United States. With the leadership of Chairman GREG MEEKS and Ranking Member MIKE McCaul, Americans are united in their support of the people of Ukraine.

For 63 days, the courageous people of Ukraine have resisted full-scale invasion by war criminal Putin with his murderous occupying forces, in large part due to the courageous leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Ukrainians have witnessed their prosperous homeland being attacked and the lives of their loved ones senselessly murdered. The world has been a witness to the countless atrocities inflicted upon the Ukrainian people, and we continue to see the depravity of the Putin forces in real time, targeting civilians and humanitarian infrastructure with mass murder, just as they conducted gruesomely in Aleppo, Syria.

Ukraine’s request is simple: Provide the weapons needed to defend the Ukrainian homeland and Ukrainian families. This bill does just that by removing bureaucratic red tape to support a loan or lease of defense articles to Ukraine immediately.

I am grateful to have introduced the House bipartisan version of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 and to work with our colleagues to bring this legislation to the floor today.

Time is of the essence. Every day that goes by means more innocent lives lost. Congress has been united in its support of Ukraine, and we have given the administration the capacity to use funds under a Presidential Drawdown Authority specifically for Ukraine.

Today, with the passage of this bill, we remain unified in our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

There is a successful historical precedent for lend-lease. During World War II, lend-lease was enacted to provide weapons to Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and 28 other Allies to defeat Nazi Germany. Lend-lease proved integral in the outcome of the siege of Leningrad.

On May 5, 2005, I led a codel to Saint Petersburg. We, sadly, were there at the world's largest open cemetery to provide a wreath to recognize the appreciation of the people of the United States to the people of Russia. This is the final resting place of 420,000 civilians and 50,000 soldiers who died when Hitler's murderous forces invaded.

America saved what is now Saint Petersburg, which is the birthplace of Putin. It is ironic in history that America now is considering this critical legislation to help Ukrainians avoid further loss of life at the hands of Putin's murderous forces.

Ukraine's battle for its sovereignty is in the forefront of the fight between autocracy, which is the rule of gun, versus democracy, which is the rule of law. Their success is the success of democracy.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader of this body.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the chairman of the committee, for yielding. I thank him for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor quickly and effectively. I thank Mr. WILSON, who represents the minority, and also Mr. McCAUL, who is the ranking member of the committee, for bringing this. I thank Mrs. SPARTZ for bringing this issue to the personal attention of all of us, with her personal knowledge of Ukraine and her love of her native country.

Madam Speaker, in 1940, after the Battle of France had ended and the Battle of Britain was beginning, Winston Churchill stood before the House of Commons and declared that the United Kingdom would fight on, if necessary, for years; if necessary, alone.

Britain would fight by itself for some time, but it was not alone. Even though America was not at war, we made a strategic and moral determina-

tion that we must help Britain defend itself against fascism. To do that, we set up the lend-lease program, which cut through red tape and enabled critical American military aid to reach our Allies quickly so they could win the Battle of Britain, hold back the forces of fascism, and begin a counter-offensive in North Africa.

Lend-lease established America as what President Franklin Roosevelt called the great arsenal of democracy.

Today, the battle for democracy is taking place in another European nation, Ukraine. The Ukrainian people are the ones engaged in combat directly. They are at the point of the spear. They are the ones experiencing death and destruction and displacement. They are directly in the line of the Russian troops to repel Vladimir Putin's criminal and unprovoked invasion, an act that recalls the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941: unprovoked, unjustified, unacceptable.

But they are not alone in this fight. Already, the Biden-Harris administration and our allies have sent billions of dollars' worth of lethal military aid to help Ukraine defend itself against Putin's unlawful and immoral aggression.

I heard the words of my friend from South Carolina that Putin has brought us together, has unified us, unified us as a NATO alliance, unified us as a European Union and the United States of America, unified us as a Congress, that this shall not stand. Already, the Biden-Harris administration and our allies have sent billions of dollars' worth of lethal military aid to help Ukraine defend itself against Putin's unlawful and immoral aggression.

Putin, of course, meant the battle for Kyiv to be short-lived, to last days, and to see Ukraine's democratic government overthrown and a quisling regime installed.

The battle of Kyiv, however, was won by the forces of freedom, thanks to the extraordinary heroism and courage of Kyiv's defenders and the antitank weapons and other equipment supplied by America and its NATO allies. They are not alone.

Now, with war raging in Ukraine's east, we are rapidly sending additional arms to the Ukrainians that will help them hold the line against Russian forces and engage in the kind of counteroffensive that will defeat Russia's invasion.

How extraordinarily ironic it is that Putin urges us not to escalate the war as Putin escalates it hourly, unjustifiably, criminally, despicably. Every negative adjective you can find applies to the unwarranted, unprovoked, and unacceptable aggression Russia has made on its neighbors.

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As I told The Danish Foreign Policy Society when I was visiting with our allies earlier this month, the invasion of Ukraine must end in a strategic de-

feat for Putin and global criminality. Anything less would send a dangerous signal to other dictators around the world that wars of aggression could yield net gains. That must not happen.

America and our allies must ensure that the only thing Putin gains from the invasion of Ukraine is a hard lesson learned through bitter defeat and loss. Let there be no mistake; that is the only outcome we can accept.

The lend-lease bill we will pass today is a bipartisan expression of the House's support for Ukraine and the continued provision of the lethal arms it requires to defend its freedom, its sovereignty, and its people.

I thank, as I said earlier, Chairman GREGORY MEEKS, Ranking Member MICHAEL McCAUL, Representative JOE WILSON, and staff members of the Foreign Affairs Committee for their work on this bill.

The Senate passed this legislation unanimously earlier this month. I urge my colleagues: This is not a partisan issue. This is about freedom. This is about democracy. This is about morality. This should not be an issue that is at all dividing the 435 of us who have the honor to serve in this body.

Once this legislation is enacted, the Biden-Harris administration will have another tool to ensure that military aid reaches Ukraine quickly and efficiently so that it can be deployed to the front lines and defend democracy. We owe freedom nothing less than that.

The White House has already requested additional funding for military and humanitarian aid, and the House will stand ready to take action once there is agreement on the path forward.

I tell Chairman MEEKS of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and I tell Chairman SMITH of the Armed Services Committee, as soon as that is ready to move, I will move it as soon as it is possible.

The White House has urgently requested the resources that Ukraine needs. Can we do any less than that? In the meantime, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, as I said, unanimously. Let us show Vladimir Putin, let us show the dictators and autocrats of the world, let us show them what happens when democracy is attacked.

Hitler thought when he took Sudetenland and the free world did little that he could then go to Poland, and he could go to Russia, and he could go to Africa, and he could go to France, and he could go someplace else.

The free world led by America must make it very clear that it will not stand for this, that America will be part of an extraordinary alliance of free nations, moral nations, who believe in law, not might makes right.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to unanimously and decisively approve this legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. SPARTZ).

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act.

Bureaucracy, as we all know, is an enemy in any crisis, so streamlining processes and improving speed and agility are extremely important.

I just recently went to Ukraine twice, and I want to share with you the brutality of this war, the atrocities that happened to the civilian population. It is very difficult to express in words. It is very disturbing.

The strength and resiliency of the Ukraine people and their optimism are very inspiring to me as an American and inspiring to a lot of people around the world.

I talked to one of the American reporter journalists, and he said: I have been reporting here for a while, and I can tell you, Ukrainians don't even realize how much they are like Americans.

I talked to one Ukrainian service-member, who actually grew up in the Kharkiv area close to the Russian border, and he told me: You know what? I always thought that we would become brothers and sisters, but to tell you the truth, we are not brothers anymore. This is a different people. I look at them, and we are West, and they are East. They are barbaric and lost in the last century or before.

I think it is very important for us to make sure that we support the Ukrainian people in this war and fight for freedom to bring stability and international order back to try to defend this fight for freedom and defend Europe and all of us from further escalation of this conflict.

I think it is also important for us to add some oversight and make sure that we do have military to share to make sure that these processes do work. I truly believe this collaboration of our great United States of America and our great American people with the strength and resiliency of the Ukrainian people will bring victory and peace back.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I thank the bipartisan collaboration on these issues and support of this Congress and this body. It is very important for us to be strong and stand together because this is a national security issue that we need to have resolved. I truly believe our country, the greatest country in the world, is an inspiration for a lot of people, and we are going to defeat the enemies of freedom and democracy around the world.

Madam Speaker, I urge support of this bill.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, first, let me thank Representative SPARTZ. She traveled with me when we visited Poland, and I know she was recently over there. She has relatives, and I think we saw her with—I think it was her grandparent, who is in her nineties, on Easter Sunday, celebrating and standing with the Ukrainian people. I thank the gentlewoman for her support

even though she isn't a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, particularly for standing up for justice. I thank her personally for that.

I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), my friend and leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. I thank Mr. MEEKS for what he has done to bring this legislation to fruition, as well as Mr. WILSON.

I rise and I stand where I stand because we should all stand together. I stand here because we are engaged in a war for the world, and Ukraine is the front line of democracy in this war.

We cannot allow a ruthless, reckless, careless dictator to dictate the terms of engagement. The terms of engagement for us will have to be set by us.

Our President has said no boots on the ground. I agree, but that doesn't mean that we can't have planes in the air that Ukrainians will pilot. That doesn't mean that we can't have tanks on the ground with the Ukrainians manning them. It doesn't mean that you can't have torpedoes in the water that Ukrainians are going to fire. It simply means this: We have no choice. If we allow this to happen, what happens when some other dictator decides that he is going to threaten?

I believe that this legislation is a continuation of what President Biden has said he would do. No boots on the ground. We provide the armaments; they provide the army.

We are engaged in a war for the world. We must win. Ukraine must be victorious in this battle.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL).

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, Mr. WILSON from South Carolina, for his leadership on this effort. Of course, I have to thank my good friend, our chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, GREG MEEKS, for his immense work for many weeks on trying to get this done and done in the right way.

I rise in support of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. We have to thank two essential people for this concept. Winston Churchill thought up the idea of lend-lease. He talked his essential partner in the very special transatlantic relationship, FDR, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, into this concept. Roosevelt sold it to the Congress, and it is a real moment in history that we are back on this House floor supporting lend-lease.

Congress came together to arm Britain in the face of the blitz by the Nazis, but today, we find ourselves in a very similar situation with Putin systematically bombing and shelling the peaceful villages and cities of Ukraine, the Ukrainian people bravely defending their own sovereign land in the face of evil.

When I was in Romania 2 weeks ago, the Prime Minister there described

their fighting spirit as: The Ukrainian people fight with lions' hearts.

This bill will expedite the resources needed for Ukraine to defend themselves against Russia's illegal, unwarranted, and brutal war in Ukraine.

In every single meeting with our Ukrainian friends, parliamentarians, ministers, citizens, and our own colleagues, the answer is: While they appreciate the American response and the response of 30 other nations, they need weapons, and they need them now.

In history, victory and defeat can come down to days and weeks, if not hours. There have been too many delays already in getting Ukraine the military equipment they need.

That is why I am pleased to see that we are enacting this Churchillian idea, born in World War II, a strategy now that will set the foundation for victory in this war and the President's authority to get the weapons to the brave Ukrainians fighting for their own independence and freedom.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill. I thank the Members who worked on it so diligently.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, to Mr. MEEKS and Mr. WILSON: Thank you for your hard work on this legislation.

Now, the Lord works in strange ways. As you get older, you can list the ways. The country is closer together in a most weird way for a common objective. We speak of unity more now than we spoke of division 8 months ago.

Russia is bombing hospitals—war crimes. Russian soldiers are violating women and murdering children. Russia is seeking the total destruction of Ukraine.

Against all odds, Ukraine and the Ukrainian people have pushed Russia back. Russia and Putin are losing.

This war will not end soon. Putin is deranged and humiliated. The violence will only intensify. It is the responsibility of our government and every single American to support the Ukrainian people.

Before Pearl Harbor, America enacted the Lend-Lease Act to keep democracy alive. Our legislation channels the same spirit and the same purpose. In 1940, FDR awakened America's arsenal of democracy. With it, we preserved freedom.

With our action today, we reawaken that arsenal of democracy once more. We again are witnessing a conflict of civilization versus darkness, freedom versus tyranny.

New Jersey's Ninth District has one of the largest Ukrainian-American populations in America. They cry out for help. We cry with them. The brave Ukrainian people have undaunted courage. They must know America stands with them no matter what.

God bless Ukraine, and God bless the United States of America. The Lord does work in strange ways.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from the great State of Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE), a dynamic Member of Congress.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the manager, Mr. WILSON, who I have traveled with as well, and I know his heart.

Madam Speaker, I rise and support the legislation, S. 3522, that will provide the President with the authority to lend and lease defense articles to be able to help in the fight.

Madam Speaker, but as I do that, realizing what we are standing for, I raise my button that says, "We Stand With Ukraine," the very nation that is standing in the gap and fighting for the preservation of democracy around the world against the tyranny of autocracy and a one-man band and a one-man war.

We have all heard of the atrocities that this violent dictator has chosen to wage against the innocent people of Ukraine, a country that wants nothing more than to love, to live, and to live under a democratic regime. But let me tell you the story of what they face every day.

Mariupol, the people who are there under siege do not know whether or not the soldiers, the injured soldiers, civilians, and children will ever come out alive. Or the mother who held her 3-month-old baby with her family members in her own apartment, seeking refuge and bombed by the Russians.

Or the little girl, 16 years old, who was told to take off her clothes to be raped by a Russian soldier, and to be raped again and again.

For the children who sat amongst the bodies of their parents, for the children who themselves were killed in Mariupol and around the nation, for those who lost loved ones who are fleeing through universal humanitarian routes that are known in every war.

I recall, as a Member of the United States Congress, going to the Bosnian War, Albanian Civil War, Iraq, Afghanistan. I don't think I have ever seen a direct and deliberate attack on civilians as Vladimir Putin's war has done.

So this is a crucial moment in our history. We have our responsibilities to America. We have the responsibilities of securing the southern border. I just spent hours in the Committee on the Judiciary where my friends on the other side of the aisle decided to take up one issue, the attack about title 42.

On this floor, just a few hours ago, there was a constant rampant voice of title 42 regarding the southern border when we were discussing this bill under the rule.

I want the American people to know that talk is cheap, and what we should be doing now is realizing that this is serious business. We must pass this legislation.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, the gentleman is extremely kind for the passion that I have.

Madam Speaker, we must pass this legislation to deal with not only the lend-lease on defense articles, but to be able to provide the necessary humanitarian relief as well.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by saying that the children have to be prioritized. When I was in Ukraine on the border and visiting a reception center, I saw the faces of the children. Unaccompanied children should be registered. Children with parents should be registered. We should be focused, as UNICEF says, to eliminate the nightmare that the children are facing, the death that they face, the injury that they face, and to prioritize it and to make sure that children can face the trauma that this war is.

As we do that, let us continue to bolster up the American people's support and let us address their needs, because they have needs, but let us make sure that the victory is ours.

Finally, I am grateful for one of our hostages coming home; he lives in Texas. There are two more that we know that are well-known, and we must bring home both of them, including the Olympian that plays in Russia and who is a WNBA star. We must bring them home.

Madam Speaker, I support this legislation and ask all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Tennessee (Mr. COHEN).

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to support this important legislation that Congressman WILSON and I have cosponsored. We have had bipartisan support on this legislation as well.

It is important that we support Ukraine in every way possible. America does not have to give up its blood from our soldiers in this war, we only have to give our treasure. What a bargain that is for America. We supply and help Ukrainians fight the Russians. Putin sees this as a war against America and the West. We are fortunate. Eventually, it would come to NATO lands, and it will be our blood, not just our treasure that we would have to give.

The Ukrainians are doing a great job, but they need our help and support. I hope they get airplanes, too. Every bomb that falls on the people in the hospitals and kills innocent lives could be prevented, and we should try to do all we can to prevent it.

Madam Speaker, I met today with the President of Georgia. I met with

the President of Kosovo. They both are concerned that Putin's got his eyes on their countries as well. And he does. He is looking at the Balkans. He is looking at the Baltic, where I visited Lithuania. I have been to Estonia and Latvia; he desires those countries, too. He wants to put together a repeat of what they had as the great Russian empire. And he won't be stopped unless we do it. If we can do it with Ukrainian men and women fighting, we are lucky and we are fortunate, and we should do all we can to help them.

Putin is a bully, and you don't stop a bully with kindness and negotiations. You have to stand up to that person. Stand up to the bully. That is the only thing they understand and respect.

We need to continue our sanctions and sanction him into oblivion. We need to support Ukraine or else this war will go on and America will be at risk of being personally involved. Ukraine is the battleground now. America will be next through NATO and other efforts of Putin.

Glory to Ukraine. Glory to the United States of America.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the very distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished chair.

We shall pay any price, we shall bear any burden, we shall support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

President Kennedy's inaugural address.

And here we stand in the most powerful country, in the most powerful legislative body, voting on an issue of freedom, of liberty, the basic foundation of this country. I am proud that this is a bipartisan effort to support the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian leadership because they have paid the ultimate sacrifice. They are bearing the ultimate burden.

So it is appropriate for us, as this monster, Vladimir Putin, invades a free country, blackmails the neighbors around energy issues, scares all of Eastern Europe and all of Europe, in conjunction with the support of China who looked the other way and said, Well, just wait until after the Olympics. There is a lot at stake here.

This is about much more than just Ukraine. This is about freedom around the world.

I agree with what the chairman and so many other speakers said. We cannot let Vladimir Putin gain one inch of soil in Ukraine. Not one inch. You can't reward bad behavior. You can't reward violence. And that is what we will be doing.

So I rise in support of this bill. I support the \$33 billion that the President has proposed this morning.

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

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 1 minute.

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, we need to continue this process; not one inch of soil.

Like Mr. PASCRELL said, there are States like New Jersey or Ohio, where we have people from Ukraine and from Poland and from Lithuania, and those ties run deep. Their family members, friends that they have lost, that have gotten killed, slaughtered by a monster.

So we need to keep going.

Planes: The \$33 billion that the President wants, this process expedites all that.

We should look at what we need to do to China if they continue to support Russia in this effort.

I think, in a bipartisan way, we need to come together around a whole-of-government approach.

We need to get natural gas from eastern Ohio to Eastern Europe, from western Pennsylvania to Eastern Europe, from West Virginia and New York to Eastern Europe, and knock the legs out from under Vladimir Putin.

Whole-of-government approach. Be aggressive. Not one inch of territory. And make sure we ensure the survival and the success of liberty.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Madam Speaker, I think it is important to note that S. 3522 is a smart and critical step to give another piece of artillery to the administration so that it has flexibility as it needs to provide Ukraine the support that it needs so that it has the ability to win.

It is also important to show, and that is why it is important for us to be on the floor today, as Mr. WILSON has indicated, the unity that we have here in the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I will tell you that working with Mr. McCAUL and Mr. WILSON and Mrs. SPARTZ on the other side of the aisle, as well as with all of my colleagues on the committee on the Democratic side of the aisle, and working with the Speaker and the majority leader, it is that unity that is going to win this war.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time, and I am very grateful that next we will have the Speaker of the House.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the great Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank the distinguished Mr. WILSON for yielding as well.

Madam Speaker, I am so pleased that this legislation has such strong bipartisan support on the floor of the House. It removes all doubt in anyone's mind

that we are all committed as a Nation, as a Congress—House and Senate—in terms of this legislation. I thank both gentlemen for their leadership.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate that the gentleman is working with the ranking member, Mr. McCAUL, on this important issue as well, and I thank him for affording me this opportunity today.

Madam Speaker, 81 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt came here to the Congress of the United States, to the House of Representatives, where I am proud to say my father, Thomas D'Alesandro, served as a Member of Congress. And President Franklin Roosevelt delivered a bold and historic request.

In his 1941 State of the Union Address, President Roosevelt explained that democracy itself was under dire threat not only in Europe, but around the world. And he called on Congress to lend a hand to our Allies overseas, bolstering their defenses so they could defeat the evils of fascism.

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It was this initiative that would be enacted just two months later that undeniably turned the tide of the Second World War. And the Lend-Lease program would help propel the allies to a victory that preserved the promise of democracy for generations to come.

Today, we see an echo of that chapter in history as a murderous tyrant seeks to conquer its neighbor and dismantle its democracy. And this moment demands we summon a commitment to respond.

The Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 revives this pivotal program, waiving time-consuming requirements and the President authority to send critical defensive resources to Ukraine.

It is important to note that it is about time. Time is very important when lives are at stake.

In doing so, we enable the administration to move faster to bolster Ukraine's security forces, empowering them to repel the Russian invaders; protect innocent civilians; and preserve their cherished democracy.

As war rages on Ukraine, every minute matters. It is about time. This strong action could mean the difference between lives saved and lives lost. In any given battle, it could mean the margin between victory and defeat.

It is with astonishing unity that the Senate sent us this important legislation after passing it with a unanimous vote.

And as we hope to secure a strong bipartisan vote here in the House, let us salute the leaders of this legislation, Chairman GREGORY MEEKS, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He acknowledged his ranking member, Mr. McCAUL from Texas; Congressman JOE WILSON of South Carolina, who is managing the bill on the Republican side today; and Congressman STEVE COHEN, who helms the Helsinki Commission and played a role in this legislation.

Madam Speaker, restoring the Lend-Lease authority is just the latest action proudly taken by this Congress to strengthen Ukraine and to decimate Russia. We have delivered billions in humanitarian security and economic assistance for Ukraine, including the \$13.6 billion in the latest supplemental, and more to come, as our President has put forth a request earlier today that we will turn into legislation, turn into support democracy in Ukraine and, therefore, democracy in the world. I salute the President for his leadership.

These resources are already—of the \$13.6 billion, are already reaching communities on the ground and helping Ukraine repel Russian forces. But we need to do more.

As we prepare to take up the President's new supplemental request, we are moving in lockstep with the administration and our allies to isolate Russia and devastate its economy.

From severing normal trade relations to banning the import of Russian energy, our strong actions in the House and in the Senate have made Russia weaker in every way. And the House took its first steps to prosecute Russian war crimes so the perpetrators can be held accountable for the unthinkable, grotesque, diabolical atrocities.

Later today, with the blessing of the Embassy of Ukraine, we will unveil in the Speaker's Dining Room—and we invite our Members to come and their guests—a photo exhibit that captures many of these atrocities.

These haunting photographs show the horror and heartbreak of Russia's callous aggression of Ukraine, and serve as an important reminder of our moral duty to continue to take swift, decisive action to help.

Going back to Lend-Lease, upon the enactment of the historic Lend-Lease law in March of 1941, Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the conscience of our country when he declared: "The light of democracy must be kept burning. It is not enough for us merely to trim the wick or polish the glass. The time has come when we must provide the fuel in an ever-increasing amount to keep the flame alive."

Madam Speaker, our task today remains the same.

I do want to acknowledge also another item, and I thank Mr. Chairman and others for their support of this. We are doing Lend-Lease today. We talked about what we did in the omnibus bill, the supplemental, \$13.6 billion.

We talked about severing our purchase of oil. We have talked about severing our normal trade relations. But we also did something yesterday when we did what I call "seize and freeze." Seize the assets of the oligarchs and the Russians, that money, and freeze it. And when it thaws, to use that money to help rebuild Ukraine after the victory over the Russians.

So, again, we are thinking of what we need to do in humanitarian assistance;

what we need to do in economic assistance; what we must do in security assistance, weapons, et cetera. But we have to do some other aspects as well.

Our task today, again, remains the same as it did with the original Lend-Lease. Make no mistake. Russia invaded with the stated goal of ending liberty and self-governance in Ukraine. Yet, with unimaginable courage and determination, the Ukrainian people are putting their lives on the line for democracy; not only for their own nation, but for democracy writ large for the world.

It is about freedom versus dictatorship; autocracy versus democracy. The Ukrainian people are making the fight for all of us. We must help them.

So, it is our duty to honor their heroism at the front lines of the battle for freedom by helping to fuel this righteous fight.

It is with endless admiration for the Ukrainian people and their leadership, President—just everybody. I won't start naming names. All of them. We have had visits from so many of them—and their unyielding commitment to keeping alight democracy's precious flame that I urge a strong, bipartisan "aye" vote for this vital legislation.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague. And thank you, Madam Speaker, for your statements. I agree wholeheartedly with you.

America is having a fight undertaken for us by the Ukrainian forces. Ukraine is fighting for liberty around the world. It is fighting for freedom-loving countries that want to push back against aggression from any nation, whether it be Russia or China or any other that would attempt to take away liberties from free citizens.

I just returned from Ukraine Tuesday night. I spent the Easter weekend in Ukraine. I had the unbelievable privilege of speaking in two churches. Irpin, where the city had been impacted by missiles and bombs, homes blown up, lives taken; and a church that had not met since the beginning of war met on Easter, Resurrection Sunday.

And I looked at the faces of the people thinking, How do I speak to them? An American Member of Congress, who lives freely, without nations trying to take our freedom away. And I could only respond to them from the one who gave freedom. His words, Jesus himself.

And I looked at the faces of the people, and there was resolve there, and there was a joy that they were doing what was necessary to promote freedom for their land.

I spoke in another church in Kyiv that afternoon. The same viewpoint on the faces of those citizens. And yet, a great appreciation for America, for their Western allies, for what we have done, thus far, to stand with them. They are fighting for us as well as for themselves.

Later that afternoon, I went out to the Bucha region, and I saw the site of a massive undertaking by Russia to cross the river to bring their tanks in to take over Kyiv. And the amazing forces of the citizens themselves fought back. One hundred Ukrainian lives were lost; 500 Russian lives.

I saw a boot laying there of a Russian soldier with the foot still in it. And I came to understand that Ukrainians aren't killing Russians, Putin is.

America needs to stand. I was in Odesa, and I saw the missile strike on an apartment that took the lives of a grandmother, her daughter, and a little baby, the 3-month-old daughter of that young lady.

I talked to the mayor of Odesa. They are standing firm. The blockade that is on there must be taken away so they can feed the world.

In my pocket I carry an emblem, military emblem that was given to me at Hostomel airfield that the brave forces took on Russia, trying to take that airfield to become a hopping off point for all of their action. They held back Russia's troops; their elite troops; their elite marines.

The Russian troops took out the largest aircraft in the world that was only used for humanitarian reasons.

This bill is necessary. I express appreciation to my colleagues for moving it forward. I express appreciation to our Speaker for moving it forward. It needs to be done.

Stand with Ukraine. They have stood with us.

God bless Ukraine. God bless America.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time at this time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, in closing, this bill calls on the administration to supply the defense articles needed to defeat war criminal Putin's forces, and for the land of Ukraine to be returned to its rightful and lawful inhabitants, the courageous people of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian fight is a fight of freedom-loving people around the world. This is part of authoritarianism, which is rule of gun opposing democracy, rule of law.

America stands with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, with President Salome Zourabichvili of the Republic of Georgia, President Maia Sandu of Moldova, and with the rightful President, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, of Belarus.

Additionally, as we are discussing Lend-Lease, I had the extraordinary opportunity with Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo in 2005, to visit, sadly, the world's largest open cemetery in Saint Petersburg, the victims, half a million people of the siege of Leningrad. And we were there to show the love and affection of the United States to the people of Russia.

We were there to also find out that it was American Lend-Lease equipment that provided for the defeat of Hitler and for the saving, actually, of the Putin family. And so, Lend-Lease has a long proud history of providing for freedom successfully.

In December, I visited the courageous Ukrainian patriots in Kyiv. I am confident Ukraine will win for freedom and independence. We are all inspired by the Ukrainian-American Congresswoman VICTORIA SPARTZ of Indiana, and over a million dynamic Ukrainian Americans who are successful across America.

I urge all Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Madam Speaker, as we stand here right now, in the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Secretary Antony Blinken is testifying and talking about his recent visit to Kyiv, asking—well, replying to questions that Members on both sides are asking.

And the sense of unity that has been talked about here today, about us being united against Putin's aggression, about us standing together and trying to make sure that we do all that we can to help the Ukrainian people, and that unity, that unity, is what is going to make sure that we preserve democracies around the world.

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It is the unity that we have seen with the United States in the lead, keeping 30 NATO countries together, which no one thought would happen before this incursion.

It is the unity of bringing our Asian allies together. It is the unity bringing our Western Hemisphere allies together. It is the unity bringing our African allies together.

It is that unity right here in the United States Congress. Working together is what is going to prevail.

There was a question asked before I left the hearing. One Member said he was at a townhall meeting, and someone asked the question: Well, what does this mean to me? That was the question.

Secretary Blinken said, with which I agree: What does it mean? Well, when you look at what is at stake, number one, the world is asking: What happens? Are there any consequences for a country that decides just to go invade someone else's sovereign property? If we allow that to happen, if it could happen there, it could happen anywhere.

The questions of what we do, what we stand for, who we are, and what our values are, are on the line right now, not only in Ukraine but for all of us who believe in democracy.

When you look at the consequences and the lack of care of the rest of the world by this invasion by Mr. Putin—we are going to have to do hearings

now to talk about starvation. People around the world will starve because of the lack of wheat.

We are looking at what he tried to utilize with reference to energy resources. It has a reverberation back here in the United States as we are looking at what is taking place with rising oil costs, with rising food costs.

This is about us around the world, some, yes, making sacrifices so that we can show the world that unity. And together, we will prevent evil from occurring.

We have seen it once in the 1940s. I never thought I would have to see and fight it again in 2022. This is a trying time for the camera of history, which is rolling.

I, again, thank Mr. MCCAUL because I have been working very closely with my ranking member to make sure that we have one voice on this. We have talked often and made sure that we are working in a bipartisan manner. I thank Mr. WILSON for managing this bill on the floor and working collectively together in that regard. I thank the leadership on both sides of the aisle because with that, Ukraine will win.

When Ukraine wins, the American people win; the world wins; democracy wins.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BEATTY). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1065, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the third reading of the bill.

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

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 10, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS—417

Adams	Bergman	Buck
Aderholt	Beyer	Bucshon
Aguilar	Bice (OK)	Budd
Allred	Bilirakis	Burchett
Amodei	Bishop (GA)	Burgess
Armstrong	Blumenauer	Bush
Arrington	Blunt Rochester	Bustos
Auchincloss	Boebert	Butterfield
Axne	Bonamici	Calvert
Babin	Bost	Cammack
Bacon	Bourdeaux	Carbajal
Baird	Bowman	Cárdenas
Balderson	Boyle, Brendan	Carey
Banks	F.	Carl
Barr	Brady	Carson
Barragán	Brooks	Carter (GA)
Bass	Brown (MD)	Carter (LA)
Beatty	Brown (OH)	Carter (TX)
Bentz	Brownley	Cartwright
Bera	Buchanan	Case

Casten	Grijalva	McCaul
Castor (FL)	Grothman	McClain
Castro (TX)	Guest	McClintock
Cawthorn	Guthrie	McCollum
Chabot	Harder (CA)	McEachin
Cheney	Harris	McGovern
Cherfilus-	Harshbarger	McHenry
McCormick	Hartzler	McKinley
Chu	Hayes	McNerney
Cicilline	Hern	Meeks
Clark (MA)	Herrrell	Meijer
Clarke (NY)	Herrera Beutler	Meng
Cleaver	Hice (GA)	Meuser
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Mfume
Cloud	Higgins (NY)	Miller (IL)
Clyburn	Hill	Miller (WV)
Clyde	Himes	Miller-Meeks
Cohen	Hinson	Moolenaar
Cole	Hollingsworth	Mooney
Comer	Horsford	Moore (AL)
Connolly	Houlahan	Moore (UT)
Cooper	Hoyer	Moore (WI)
Correa	Hudson	Morelle
Costa	Huffman	Moulton
Courtney	Huizenga	Mrvan
Craig	Issa	Mullin
Crawford	Jackson	Murphy (FL)
Crenshaw	Jackson Lee	Murphy (NC)
Crist	Jacobs (CA)	Nadler
Crow	Jacobs (NY)	Napolitano
Cuellar	Jayapal	Neal
Curtis	Jeffries	Neguse
Davids (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Newhouse
Davis, Danny K.	Johnson (LA)	Newman
Davis, Rodney	Johnson (OH)	Norcross
Dean	Johnson (SD)	O'Halleran
DeFazio	Johnson (TX)	Obernolte
DeGette	Jones	Ocasio-Cortez
DeLauro	Jordan	Omar
DelBene	Joyce (OH)	Owens
Delgado	Joyce (PA)	Palazzo
Demings	Kahele	Pallone
DeSaulnier	Kaptur	Palmer
DesJarlais	Katko	Panetta
Deutch	Keating	Pappas
Diaz-Balart	Keller	Pascrell
Dingell	Kelly (IL)	Payne
Doggett	Kelly (MS)	Pelosi
Donalds	Kelly (PA)	Pence
Doyle, Michael	Khanna	Perlmutter
F.	Kildee	Peters
Duncan	Kilmer	Pfluger
Dunn	Kim (CA)	Phillips
Ellzey	Kim (NJ)	Pingree
Emmer	Kind	Pocan
Escobar	Kinzinger	Porter
Eshoo	Kirkpatrick	Posey
Espallat	Krishnamoorthi	Pressley
Estes	Kuster	Price (NC)
Evans	Kustoff	Quigley
Fallon	LaHood	Raskin
Feenstra	LaMalfa	Reed
Ferguson	Lamb	Reschenthaler
Fischbach	Lamborn	Rice (NY)
Fitzgerald	Langevin	Rice (SC)
Fitzpatrick	Larsen (WA)	Rodgers (WA)
Fleischmann	Larson (CT)	Rogers (AL)
Fletcher	Latta	Rogers (KY)
Foster	LaTurner	Rose
Fox	Lawrence	Rosendale
Frankel, Lois	Lawson (FL)	Ross
Franklin, C.	Lee (CA)	Rouzer
Scott	Lee (NV)	Roy
Fulcher	Leger Fernandez	Roybal-Allard
Gallagher	Lesko	Ruiz
Galleo	Letlow	Ruppersberger
Garamendi	Levin (CA)	Rush
Garbarino	Levin (MI)	Rutherford
Garcia (CA)	Lieu	Ryan
García (IL)	Lofgren	Salazar
Garcia (TX)	Long	Sánchez
Gibbs	Loudermilk	Sarbanes
Gimenez	Lowenthal	Scalise
Gohmert	Lucas	Scanlon
Golden	Luetkemeyer	Schakowsky
Gomez	Luria	Schiff
Gonzales, Tony	Lynch	Schneider
Gonzalez (OH)	Mace	Schrader
Gonzalez,	Malinowski	Schrier
Vicente	Malliotakis	Schweikert
Good (VA)	Maloney,	Scott (VA)
Gooden (TX)	Carolyn B.	Scott, Austin
Gottheimer	Maloney, Sean	Scott, David
Granger	Mann	Sessions
Graves (LA)	Manning	Sewell
Graves (MO)	Mast	Sherman
Green (TN)	Matsui	Sherrill
Green, Al (TX)	McBath	Simpson
Griffith	McCarthy	Sires

Slotkin	Tenney	Walorski
Smith (MO)	Thompson (CA)	Waltz
Smith (NE)	Thompson (MS)	Wasserman
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (PA)	Schultz
Smith (WA)	Timmons	Waters
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Soto	Tlaib	Weber (TX)
Spanberger	Tonko	Webster (FL)
Spartz	Torres (CA)	Welch
Speier	Torres (NY)	Wenstrup
Stansbury	Trahan	Westerman
Stanton	Trone	Wexton
Stauber	Turner	Wild
Steel	Underwood	Williams (GA)
Stefanik	Upton	Williams (TX)
Steil	Valadao	Wilson (FL)
Steube	Van Drew	Wilson (SC)
Stevens	Van Deyne	Wittman
Strickland	Vargas	Womack
Suozi	Veasey	Yarmuth
Swalwell	Velázquez	Zeldin
Takano	Wagner	
Taylor	Walberg	

NAYS—10

Biggs	Gosar	Perry
Bishop (NC)	Greene (GA)	Tiffany
Davidson	Massie	
Gaetz	Norman	

NOT VOTING—3

Allen	Nehls	Stewart
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Mr. DAVIDSON changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 139, “nay” on rollcall No. 140, and “yea” on rollcall No. 141.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Adams	Frankel, Lois	Ocasio-Cortez
(Manning)	(Wasserman	(Escobar)
Bass (Beyer)	Schultz)	Perlmutter
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(AL))	(Correa)	Pfluger (Mann)
Brown (MD)	Gomez (Correa)	Price (NC)
(Evans)	Grijalva	(Butterfield)
(Stanton)	(Stanton)	Rodgers (WA)
Brown (OH)	Hartzler	(Joyce (PA))
(Jeffries)	(Lamborn)	Ross (Beyer)
Brownley	Higgins (NY)	Scott, David
(Correa)	(Pallone)	(Jeffries)
Carey	Johnson (TX)	Sires (Pallone)
(Balderson)	(Jeffries)	Strickland
Casten (Foster)	Lamb (Pallone)	(Jeffries)
Castro (TX)	Lawson (FL)	Suozi (Beyer)
(Correa)	(Wasserman	Taylor (Van
Cawthorn (Gaetz)	Schultz)	Deyne)
Craig (Pallone)	Levin (MI)	Tlaib (Takano)
Crist	(Beyer)	Trahan (Beyer)
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Schultz)	(Beyer)	Wagner
Cuellar (Correa)	Meijer (Katko)	(McHenry)
DeSaulnier	Morelle (Jeffries)	Waters (Takano)
(Beyer)	OHalleran	(Stanton)

MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT BISHOP EVANS OF THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, today I come before the House of Representatives to honor and recognize the sacrifice of Sergeant Bishop Evans of the Texas National Guard, age 22, of Arlington, Texas.

Sergeant Evans gave his life to save two others. He exemplifies the spirit of service and sacrifice that those who volunteer to serve in our Nation's military personify.

He died an American hero. He was a light in times of darkness. May God bless his family.

Madam Speaker, at this time I request a moment of silence to honor the life of Sergeant Bishop Evans.

CELEBRATING PASTOR WILLIAMS' 11TH ANNIVERSARY AT ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise a great man of faith, Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III.

For the last 11 years he has been the pastor at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

In that time, he has done tremendous work to help his community. He was a strong supporter of vaccinations to protect members and residents from COVID-19. He worked to provide social services to people who were suffering due to COVID-19-related job losses and other hardships.

His goal as the pastor of Zion Hill has been to love people and grow an active community church, and he has done that.

I had the honor of attending his installation 11 years ago along with my father, the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE, Jr., as I was a city councilman at the time. And recently to celebrate the 11 incredible years he has given as the head of Zion Hill. I can say, he is truly succeeding in his goal.

So congratulations again to Pastor Douglas L. Williams, III, on 11 exceptional years as the pastor of my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, from across the street, who for 60 years have gone to that church, and also for the rest of the congregation at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

He is truly a man of faith who is a blessing to our community.

TAX DAY

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, Monday of last week was liberals' favorite holiday: Tax Day—which usually serves as an annual reminder of just how big the government has gotten.

However, instead of paying taxes on only one day of the year, Americans are being forced to pay an invisible tax every day this year: inflation—which is

a constant reminder of the cost of Big Government and big deficit spending.

Make no mistake, President Biden's and congressional Democrats' willingness to borrow trillions of dollars to pay for ever-growing wasteful government programs has caused record-high inflation. Prices at the pump and at the grocery store were already skyrocketing well before Vladimir Putin's evil invasion of Ukraine.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration wants to double down on these disastrous, inflation-inducing spending bills. His budget proposal calls for shelling out \$73 trillion over the next 10 years and would only add to the pain we all feel when we reach for our pocketbooks. Tennesseans can't afford another year of one-party Democratic control of Government.

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HONORING VIVIAN FAHR

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent, Ms. Vivian Fahr, who recently completed her GED at the age of 88.

After completing the 10th grade, Vivian left school and got married. From that point on, she never stopped working hard to raise four kids, pay the bills, and put food on the table. One day, she remarked to her daughter-in-law that she regretted never having had the chance to finish her education.

Vivian's family connected her to ProJeCt of Easton, an outstanding interfaith coalition in my district that provides free educational programs to members of the community. With the organization's help, Vivian started her coursework at age 87 and diligently worked to obtain her degree, always attending class, participating, and asking for assistance when needed.

Vivian is an inspiration to her children, her grandchildren, the greater Lehigh Valley community, and students of all ages. She is a testament to the importance of high-quality education.

Congratulations, Vivian.

DEMOCRATS' SOFT-ON-CRIME POLICIES

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, crime is soaring under President Biden and the Democrats' soft-on-crime policies nationally and in my home State of California.

More police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2021 than in any year since 1995. Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set new homicide records. Shootings of police officers have increased 63 percent compared to this time in 2020.

Instead of addressing these deadly statistics, some Democrats in blue cities want to defund and demonize our police.

Instead of focusing on dangerous individuals with illegal weapons who commit these deadly crimes, President Biden has chosen to attack law-abiding Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights. He wants the ATF to ban privately made firearms, so-called ghost guns, which are predominantly a hobbyist option and require more time, tooling, and dedication to craftsmanship than most criminals are willing to invest.

Instead of throwing the books at criminals, they are coming after private citizens, even going so far as to call parents at school board meetings terrorists.

Now, they want to introduce legislation that would target law enforcement and servicemembers as potential domestic terrorists. This is deeply offensive to our men and women in uniform and also goes against evidence that terrorist incidents are far more likely to be committed against military and law enforcement than by military and law enforcement.

This is wrongheaded, and we must stop this.

THANKING FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank our brave firefighters and first responders who are on the front lines, saving lives as wildfires burn across the beautiful State of New Mexico.

This week began with 20 wildfires burning across 16 counties of our State, causing thousands of New Mexicans to evacuate their homes. We mourn the lives that have been lost and stand in solidarity with the many families who have been forced to leave, in many cases, lands on which they have lived on for generations.

As we lift up our firefighters and first responders, I thank our Governor, Governor Lujan Grisham, for her leadership in the face of these devastating fires. Her quick response has saved lives, and I want to echo her call for additional support to coordinate emergency response across the State.

These wildfires show us why our votes in this body are so important, as we are sending more than \$5.5 billion to prevent and fight wildfires through the bipartisan infrastructure law and other bills we have passed.

As wildfires continue to burn across our State, we stand ready to support our Governor, local officials, firefighters, and everyone helping out. Together, as New Mexicans, we stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity and in support of our communities.

FAILED BORDER POLICIES THREATENING AMERICA

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, upon returning to my office, I heard testimony from Secretary Mayorkas from Homeland Security saying that he inherited a mess at the border and that he is doing the best he can.

The American public ought to know what the numbers are. Two Marches ago, between got-aways who weren't vetted by the Border Patrol and people who were vetted by the Border Patrol, about 11,000 people a month were coming here. A year ago in March, it was around 60,000. We are right now at 153,000.

When you inherit a March with 11,000 and 2 years later you are at 153,000, you have not been doing the best you can.

This is threatening the end of America. It signals that America is very weak. I have felt all along the policies at the southern border are one of the reasons we have to deal with Ukraine right now, because no normal leader would allow this many people to cross the border.

In any event, I urge my colleagues, anybody who has the ear of Secretary Mayorkas or the President, to point out that when you go from 11,000 to 153,000 people a month in 2 years crossing the border, you have failed and something has to be done.

RISING COSTS OF HOUSING

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the increased cost of building materials, creating an affordability crisis for housing in America.

This is, in part, because the COVID-19 pandemic has played a significant role in harming our country's supply of lumber and building materials. In addition, tariffs with Canada, along with long-term reductions of domestic timber harvesting, have exacerbated the price increases.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, prices of materials to build houses, like oriented strand boards, are up more than 400 percent since last spring. The average price of lumber has quadrupled.

This supply cost has increased the price of a new house, a new single-family home, by nearly \$40,000 per unit.

I urge Congress and the Biden administration to take action to address the lumber supply chain, such as increasing domestic harvesting of timber and negotiating new lumber agreements with Canada. This is a way we can effectively reduce the cost of housing. We need to build more housing.

CONGRATULATING TEACHER OF THE YEAR KURT RUSSELL

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

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the 2022 National Teacher of the Year, Kurt Russell.

Mr. Russell teaches at Oberlin High School in Oberlin, Ohio. He is a 25-year veteran of the classroom.

Kurt Russell was first inspired to become a teacher in middle school when he encountered his first Black male teacher.

In addition to his classroom and extracurricular duties, Kurt is the head coach for the school's varsity basketball team. He sees basketball as an extension of the classroom and a place where young people can learn about working together and how to handle both adversity and success.

He provides an inclusive and safe environment for studying diverse groups and encouraging all students' voices to be heard.

Now, as the 2022 National Teacher of the Year, he plans to advocate for classrooms to better reflect the students within them.

Mr. Russell joins his cohort of National Teachers of the Year from every State and territory this week in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their achievement, the profession, and their dedication to students.

As a fellow National Teacher of the Year, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the entire cohort and all the teachers who are being recognized this week.

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACOBS of California). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY).

RECOGNIZING MIDLOTHIAN INNOVATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I come before the House of Representatives to recognize the Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience, or MILE, as the nonprofit of the year in 2021 for the city of Midlothian, Texas.

This is a state-of-the-art educational facility that is providing high school students with additional learning pathways throughout the community. Nonprofits are a fundamental part of America, and I thank Midlothian Innovative Learning Experience for their dedication to teaching the future generation.

It is important that we bring awareness to career and technical education so that people can learn about many

different professions at a younger age. Career and technical education is a perfect way for students to apply what they are taught in school to a real-world environment.

MILE offers five career and technical education pathways: culinary arts, entrepreneurship, civil engineering, aerospace engineering, and cybersecurity. These programs provide students the opportunity to utilize industry-standard equipment and practices they have shown an interest in.

This unique learning space is able to replicate scenarios found in a professional, real-world working atmosphere. With the support from industry professionals, MILE is able to thrive and partner with Midlothian Independent School District.

It is an honor to represent this group of mentors who help contribute to the outstanding education found all around Texas' Sixth District. I thank them for all they do.

RECOGNIZING ORISE KOPNAK ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orise Kopnak, who just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Twice a week, this Waxahachie, Texas, resident volunteers at Baylor Scott & White hospital to volunteer in the day surgery department waiting room. Since 2014, she has logged more than 2,400 hours of her personal time to encourage, serve, and assist people who are waiting for a loved one to come out of surgery.

Orise's faithfulness to stand with the families, friends, and caregivers of patients during anxious and often difficult circumstances is a testament to her character. Even during a pandemic, Orise continued to volunteer.

People like Orise Kopnak represent everything that is good about our country. America was built on the volunteer principle. It has been instrumental in our Nation's advancement and made us, as Americans, a strong and self-reliant people.

Ronald Reagan once said the volunteer spirit is the engine that drives the whole history of the United States. It is an extra dimension of faith, friendship, and brotherhood that makes us good neighbors and good people and made America a great country.

I thank Orise for showing us how it is done. There is a reason her generation has been dubbed the Greatest Generation. May God bless her as she continues to carry out one of life's greatest causes: serving others.

RECOGNIZING DEMOND DAVIS

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I take this time to recognize one of my constituents, Ellis County Sheriff's Deputy Demond Davis.

Deputy Davis was new to the sheriff's force when he responded to a 10-200, which is a drug-related incident. Once he arrived, he witnessed a drug overdose. The individual was struggling, barely breathing, and his conditions were intensifying. Deputy Davis rushed to help and quickly administered Narcan nasal spray.

According to the account, the individual immediately started coming to. They were transported to Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Waxahachie, where they received additional medical attention.

Deputy Davis' actions ensured another person did not fall victim to the opioid epidemic. Ellis County Sheriff Brad Norman awarded the Life-Saving Award commendation and pin to Deputy Davis for his heroic actions.

Drug overdoses, especially from fentanyl, have become more prevalent in the U.S. Deputy Davis and his fellow law enforcement officers are our front line in responding to this terrible crisis. We cannot thank our law enforcement and first responders enough. America needs more heroes like Deputy Demond Davis.

CONGRATULATING TIMOTHY REDHAIR

Mr. ELLZEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate a resident of Waxahachie, Texas, Timothy Redhair, who was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve this month.

Colonel Redhair has a long and distinguished career in the military while also being a steward of our community.

As a lieutenant colonel, he commanded the 2nd Battalion, 132nd Infantry Regiment of the Texas Army National Guard and later had the opportunity to lead the Headquarters Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard's 36th Infantry Division.

During the height of the pandemic, Colonel Redhair deployed with his division to Kuwait. After returning from the Middle East, Timothy joined the Army Reserve, where he serves as the emergency preparedness liaison officer for Texas.

When Colonel Redhair isn't protecting our community, he spends his time as an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 520, Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, where he trains young men and women to become our future leaders.

This commitment to our country and our community is outstanding, and I am glad to see such a worthy member of our community receive this honor.

I thank Colonel Redhair again for his service and congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion.

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IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Mr. ELLZEY. It has been over 2 months since Russia invaded Ukraine. We are witnessing a war crime forced upon the people of Ukraine.

But from this tragedy we have seen great strength from the Ukrainian people, as well as a great deal of kindness and support from our fellow Americans.

In fact, throughout Texas District Six, you will see support with Ukrainian flags being flown and people donating their time to help the people of Ukraine. For example, Waxahachie's very own Gregg Burdette went with a nine-person team from Texas Baptist

Men to assist with Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Gregg's team spent 10 days volunteering in shelters and receiving and sorting donated materials. With volunteers from all over the world, they were able to help many families and children get food, supplies, and a good night's rest.

Gregg is not the only District Six native giving aid to Ukraine. Surepoint Medical Centers, a local free-standing emergency room chain based out of Mansfield, Texas, donated their own medical supplies to aid the people of Ukraine.

With the help of many District Six residents who work for Surepoint, they were able to send critical medical supplies that included tourniquets, bandages, and various other lifesaving items.

I am proud of the work and kindness not just from the people of District Six, but everyone else who has donated any time, supplies, or sent prayers to the Ukrainian people in their time of need.

My friend from Arizona, I appreciate you yielding me time.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, I am going to do something this evening that isn't sort of traditional for me because I mostly do economics. I tried to do that circle of how everything ties together, and I accept I get a little geeky. For those who are trying to keep an eye on the history of our words, wave at me if I start speaking too fast because I have had a lot of coffee today.

Today, I am going to try to talk about what I saw on the border last week, but I am going to try to do it in a slightly different way. You have had lots of us come up here—and I am going to do part of it; I am going to show the boards and the numbers and all that.

In economics, there is this concept of a second-degree effect, a third-degree effect. I wish I could come up with a definition for a misery effect. The fact of the matter is, let's pretend it is really done out of compassion. Let's pretend our brothers and sisters on the left, this administration, their approach to the border is because they are heartfelt, and they believe this is kind and compassionate. My argument here is going to be really simple: Please think through your definition of "compassion."

Now that we know there are functionally 700 migrants who have lost their lives trying to cross the river, or when I was with the Border Patrol last Wednesday in Yuma, Arizona, and the Border Patrol agent, she was telling me of the heartbreak of finding a couple of children dead in the desert just a few hundred yards from the border, how can that be our definition of "compassion"?

And then we are going to have to walk through the reality of the misery you have brought to my State, my community.

Last Thursday, we did a roundtable with the true experts in our community in regard to fentanyl and drug use. I was sitting next to a mother who lost her teenage son by taking a single pill.

You have us come here and talk about the fentanyl crisis. Do you understand the scale?

Phoenix has functionally become the distribution hub of North America. One of the reasons—and I am going try to show it in the numbers here. When the border is just crowded with populations coming across it—and I stood there for a good 3 minutes, and there were 30-something people coming across the border. Over here were some other migrants crossing over the dam. Over here is the Border Patrol agent saying, I am in the concierge business. I basically take people, I walk them over to the trucks, and we take them to processing, and when we do that, whole sections over here on the border are left unmanned.

Then you wonder why a sergeant who is a Phoenix police officer, my neighbor and friend, tells me a year ago it cost about \$112 for some poor soul to get high for the day. Today it is \$12.

If you believe in basic economics, when the price crashes by 112 to 12, do you understand the depravity, the cruelty that Democrats' definition of "compassion" has brought to our own communities?

I will try to do this—and I have done a version of this before—you have got to think of the effects of the policy that the left is engaged in. When you open up the borders, you get more drugs. If you get more drugs, you are getting more homeless. If you are getting more homeless, you have increased crime. And then you have deaths.

How many people in the last day or so have come behind these microphones and said, Well, according to the latest statistics, we have 112 Americans who died of fentanyl that we know of. Well, our problem in the Phoenix area is not only fentanyl, it is meth, and it is other things.

How do I get the left to be willing to understand, if you love and care about people, your version of compassion is cruel?

So let's actually walk through some of the obvious, and then try to add a little bit of color and see if we can make this sort of come together as an understanding.

First, let's just do the basic math. We are being told, Hey, we are heading in this fiscal year already to almost a million people.

I had the experience last Wednesday of standing there. I have some distant relatives who do some farming down in the Yuma area, so I am an Arizonan, and I am at the border dozens of times.

I went and visited the Border Patrol station, and I know some of the folks there, and I saw the faces of individuals who feel like they have just been crushed. They are law enforcement, and they are not able to protect the

border because they are functionally in the people management business. They are taking people here and moving them over here so they can be processed, so they can be let go, so they can get a return order 6 years from now. This is what is going on.

Then they turn to you and say, I am here to stop drugs and weapons and potentially horrible people, terrorists, coming across our border, and I am now functionally in the human transportation business. That is what we have turned our Border Patrol into.

Then you meet with some of the Customs and Border Protection officials, and they say, Yes, you know, fentanyl may be coming right through the borders, but they only have to go several hundred yards that way and there is no more Border Patrol because all of them are taking care of people; you can just walk across.

Somewhere here I am going to try to do the other part of the discussion, where we talk about potentially if that is a million in the first half of the year, is it a couple million? Will the left have an honest discussion with us of why their version of compassion has a level of human exploitation that is really uncomfortable to talk about?

The agent I was standing there with turns to me and says, You understand most of these people who are walking across right now are going to spend the next few years of their life paying off the cartels, those are the costs that they had to commit to to cross the border.

If they can't pay it off with a job that they are not allowed to have, do they have to pay it off with their body?

Do they have to pay it off with smuggling, moving narcotics?

Is anyone here willing to take a step back from sort of the radicalized ideology and say this is not compassion, this is cruelty?

We are functionally in the business of human exploitation right now, that is our border policy. Yet, when we see numbers of border encounters have increased 278 percent, it is just another guy coming behind the microphone here and sounding like an accountant on steroids.

These are people. And is it enough that several hundred of them will die at the border?

Is it enough that many of them are going to have to engage in activities that are just absolutely exploitive to pay off the coyotes?

Is it enough that the cartels are now said to be making billions of dollars on human smuggling? And they are using that money now to actually build their own little factories, so they can make the precursor chemicals for fentanyl and synthetic opioids because it is cheaper than getting them imported from China?

We financed their Industrial Revolution.

Think about this: The left says, Well, inflation, these things are supply chains. Well, dammit, they did a great

job. We solved the cartel supply chain. We financed them enough so now they can make their own drugs from precursor chemicals all the way up to stamping the pill. You have got to think about those second-degree, third-degree effects of misery that really crappy policy brings.

Why have there been so many on the right and now a handful of Democrats—who are obviously concerned about their elections and realizing what they have embraced, but they are not willing to sign the discharge petition on title 42—why are so many of us talking about this: The Border Patrol—if you have an honest conversation with them—will turn to you and say, We are maxed out. And if you double the populations that are approaching the border because you functionally have removed title 42 so they don't get sent back, they get processed, it is no longer being overwhelmed, it is just a catastrophe. There functionally will be no protection on our border, and once again, U.S. policy is functionally financing the cartels. Congratulations.

The misery, the murders, the exploitation, which is U.S. policy. That is functionally what we have done here, but you did it in the name of, Well, this was compassionate. It is an amazing definition of "compassion."

Now, let's actually get to some other bits of misery. This number is a fraud. The reason this fentanyl number is—saying we have had 133 percent increase of capturing, collecting, stopping fentanyl at the border—when you meet with law enforcement down on the border they say most people we can't catch; we are too busy taking care of these million—now 2 million potentially—people crossing the border.

What a great system.

Let's see. The cartels get to march people to the border. They may get a few thousand bucks a head, so they get financed there. And because Border Patrol and Customs and Border Protection are overwhelmed, it creates these massive openings where you can just move lots of narcotics across the border.

And here is what should be ripping your hearts apart: I got to sit next to a mom who told the story of her teenage son taking a single pill, a single pill that was stamped as something completely different, and 2 hours later that mom didn't have a son anymore.

In Arizona, 95 percent of our kids that died in the previous year—out of the 60 who died, 57 of them were from these fentanyl pills. Is there any love and compassion and caring for these moms that have lost their children? What is going on here?

Is the ideology of this administration of the Democrats here in the House, are they so radically calcified that the definition of "compassion" is the death of 57 Arizonan children? Is that really where they are at? Because that is the outcome.

I don't know how else to humanize this story, but this is what we have

done. Yet, now we see some of our brothers and sisters on the left, once again, saying, Well, we are actually concerned now, too. But you notice they won't come sign the actual piece of legislation so we can vote on it to actually stop that increase.

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Forgive me, I can't stop myself with the charts.

Part of it, when you start seeing the explosion of increase—and it is Arizona, it is my community that is the one that is crushed—when you start seeing Arizona having a 79.5 percent increase in, functionally, fentanyl pills crossing our border, and that is what is captured.

Remember, I mentioned before I did the ride-along with the Phoenix police sergeant? And in parts of the discussion he was saying, Yeah, it is about \$12 now for that heartbreaking, homeless person there sleeping in that alley to get high for the day.

That is what we have done.

We have ZIP Codes now, I am being told, that the homelessness has doubled in the last year.

And what is the consistent policy thing that happened in the last year? The Democrats opened up the border.

So let's play economist for a moment.

What are the couple of things you do to make the working poor and the poor, to make their life more miserable?

Okay. Inflation. We have done a great job at that.

Remember, one year ago, March, we functionally dropped another \$1.9 trillion on the economy. You look at the charts and, boom, there goes inflation. My community had functionally a 10.9 percent inflation increase. I represent the community that had the highest growth of inflation year to year.

Do you know how many people no longer can afford their apartment—functionally, can't afford?

You are crushing the working poor.

But you can do more. You can open up the border. And this was actually left-wing economists that wrote these papers about 10 years ago. If you want to crush the working poor, import millions of people with similar skill sets.

So one of the classic definitions of the profile of someone as working poor is they may not have finished high school, but they are selling their labor. They are out there hanging drywall, working their hearts out, they are trying to find a way to get out. And now they are going to compete against who knows how many people who are going to work in the underground economy.

You have added millions of people with similar skill sets.

So how are they going to get the money to pay off their smugglers? Don't you think they are going to be coming in the back door saying, I will work for cash; I will do this and that?

Now you have other things that make the poor poorer: Crime, drugs,

someone stealing their stuff because they need money. And you look at all those numbers. The Democrats are in their, what? Now, 15 months of control. Every single number. Income inequality, the poor getting poorer, misery, death, retirees getting poorer, the middle class getting poorer.

Great job, guys. Great job.

Tell me something you have done that hasn't increased misery in this country.

I know this is uncomfortable, but I am doing it on purpose. Sometimes the smartest thing is to just stop what you are doing. Take a breath. Maybe the ideology is a false ideology. Back up.

I am sorry the former President was into border security. But do you remember a decade and a half ago when it was the hallmark of Democrats that were concerned about illegal immigration?

Do you remember it was Republicans and Chambers of Commerce that wanted to flood the country with cheap labor?

Isn't it amazing what happened here?

It was only about 15 years ago that the left were the protectors of working men and women.

We will not flood the country with cheap labor.

We need our folks to be able to have a working wage.

Oh, we are going to open the border now because it is compassionate, and we are going to screw up everyone's life.

What happened?

When did the Democrats abandon the middle class, the working poor? Is it they weren't voting for them enough?

It is about the math. Now, we are moving beyond pounds, we are heading towards tonnage in the amounts of fentanyl coming through my State.

Let's put this in context.

You see this little picture right here, those few crystals there? That functionally is enough to kill you. So that is a penny. Those? That kills you.

When does this become terrorism? Because it is already functionally killing our children.

Does anyone care?

Now, we have got to go just a little bit further down the rabbit hole.

The border agents report over a thousand percent increase, and these are the ones in Texas. The argument I was given by our friends at Customs and Border Patrol is they are not catching much of it.

But it goes further. You have got to understand what has been happening in my community. This is just one of a dozen headlines when there is a bust and it is enough to functionally kill every single person in my State.

There was a bust the night before we did our fentanyl roundtable. There was enough to kill everyone in my county, and I have the third or fourth most populous county in the Nation.

Do you understand the scale? When you have the experts here saying, Well, David, you don't understand. Prices

have so crashed, a couple of years ago it would be several dollars a pill. Now it might be, at wholesale, 45 cents a pill. When it gets that cheap, you want to try to understand why it is in your elementary schools, your high schools, throughout your community, and the homeless campuses.

That is the cascade effect.

So I'm begging the majority to just take a breath for a moment, back away from the radicalized ideology and just take a breath and say, Do you actually love and care about people?

Will you accept the misery, the death, just the dystopian devastation that is happening in our communities right now because of an open-border policy? That is what it is.

And title 42 is not a solution. It is just trying to stop the catastrophe.

Sign the discharge petition. Prove that your rhetoric actually fits reality.

Or maybe the constituencies are now so gerrymandered and intellectually calcified that you can't tell the truth.

Another chart that absolutely proves we have turned, functionally, our legal apparatus to protect the Nation into, functionally, a transportation service, ICE. Immigration enforcement is, functionally, beyond the border in our communities. Those who got through, who were not stopped, it is up to law enforcement.

How do you catch someone and functionally remove them from the country?

You see where we were in 2019. And then you see where we were in 2020. And do you see the crash over here? These deportations?

Now, what is fascinating is this line way up here was actually even further up during the Obama administration.

Did the left basically just crash this because the last President was so hated by the left for protecting working men and women that if he said it is Black, you had to say White? You had to walk away from it?

We would be elated to get back to the actual law enforcement protection of the border numbers that were there during the Obama administration.

There is this weird irony, and I just show this so folks understand the bizarreness of Democrat management leadership of this government right now.

So illegal immigration goes up—well, it is not immigration, it is illegal captures at the border, presentations, those things—278 percent.

But legal, if the person had just got their Ph.D. in electrical engineering at ASU and they can't process the paperwork, legal immigration has crashed. So at the same time we get the complaints from businesses that they can't hire anyone, that we need talent to grow the economy.

As you saw the brilliance today, GDP actually fell pretty substantially in the last quarter. Yay, Democrats are doing a great job.

One of the factors of economic growth is when you bring in smart peo-

ple. Well, that has crashed but we are imparting massive numbers of poverty into the country. That is the left's version of compassion.

I accept that some of this presentation is a little bit on the aggressive, maybe slightly jerky side, but I don't have another way to basically say, Is this really the Democrats' vision of America?

Is this really how you think we are going to make poor people less poor, the working poor more prosperous, the middle class much more prosperous?

The thought experiment is very simple. Anyone out there, contact my office with something, give me a single thing in the last 15 months of absolute Democrat control of this Congress, this government, that the left has done that has turned out to actually be good for America, good for working people, good for poor people. You have made rich people a lot richer. Isn't that amazing?

Income inequality was shrinking dramatically in 2018, 2019, and the first quarter of 2020.

Pandemic; Democrats take over—boom. All the things they told us that they cared about basically have gone to crap. And the math is the math. But as you all know, we work in a math-free zone.

And maybe at some point we will tie our hearts, our compassion, to the actual facts. And when we do that, the really bad things that this Congress and this White House are doing to the American people will stop.

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

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 270.—An act to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, April 29, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3838. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for fiscal year (FY) 2022 emergency supplemental funding for critical security and economic assistance to Ukraine, pursuant to Public

Law 117-31, Sec. 606; (135 Stat. 320) (H. Doc. No. 117—115); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-3839. A letter from the Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's 2022 annual report to Congress on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692m(a); Public Law 90-321, Sec. 815(a) (as amended by Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1089(1)); (124 Stat. 2092); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3840. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting Corporation's 2022 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3841. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the NCUA Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and 2022 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 306(a); Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866) and 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3842. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's FY 2021 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3843. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting five (5) notifications of a designation of acting officer, nomination, action on nomination, and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3844. A letter from the Executive Director, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting the FY 2021 Equal Access to Justice Act Awards Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3845. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion on *Vitol, Inc. v. United States of America*, USDC No. 4:18-CV-2275, from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3846. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the Trust's Annual Management Report for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105); (115 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3847. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2019/2021 Report to Congress; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Science, Space, and Technology.

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. LEVIN of California (for himself and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 7612. A bill to advance desalination research and technological innovation, 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 Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 7613. A bill to repeal section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 and ensure reasonable, non-discriminatory access to online communications platforms; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. EMMER):

H.R. 7614. A bill to provide for orderly and secure digital commodity exchange markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 7615. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships to develop housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENTZ (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. BUCHSON, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. POSEY, Ms. MACE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MAST, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. GAETZ, and Mr. FULCHER):

H.R. 7616. A bill to reduce the amount made available to the National Archives and Records Administration unless certain backlogs of the Administration are resolved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 7617. A bill to provide for a national public health education campaign, grant program, and task force for recommended preventive health care services during the COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BROWN of Ohio (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. RYAN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio):

H.R. 7618. A bill to designate the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial in Bedford Heights, Ohio, as a national memorial; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. TLALIB):

H.R. 7619. A bill to provide for the publication of OLC opinions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida):

H.R. 7620. A bill to implement title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 with respect to elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 7621. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Defense a civilian harm investigation coordinator, to improve and make permanent the requirement that the Secretary of Defense submit an annual report on civilian harm in connection with United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 7622. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to apprenticeship program assistance for small business development centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 7623. A bill to increase the effectiveness and accountability of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the Treasury and to protect the freedom and privacy of Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GUTHRIE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LONG, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KINZINGER, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 7624. A bill to make available additional frequencies in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band for non-Federal use, shared Federal and non-Federal use, or a combination thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. CROW, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Ms. JACOBS of California):

H.R. 7625. A bill to enhance protections of civilians during United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 7626. A bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of body-worn camera continuous training programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 7627. A bill to address systemic racism through the arts and humanities in the United States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

H.R. 7628. A bill to increase oversight of and improve programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MALINOWSKI (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 7629. A bill to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, establish a commercial satellite system cybersecurity clearinghouse in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. MCCAUL (for himself, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 7630. A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 7631. A bill to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement fertility controls to manage populations of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and to encourage training opportunities for military

veterans to assist in range management activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 7632. A bill to provide access to reliable, clean, and drinkable water on Tribal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. O'HALLERAN:

H.R. 7633. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 7634. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under Federal health care programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. GIMENEZ, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 7635. A bill to direct the President to submit to Congress a report on possible benefits accruing to the regime of Nicolás Maduro as a result of an agreement with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 7636. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MAST, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. POSEY, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. ISSA, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BUDD, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. HILL, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, and Mr. NORMAN):

H.R. 7637. A bill to prohibit the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of funds to provide emergency assistance at the southern border of the United States resulting from the repeal of certain public health orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LONG, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ROY, Mr. ROSE, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. MACE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BUCK, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. ESTES, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. GOHMERT):

H.J. Res. 82. A joint resolution disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KINZINGER:

H.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces to defend the territorial integrity of United States allies; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.J. Res. 84. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration relating to civil penalties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H. Con. Res. 87. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

H. Res. 1069. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 7 each year as "Brain Donation Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GIBBS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. HUDSON):

H. Res. 1070. A resolution expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of Texas Army National Guard Specialist Bishop E. Evans; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H. Res. 1071. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Ms. MENG, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CASE, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. BACON):

H. Res. 1072. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2022, as "National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KATKO (for himself and Mr. KUSTER):

H. Res. 1073. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National

Child Abuse Prevention Month; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mrs. McBATH (for herself and Mr. LOUDERMILK):

H. Res. 1074. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Weather Channel; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. McEACHIN (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DeFAZIO, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. TLAI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KILMER, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. NEWMAN):

H. Res. 1075. A resolution expressing support for honoring Earth Day, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. CROW, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. GOLDEN, Ms. CHU, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. MACE, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. MFUME, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. STEEL, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H. Res. 1076. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States; to the Committee on Small Business.

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. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 7612.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 7613.

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

Article I, Section 8, United States Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 7614.

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

The ability to regulate interstate commerce and with foreign Nations pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 including the power to regulate digital commodity exchange markets.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:
H.R. 7615.

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

Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to the power granted under Article IV, Section 3; Clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BENTZ:
H.R. 7616.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

H.R. 7617.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. BROWN of Ohio:
H.R. 7618.

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

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:
H.R. 7619.

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

Article I; Section 8; Clause 1 of the Constitution states The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Im-

posts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . .

By Mr. CASTEN:
H.R. 7620.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. CROW:
H.R. 7621.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

By Mr. CROW:
H.R. 7622.

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

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 Mr. DAVIDSON:
H.R. 7623.

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

Congress has the authority to enact the "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Improvements Act" under the Constitution of the United States, including the following provisions: (1) Article I, section 5 ("Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings"); (2) Article I, section 8 ("Power To . . . provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States"); (3) Article I, section 8 ("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") as a law necessary and proper for carrying into

execution the President's powers under Article II to nominate, appoint, and faithfully execute the laws, and the provision for executive departments, including the Treasury required by Article I, section 9; (4) Article IV, section 3 ("Power to . . . make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the . . . Property belonging to the United States"); and (5) the First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution, protecting the civil liberties and privacy guaranteed to the people.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 7624.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. KHANNA:
H.R. 7625.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE:
H.R. 7626.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. LEE of California:
H.R. 7627.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:
H.R. 7628.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MALINOWSKI:
H.R. 7629.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MCCAUL:
H.R. 7630.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. MCCLAIN:
H.R. 7631.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. NEGUSE:
H.R. 7632.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. O'HALLERAN:
H.R. 7633.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. SALAZAR:
H.R. 7635.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. TITUS:
H.R. 7636.

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

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. WOMACK:
H.R. 7637.

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

Article 1 Section 9

By Mr. BIGGS:
H.J. Res. 82.

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

Art. 1, Section 8

By Mr. KINZINGER:
H.J. Res. 83.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PERRY:
H.J. Res. 84.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 426: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. PALMER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CLINE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 598: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 815: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 892: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 959: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1011: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 1255: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1284: Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 1297: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 1321: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 1352: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 1458: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 1611: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1716: Mr. LIEU and Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1842: Mr. RUIZ and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 1956: Mr. SCHRADER.

H.R. 1972: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1977: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1983: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 1986: Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 2376: Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 2558: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 2573: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. CAREY, and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.

H.R. 2654: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 2965: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2974: Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LIEU, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. PORTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 3165: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 3173: Mr. HERN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. COOPER, and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3183: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CASE, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3342: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 3353: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina and Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 3461: Mr. SIMPSON and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3488: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 3630: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. GAETZ.

H.R. 3780: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3921: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 4217: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER and Mr. MCKINLEY.

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You, no secrets are hid. Strengthen all who put their trust in You.

Empower our lawmakers to glorify You by following your precepts. May they please You both in their desires and deeds. Lord, grant that the words they speak and the thoughts they think will be acceptable to You as You pour upon them the abundance of Your mercies.

Prosper Your providence through their efforts, according to Your holy will.

And, Lord, we continue to intercede for Ukraine.

We pray in Your mighty 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. ROSEN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AMERICA CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANUFACTURING, PRE-EMINENCE IN TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC STRENGTH ACT OF 2022—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4521, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

House message to accompany H.R. 4521, a bill to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

ENERGY

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, from the beginning, the Biden administration has displayed a hostility to fossil fuels.

President Biden set the tone on day 1 of his administration when he canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline, an environmentally responsible pipeline project that was already underway and that was to be paired with \$1.7 billion in private investment in renewable energy to fully offset its operating emissions. He almost immediately froze new oil and gas leases on Federal lands and is only now making new onshore leases available for sale after being ordered to do so by a Federal judge. His first budget contained a series of tax hikes on conventional energy production, and his budget this year, released in the midst

of an energy crisis, calls for hiking taxes on fossil fuel companies to the tune of tens of billions of dollars. And the list goes on.

Perhaps even more troubling, however, is the more insidious campaign the President has been conducting against conventional energy production, using the long arm of financial regulation and government pressure to directly or indirectly discourage investment in fossil fuels and other industries disliked by his political base.

The Securities and Exchange Commission recently issued a completely unworkable proposed rule requiring publicly traded companies to disclose information not only about their own greenhouse gas emissions but about those of their suppliers and even their customers—clearly attempting to make companies diminish or outright cut ties with traditional energy. Never mind whether this expanded environmental, social, and corporate governance—or ESG, as it is called—desired by the far left can be accurately or consistently measured, much less proved to have a positive impact on the economy or for the climate.

But the administration doesn't stop there. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission established a so-called Climate Risk Unit that potentially seems designed to pressure industries into making certain investment choices. The Federal Reserve, which has zero business inserting itself into debates over climate policy, is suggesting that it should provide "supervisory guidance" to large banks on so-called climate-related risks. Similarly, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency recently issued draft principles for banks on "climate-related financial risk."

President Biden's climate envoy, former Secretary of State John Kerry, has actively—actively—pressured banks not to invest in fossil fuels. And disturbingly, the original draft of the National Credit Union Administration's Draft Strategic Plan for 2022 to

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2026, though it has since been revised, went beyond discouraging investment in conventional energy production and actually suggested that investing too heavily in agriculture—agriculture—could be problematic for climate-related reasons. Now, I am not sure where the National Credit Union Administration thinks our food is going to come from if banks and credit unions don't provide capital to their farms and ranch clients.

All of these measures, as I said, are designed to directly or indirectly discourage investment in conventional energy production and other industries that the far left believes interfere with its unrealistic environmental agenda. And that is a problem. While I am a longtime supporter of clean energy and come from a State that in 2020 derived 83 percent of its energy generation from renewables, the fact of the matter is that our country is nowhere close to being able to eliminate our reliance on fossil fuels. Clean energy technology has simply not advanced to the point where we can replace all conventional energy production with renewables.

And cutting off investment in clean, responsible oil and gas production will do nothing but drive up energy prices for American consumers and increase our reliance on energy from unstable or unfriendly countries, which, I might add, often extract energy in far less environmentally friendly ways than do U.S. producers.

Americans are already struggling with high energy prices, thanks, in part, to the Biden administration's hostility to domestic oil and gas production, and I don't think too many Americans are eager to see energy prices rise even further. In the worst-case scenario, limiting investment in U.S. conventional energy production could not only drive up prices but contribute to fuel shortages here at home, as we may end up seeing with countries that are overly reliant on Russian energy. And I am pretty sure there aren't many Americans who are eager to wait in line at gas stations for a rationed amount of gas.

And it is not just high energy prices that Americans could have to worry about. If Democrats take their climate hysteria as far as discouraging lending to certain sectors of the agricultural economy, like livestock, which now seems possible, Americans could also see food prices rise sharply. I think it is safe to say that it is the last thing American families need in an economy that is already beset by 8.5 percent inflation, not to mention the fact that agriculture should actually be regarded as a good investment when it comes to climate change considerations. American agriculture should be leveraged as part of environmental and conservation policies, and our farmers have a vested interest in our land and water.

Add in the biofuels industry, and our agriculture sector can responsibly provide food, fuel, and fiber for the Nation. In fact, the Department of Energy has

found that ethanol derived by increasingly higher crop yields has a more than 40 percent lower lifecycle carbon footprint than gasoline.

Beyond all this, Mr. President, is the fact that the President's attempt to dictate investment by privately owned banks and credit unions and companies is a misuse of the financial regulatory system. The President's use of the financial regulatory system to pressure companies on energy investment has all too familiar echoes of the Obama administration's Operation Choke Point initiative, which used the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Justice to target companies whose activities the Obama administration didn't like.

The question also becomes, Where does this end? The government is already pressuring companies on firearms and energy investment, and now there are dangerous signs that agriculture could be targeted on perceived climate-related grounds.

Well, what is next? Is the Biden administration going to pressure banks not to lend to companies who don't espouse the Biden administration's extreme abortion agenda or who donate to causes the Biden administration doesn't support? Is it going to pressure banks not to lend to States with laws the administration doesn't like?

These are legitimate questions. As we have seen more than once, the Biden administration doesn't have a lot of tolerance for those who disagree with its far-left policy goals. Concerns like these are one reason why I led 10 of my fellow Republicans earlier this month in sending a letter to the President expressing our alarm with his administration's use of the financial regulatory system to attempt to choke off lending to conventional energy production and potentially target American agriculture. And I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the Biden administration and its regulators are not making improper use of executive power to discourage investment in essential production and to pick winners and losers among American industries.

Americans should not have to suffer because Democrats' climate agenda is out of control.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 Republican leader is recognized.

INFLATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, runaway inflation is crushing working American families on Democrats' watch. The share of Americans who say the economy is our most important

problem hasn't been this high since the last time Democrats controlled the White House.

Just this morning, we got a devastating quarterly GDP report. The economy actually shrank 1.4 percent over the last 3 months. No longer are Democrats just presiding over a disappointing recovery. Now they have thrown the recovery into reverse, and we are actually going backward. We haven't seen inflation this bad in more than 40 years—month after month of skyrocketing prices.

It is exactly what everyone knew would happen if Democrats dumped \$2 trillion in printed money on an economy that was already ready for a comeback. But Democrats rammed through the far-left spending. So working Americans are paying dearly.

This week, the same Washington Democrats who drove this inflation have finally figured out their response. They want to raise taxes on the American people. The Democratic leader said this Tuesday:

If you want to get rid of inflation, the only way to do it is to undo a lot of the Trump tax cuts and raise rates. No Republican is ever going to do that. So the only way to get rid of inflation is through reconciliation.

Said the Democratic leader. Now, remember, Senator SCHUMER is the same person who said in March 2021:

I do not think the dangers of inflation, at least in the near term, are very real.

Now the same person who predicted that inflation would not happen is saying we have to fight inflation by dramatically raising taxes on the American people.

The answer for Democrats hurting families once is for Democrats to hurt families twice. This is literally the Democratic economic agenda for your family: high prices and less money.

Republicans' 2017 tax cuts just about doubled the standard deduction for households. We created a brandnew zero percent tax bracket for the first \$24,000 that a married couple brings in. Repealing that law would cut that in half and raise your taxes. That is what repealing the 2017 tax bill actually means.

Republican tax cuts also double the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000, a tremendous help for working families. Repealing the 2017 tax law would slash those credits in half, but that is what Democrats say they want to do because of the inflation that they created.

This is Senate Democrats' position: Because their bad decisions have hurt Americans once, the solution is to hurt Americans twice. First, they hurt you with inflation, and now, they want to hurt you with tax hikes.

We will see what our citizens have to say about that later this year.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. President, now, on another matter, yesterday Secretary Mayorkas testified: "We will not lose operational control of the border." But, of course, the truth is they already have. The Secretary's own Customs and Border

Protection personnel are struggling to keep up with the massive, massive numbers. Only halfway through the fiscal year, they have already encountered a million people trying to enter our country illegally, and that doesn't count all the people they actually never caught.

But now President Biden wants to rip away the one remaining bandaid preserving any semblance of law and order. He is canceling the pandemic authorities that let CBP immediately turn people around and actually send them back home.

This week, the administration put out a laughable excuse for a new border security plan. In this new memo, Secretary Mayorkas says he aims to have a total capacity to hold 18,000 illegal immigrants in custody at one time. But here is the problem: That is the number of illegal immigrants that some CBP officials fear we could soon be seeing every single day. Let me say that again. The administration hopes they will soon be able to hold 18,000 people total in custody, while the experts warn we could soon have 18,000 coming in every single day.

So perhaps that is why the second main point in this Mayorkas memo is this: "moving with deliberate speed to mitigate potential overcrowding at Border Patrol stations." So if you translate that from Washington speak into plain English, it means they want to speed up catch-and-release a whole lot faster. They don't have a plan to secure the border. They have a plan to keep the turnstiles greased up and spinning as fast as possible—a total abdication and the opposite of what the American people expect.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Mr. President, now, on one final matter, the free world has rallied behind Ukraine, including by supplying lethal aid that Ukrainians need to actually fight and win this war. But it is not enough for Americans and our allies to help arm Ukraine; we need to modernize and grow our own defenses at the same time. After just 2 months, our aid to Ukraine has drawn down a quarter—a quarter—of our entire stockpile of Stinger anti-air missiles and a third of our Javelin antitank missiles. Our eastern flank allies' stockpiles of similar weapons have also shrunk as well.

So this is a wake-up call and not just about our ability to support the current fight; Ukraine's expenditure rate of critical munitions should cause us to question whether our own wartime requirements for weapons systems and munitions are sufficient.

This would be less of a problem if we had a robust defense industrial base to quickly refill our armories. But defense manufacturers have admitted that the production lines for some critical components have actually dried up, and it could be years before they could replace the weapons that we have already sent to Ukraine.

We live in a dangerous world. Whether it is the prospect of escalation by

Russia against NATO today or the threat of aggression by China, Iran, North Korea, or some other adversary tomorrow, America must be prepared to project power all over the globe.

We cannot assume our adversaries will give us time to prepare for battle or to restock in the middle of one. For the sake of deterring the next conflict or winning it if deterrence fails, we must invest in our military readiness.

For 2 years in a row, the administration has submitted budgets that do not adequately resource our military. They have failed to even keep pace with President Biden's inflation, meaning a net cut in funding. And with prices soaring, it won't just take longer to build new Stingers and Javelins; it will cost more for them as well.

Congress has already given the administration significant tools and authorities to help America's defense industry address the urgent and growing demand for critical munitions and weapons systems. This is precisely—precisely—the situation the Defense Production Act was designed to address. But instead of invoking the DPA as intended, this administration has entertained far-left schemes to use it for unrelated liberal goals like environmental policy.

But I am glad to hear President Biden will be traveling to Alabama next week to visit a facility that manufactures Javelins. While he is there, I hope he will reconsider what his administration is doing to ramp up production of other critical munitions and weapons systems.

I hope he will recognize what is needed to enhance America's security and that of our NATO eastern flank allies and Asian partners threatened by China. The President should use the powerful tools he already has—he already has—to fix this shortfall before it is too late.

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. 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 MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it has been a good week in the Senate because two important things happened. First, we finally confirmed every single U.S. attorney that had been blocked by Republicans, making the country safer. And today, the Senate is taking the next big step toward enacting major legislation to create jobs, bring back American manufacturing, strengthen supply chains, and unleash another generation of American innovation.

Later today, we will vote to enter into a conference committee with the House on the competition and innova-

tion legislation, and we will work with the House to finalize this jobs competitiveness bill. We will also vote next Tuesday and Wednesday on 28 motions to instruct—8 from Democrats, 20 from Republicans.

There is still a lot of work to do before we send this competitive jobs bill to the President's desk. Not everyone is going to get what they want, but even so, this bill is going to be just what the doctor ordered to boost our economy, bring back manufacturing jobs, and lower costs for American families.

Let me say it again. Today, the Senate is moving forward on legislation that is awash with good news for American jobs, American families, American innovation. It is great news for American families who want to see lower costs on daily essentials. It is great news for workers who want to see good-paying manufacturing jobs brought back from overseas. It is great news for our businesses, especially our chip manufacturers that need help strengthening supply chains. And it is great news for our innovators, scientists, workers at universities, and creators who will help us create new technologies and generate the next wave of good-paying jobs in this century.

Now, we Democrats have bent over backward to get this bill done. We allowed a very long list of motions to instruct. In fact, it is the most votes on motions to instruct of any bill in decades. And it is a sign of both the immense good will we have shown to our Republican colleagues and the fact that many Members on both sides of the aisle have a stake in seeing the bill finalized.

Frankly, it shouldn't have taken us so long to get to this point of forming a conference on the USICA legislation, but, once again, it is good news that the bill is moving forward.

I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who worked in good faith to help us reach this point. I give a particular shout-out to Chairman CANTWELL, as well as Senator YOUNG, my cosponsor on this legislation.

CONFIRMATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Mr. President, as I also mentioned, we got more good news yesterday after the Senate confirmed every single U.S. attorney who had been blocked by a handful of Republican obstructionists.

It was about time that Republicans finally relented on their dangerous and indefensible blockade on Federal prosecutors. I don't think it has ever happened before. These U.S. attorneys are vital to keeping Americans safe. They are not political positions; they are entirely dedicated to preserving public safety and protecting our communities.

It was totally reckless for a very small band of Republicans, who claim to care about public safety, to have halted these Federal prosecutors for so long just to score political points.

Still, after months of unnecessary delay, Americans in Georgia and Michigan and Ohio and Nevada and

Minnesota and New Hampshire and other States can breathe a sigh of relief that the Republican blockade on Federal prosecutors has broken.

Now, there are many other very important and uncontroversial nominees who are still being blocked by a handful of Senate Republicans. Many of them deal with national security. Many of them would help our country find ways to lower costs. Republicans should drop their holds on these uncontroversial nominees at once or else we are going to have to keep Members here in the Chamber for late night and weekend sessions to get them through.

Finally, I want to say it was egregious for Republicans to similarly prevent the nomination of Lisa Cook to go through this week. Make no mistake, we are going to get her confirmed through the Senate as soon as we can.

Lisa Cook is a historic and highly qualified nominee. She will be the first Black woman ever to sit on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. Her family, literally, fought segregation growing up in rural Georgia. And despite personally facing immense discrimination, she is now professor of economics at Michigan State, a former adviser to President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers, and is on the Chicago Fed Board's academic advisory board.

A historic Federal Reserve nominee who accomplished as much as Lisa Cook deserves far, far better treatment than what Republicans have shown. But, nevertheless, the Senate will vote on her confirmation as soon as we can.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Mr. President, on Ukraine and COVID, this morning, President Biden has sent Congress his request for \$33 billion in emergency funding to support the Ukrainian people. This is a big but critically necessary package. I will make sure the Senate prioritizes this important funding package so we can get help to the Ukrainian people fast—ASAP.

It was also good to see the President call for legislation to get tough on Russian oligarchs. This must be done. I will ask the Senate to arm the Federal Government with the tools necessary to put further pressure on Russian oligarchs and Putin's cronies. I will expect we will include authorities that expand existing forfeiture laws to achieve that end.

We need to go after these crooked oligarchs who have gotten rich off Putin's regime. The war in Ukraine is on their hands, and the Federal Government should be fully empowered to make sure their moment of reckoning comes.

Two months into the war, Putin's hopes for a quick takeover of Ukraine have all but extinguished, thanks to the bravery of the Ukrainian people and in addition to the aid that the United States has provided in the forms of Javelins, Stingers, armed carriers, tanks, and so many other critical weapons.

This is a fight against democracy—this is a fight of democracy against authoritarianism.

So every penny we approve for Ukraine is money well spent. And the fight is far from over. We can't stop now. We must make sure that the Ukrainian people will continue to have the help they need for as long as they need it.

The Senate must also work in a bipartisan way to pass another round of time-sensitive COVID funding. On both Ukraine funding and COVID funding, Republican obstruction will not serve the American people.

The administration has made clear it needs more COVID money right now in order to secure the next round of vaccine doses, testing, and the new life-saving therapeutics, which are so good that if you get a positive test and you take the therapeutic, the likelihood of getting any kind of COVID, particularly the more severe kind, is virtually—is minimal. These are amazing drugs. But what is happening? Since we don't have the money to purchase them, other countries are going to the companies—American companies, American innovation that has made them. And God forbid there is another variant. We may not have them—all because of delay and political games on the other side stopping the COVID legislation.

The administration has made clear they need this money right now, and, as I said, if we wait, other nations are going to beat us to the punch, and America might be left waiting for months before more supplies are made. This is a risk. It may be a few months away but very real. It is a risk that the American people simply can't afford.

Of course, there is a very simple way we can prevent another closure of schools and churches and businesses. Republicans should work with Democrats to pass another COVID funding bill ASAP. No political games. No poison pills. No dithering about.

In short, we must get both Ukrainian emergency relief and COVID funding relief done quickly.

OIL COMPANIES

Mr. President, finally, on gas prices and the FTC, earlier this morning, I joined with Senator CANTWELL, Speaker PELOSI, and Chairman PALLONE to detail some of the ways Democrats are helping Americans ease the pain they are feeling at the pump. We are focused like a laser on developing and passing legislation to lower costs and improve Americans' daily lives.

Nowhere else are Americans feeling the hurt as viscerally and as repeatedly as they are when they fill up their tank at the gas station. We are thus working on legislation to fight bad actors who may be using COVID and Ukraine to jack up prices on consumers to pad their profits, and I intend to put that legislation on the floor.

Oil is basically an oligopoly. A few small companies dominate it. And that means supply and demand doesn't

work. That means, for instance, that the biggest 25 energy giants in America reported a breathtaking \$205 billion in profits in 2021. If there were real competition, they would fight to get the price lower to get some market share, but with very little competition, they just keep the price up, and the consumer is strangled. One executive even bragged to shareholders about the benefits of "capturing value from high prices."

What are the oil companies doing with all this cash? They are helping their CEOs and their biggest, wealthiest shareholders. The amount of buybacks is skyrocketing. Buybacks do no good. They don't help the worker. They don't help the consumer. They don't even produce more oil, for those who believe that is the way to go. They simply line the pockets of the CEOs and the biggest shareholders, and then they can go back and say: I got the stock price up—but not the way you are supposed to in capitalism by making your company sell more, be more productive, but, rather, by this horrible buyback, which has become endemic in corporate America and is very harmful to America. Yet we are seeing it in oil more than anywhere else right now.

So it is high time—we need somebody to look under the hood, see what the problem is, and give them the tools to fix it. That somebody is the FTC. It is high time for the FTC to roll up their sleeves and drill down on what is going on at the big oil companies.

Very soon, the Senate will confirm Alvaro Bedoya and return the FTC to full strength. But Congress needs to do more to beef up the FTC's ability to crack down on potential gas price manipulation and price gouging, so we will work on legislation to that end, among other proposals to lower gas prices.

Once again, as we reach the end of this week, let me say that I intend to put legislation that eases the pain of gas prices on the floor for a vote when it is ready.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from the State of Montana.

RURAL AMERICA

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I could hardly hear you, but thank you very much for that recognition.

I am about to talk about an issue that the man in the Chair, the good Senator from New Jersey, I know is passionate about. It is certainly something that I know Montanans are passionate about, and, quite frankly, it is what I do every day when I am not in this body, and that is, talk about rural America and talk about the issues that are facing working families and communities across our State, across our country, those issues being inflation and rising costs and market consolidation and depopulation and drought.

Last year about this time, I made a quick trip to the town of Great Falls, which is about 75 miles away from my

farm, to pick up some tires, and I was shocked about not only the price but the availability. Prices had gone up, and availability was—well, they were high in demand, and there wasn't a lot of inventory.

When I got back home, almost the same moment in time, I got a call from my equipment dealer—and this was the first time this has ever happened to me in my 44 years on the farm—and the equipment dealer said: We are going to have harvest in about 60 to 90 days, and if you have any repairs that you need to be done on your combine, we need to know what those are today so we can get the parts ordered. Otherwise, we can't guarantee you those parts will be here.

That was the second shock about the supply chain issues that I was dealt with.

So when I came back here to DC, I rang the alarm about the rising costs that were occurring in rural America and impacting producers in rural America caused by this pandemic. I had a manufacturer in my office a few weeks ago saying how this pandemic has made it so they can't supply America with what they were making. He said: You know, during the pandemic, we told folks to go home, and the 40- and 50-year-olds have forgotten to come back.

So, quite frankly, this pandemic has created some challenges in business, in manufacturing, and in agriculture that we need to be paying attention to.

Then we have Putin's war in Ukraine, which has made things worse, particularly in the areas of energy and, from a farm standpoint, fertilizer. It has also put a strain on our family farms across this country, which, by the way, have already spent years under the gun where things have not been that cheery.

Even before the pandemic upended supply chains and the global economy, we had the previous administration's unnecessary, needless, and, quite frankly, stupid trade wars, which disrupted critical ag markets for the family farmers across this Nation and the family farm ranchers across this Nation who depend upon trade to make ends meet. In the years since, we have seen the price of grain rise because this administration has done a much better job on trade policy than the last one, but the fact is, we have also seen increases in fertilizers, in chemicals, in housing, and in retail food.

But the reality is that rural America truly is in crisis today, and it has been a growing problem for decades under both Democratic and Republican administrations here in Washington. Ag producers have become so reliant on the Federal Government that in the year of 2020, the last year of the Trump administration, 39 percent of net farm income was provided through subsidies by the American taxpayer. That is a big problem, and it is not something that farmers and ranchers want either.

The reason for this is because of market consolidation, because of farm gate

prices being artificially low, requiring this government's support. To further contribute, whether it is buying inputs or selling our products—our grain, our cattle, our postcrops, or whatever it might be—consolidation in that marketplace, whether it is on inputs or in the market itself, has made profitability at the farm gate a huge challenge, to the point where we have been driving folks out of business for decades and decades and decades, and it is getting worse.

As most folks know here, I have a real life, and that real life is as a farmer. My wife Sharla and I took over our family operation in 1978. This operation is the same operation that my grandfather and my grandmother homesteaded in the early 1900s and that my folks took over from them and farmed through the forties, the fifties, the sixties, and a good portion of the seventies.

In many ways, the little community in which I live is much the same as when my parents lived there. There is a big difference, though: The farms now are bigger, and they are fewer.

This is an aerial shot of our place, and the arrows point to farms that, quite frankly—farmsteads where—when we came to the farm, there were families who lived there. There were people who sent their kids to the school who lived there. Now, those places—those farmsteads and those farms that go with those farmsteads are farmed by other people.

In fact, in my home county of Chouteau County, which is a big county—it is a big agricultural county—since 1987, we have lost nearly 35 percent of our farms. The numbers have gone from 752 farms down to 477 farms. This is from 1987 to 2017, a 30-year period, which is the last that we have data for.

In the State of Montana overall, operations over \$2,500 have gone from 20,000 basically to 17,000, as this chart shows—once again, the same 30-year period from 1987 to 2017.

Across this Nation, operations with more than \$2,500 in sales have dropped from nearly 1.6 million farms down to 1¼ million farms in 2017, as this chart shows.

So, look, if these charts show you nothing else, they should show you that, from a rural America standpoint and a food supply standpoint and a food security standpoint, we are not healthy. We are heading in the wrong direction.

You know, there has been a lot of talk about agriculture and its impact on mental health. So try to imagine for a second that you are a farmer or a rancher. You are working nearly every day on the land that was your grandparents or your great-grandparents, potentially your great-great-grandparents. The land is literally a history of your family and the generations before you who did basically the same work—feeding people—in the same place to make the same living, except

that, over time, the numbers, they don't work out anymore. The amount of money you have coming in when you sell your product isn't that much different than it was years before, but yet input costs have gone up.

By the way, I might add, they are not that much different than they were before because we have some serious consolidation in the marketplace, which I am going to talk about in a second, but yet inputs go up. Look, in the last 44 years that I have been on the farm, I have seen many boom-and-bust cycles in agriculture, and I can tell you, every time the price of grain or cattle has gone up, the input costs have risen more than what you are getting in the marketplace, and then when those marketplace numbers drop, the input prices never go down.

But getting back to that farmer that you imagine yourself to be like, I want you to think about what it would be like to take over the farm that your grandfather or great-grandfather or great-great-grandfather homesteaded and it has been successful for generations, and now, all of a sudden, the books don't balance. You don't have enough money to pay the bills. And it is not because you are a bad operator. It is not because you don't know what you are doing. It really is through no fault of your own that you can't make it work anymore.

And we wonder why we have a challenge with mental health in rural America.

So the question is, is why did we lose 345,000 farms in the last 30 years, many of them generational farms?

It is because folks can't make the numbers work anymore. And that main culprit is consolidation in the corporate ag world. No competition means you don't get fair prices.

So I have listed four companies up here that in the—or four industries, I should say—in the poultry business, 54 percent of the poultry processing is controlled by one company. Sixty-six percent—or by four companies, I mean. Sixty-six percent of the hog processing is controlled by four companies. Four commodity traders control 70 percent of the global market for grain, and four companies control over 80 percent of the beef processing in the United States.

Now, any one of these sectors—truthfully, any one of these sectors, those four companies could go out on a golf course and set the price that my neighbors are getting for their products and that the consumer is going to pay for their products when it is on the retail end.

And this happens while they continue to pull in record profits. And the ultimate effect of all this consolidation on rural communities is it has pushed family farming and ranchers to the brink of extinction.

And so you ask yourself: Why should I care?

Well, for one, the American taxpayer is paying a pretty penny because of

this consolidation. In recent years, we have averaged well over \$10 billion a year to help keep American farmers in the business across this country. I believe it is money well spent, but the truth is that there is not a farmer or a rancher out there that doesn't want to get their check from the marketplace; they do not want it from the Federal Government. But without it, we would see even a bigger mass exodus out of rural America. They want their markets to work. They want to make it so it benefits them and it benefits the consumer, and, quite frankly, right now it is not working because we have four companies that control 54 percent of the food supply in chickens, four companies that control 66 percent of the supply in pork, 70 percent in the grain markets, four companies, and over 80 percent when it comes to beef.

There is no competition, folks. There is no competition. And this is also bad not only for the taxpayer, but also for our food security.

What this pandemic has taught us is when you have big processors with thousands of people that work in these plants and you get an incidence of COVID, for example, it shuts the entire plant down because you literally have people in these plants that are working shoulder-to-shoulder processing meat. So COVID goes through these plants like that. So they shut them down.

Or you end up with a fire like we had at a processing plant in Kansas, which, obviously, a fire shuts the plant down.

Or we have a cyber attack that happened on one of these big four, JBS, which shuts them down.

So you say: What the heck? It is just one plant.

Well, these plants individually make up a large portion of these percentages that I talked about.

And so what happens? The marketplace goes away once again for the producers, the farmers, the ranchers; and on the other end, it limits supply and the family—the working family that goes to the grocery store sees their prices go up and they say what do we want? Well, we can't do this. I mean, we can't afford to eat because the prices are jacked up.

So it is bad for producers; it is bad for the consumers.

And the fact is, is these packers are doing pretty darn well. The last quarter of 2020, Tyson Foods increased their year-to-year profit over \$469 million to \$1.13 billion. That is a 140-percent increase in profit.

Now, I am going to tell you something. I don't think there is anything wrong with making a profit. In fact, I think if you are going to have a business that is successful, you have to make a profit. But the fact of the matter is, if we are making a profit—these kinds of profits—and it is killing our folks in family farm agriculture, I don't think that is quite right. And I don't think that is good for rural America, and I don't think it is good for the consumers that live in this country.

So bottom line is, we have got to put some guardrails on the system if we are going to make this marketplace work because it is not working today.

So we have got some legislative solutions. Congress has the opportunity to do something, and I have worked very closely with a number of my colleagues, including the man that is sitting in the chair today, on bipartisan legislation that can put guardrails on consolidation and puts some sunlight on this industry.

I particularly want to thank Senators GRASSLEY, FISCHER, WYDEN, and ROUNDS, as well as Senator BOOKER, for their good work.

In the case of GRASSLEY, FISCHER, WYDEN, and ROUNDS, we have put forth the bipartisan Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act. That is a long name for a bill that is going to increase transparency in the marketplace and set regional mandatory minimum thresholds for negotiated cattle purchases. This is going to ensure that the ranchers get a fair price, but it won't ensure it alone. We have to do more.

We have to also pass the Meat Packing Special Investigator Act, which will put teeth back in the Packers and Stockyards Act, which was passed back in 1921 because of consolidation in the packing industry, and we are more consolidated today than we were in 1921.

So this will give the Department of Ag a team of investigators within the USDA, with subpoena power, dedicated to preventing and addressing anticompetition practices in the meat and poultry industry and enforcing our Nation's antitrust laws that are currently on the books.

And I am asking my colleagues, when these bills hit the floor—and I believe they will hit the floor, hopefully this work period—to pass these bills, get them to the House so we can get them to the President's desk as quickly as possible.

If you take these two bills, the meat packing special investigator bill and the bipartisan cattle price discovery bill—by the way, they are both bipartisan—and you combine that with the dollars that the administration has put out to loan to small meat packers, to expand and start up meat packers, we will infuse more competition into this marketplace and that will be good for producers and it will be good for consumers and we will not continue to see this decline in rural America.

Look, a well-fed citizenry is essential if a democracy is going to survive. With the consolidation that we have seen over the last many decades, we see the potential for food to become a serious problem in this country, and potentially even weaponized.

Rural America is going to dry up if we don't fix this problem. It is going to continue to see this diagram where we could see fewer folks on the land and we see bigger corporations manipulating for their prices, because, quite frankly, they have already found out—"they" being the big packers—that

they can have it their way because they have had it their way for a long, long time. And because they have had it their way for a long, long time, consumers are paying higher prices because there is no competition, without any regard to what people can afford. It is all about the profit margins, which—I will show you that one again too.

It is all about record profits. It is not about making sure that we have food security. It is about how we can maximize our money at the expense of families.

And by the way, the same is true on the agriculture side of the equation. We will maximize our profits, and we don't care if these generational ranchers go broke. We don't care. Somebody else will buy it. We will still get the cattle. It will be some big hedge fund in New York City. It is OK.

So we need to do something because our citizenry needs to have access to food that they can afford. These two bills are going to help capitalism work for farmers and it is going to help capitalism work for consumers because, I am telling you, when capitalism works, everybody does better.

I said this problem has been around for over 100 years since the Packers and Stockyards Act was passed in 1921. So there will be some in this body who say: Look, we don't need to do this. This is government intervention. It is not necessary. Things will be just fine.

I can guarantee you one thing for sure: If you look at where we have been and predict where we are going, if we do nothing, there will be very, very, very few people living in rural America. Family farm agriculture will be dead in this country. And if we lose family farm agriculture, this country will change for the worse in a major way for all the reasons I have already put out.

So I am going to tell you what. Folks serve in this body because they want to do right by the next generation. They want to make sure our kids and our grandkids have the same opportunity that we had. They want to make sure this country remains the greatest country on Earth. I implore the Members of this body: When these bills come to the floor, and they will come to the floor because I think they are going to come out of Agriculture probably in the next week to 10 days—no pressure, Chairman STABENOW, but that is what I hope happens—and we can get these bills to the floor, I hope that you put your shoes—put your feet in the shoes of those people that are involved in agriculture, and I hope you put your feet in the shoes of the consumer, because if we do these bills, we will be putting the country back on the right track for food security for the long term.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. WARREN). The Senator from Washington.

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to complete my remarks prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. CANTWELL. If the Senator—first of all, I want to associate myself with the comments of the Senator from Montana, and I wanted to ask a question because I—look, I hear from my cattlemen about this all the time.

I think the issue is, they think they are going to get a price, they think they are going to grow beef, they think that they are going to have some certainty in this marketplace, only to find, at the last minute when the beef is about to be delivered to the packing house, the packing house comes up with a scheme or scenario to drop their price after our growers have made these investments. Is that right?

Mr. TESTER. Yeah. So, look, you have a situation where you have got four companies who control 82 percent of the meat in this country. There is no secret. When you don't have any competition—and that is not competition—that you are not going to get a fair price.

And, by the way, these ranchers all have fixed costs. It is not like they can just cut their costs. They have fixed costs.

And right now, because of the drought west of the Mississippi, hay prices are at an alltime high. So all this stuff exacerbates the problem.

What we need is more competition. We will get more competition. And when we get more competition, it will be fair for everybody, both the producer and the consumer.

Ms. CANTWELL. Well, I thank the Senator from Montana for articulating this issue.

Too much market control, not enough transparency, and our growers basically get stuck with having invested costs never to recuperate them because somebody used that market power to basically lower those costs. And, you know, we have seen this a lot. We have seen them import a ton of Canadian beef right at this very moment, right when they are about to deliver U.S. product into the meat packing plants: Oh, we just dropped the price because we got so much supply because they just let a lot of supply in from Canada.

So this—the gentleman from Montana is talking something that is existing in other aspects of our economy too. So I am very glad that we are trying to better police these markets and do a good job. And I know you and the Senator from Mississippi have focused on this issue, and we very much appreciate you doing that.

Well, Madam President, we are about to go to conference on the United States Innovation and Competition Act and the House America COMPETES Act. Boy, this is a long time coming. I want to thank Leader SCHUMER and my colleague Senator WICKER, also Senators YOUNG and CORNYN and other Members who worked hard to help us reach an agreement so that we can have this process today.

Obviously, I hope my colleagues will vote yes to compound this motion and go to conference and allow for these various motions to instruct.

It has been 324 days since the Senate passed this bill on June 8, 2021, and it has been 488 days since we authorized the CHIPS Program. I am here to implore my colleagues to get this done today and to say that we need to move faster.

We just heard yesterday from Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, who said even in Ukraine, weapon replacement is being hindered by a lack of chips. We know that we are facing other problems. I am talking about Beijing with further lockdowns. What does that mean? It means fewer people producing products. It means more serious supply chain issues. So if you are serious about America's competition, Americans being allowed to build more and invest more in the United States, onshoring of our manufacturing supply chains, our competitiveness, then you want to vote yes and go to conference.

We have had so many letters in the last month—the American Society of Engineering Education, tech companies that believe in the competition and the opportunity that we have seen—writing us and saying to please get this legislation done. We have seen used car prices shoot up 40 percent because semiconductor shortages have basically created havoc in the automotive market.

And it is clear that our European and Asian counterparts aren't waiting. They are moving ahead trying to deal with this supply chain shortage because as the Secretary also told us yesterday, the shortage is well defined. We know that it is going to last well into the future; that is, there is demand.

So the question for the world economy is, Are you going to try to meet that demand? And the answer is, there are a lot of people who are going to try to meet that demand.

The question is, Are we going to try to meet that demand? The longer we wait, the longer we take to meet that demand, the more the investment is attracted to go somewhere else.

Now, the United States of America believes in having the leading edge in semiconductor production, and we are excited that the next generation of chips can do so many things for the smart appliances; smart tools; clean energy economy; obviously, the communications economy; the next generation of all sorts of technology as it relates to our telecom sector. But we need to get this bill done. We need to resolve the differences between the House and the Senate. And we need to have bipartisan support to show that the U.S. Senate can function legislatively on an issue that is not a mandatory or annual bill but a process by which an issue, presented to us as a nation—supply chain, competitiveness, manufacturing issues—that we can get the job done.

We in the United States pride ourselves on being a nation of inventors.

We are a leader in global technology. We know that we can solve our problems by solutions that we, together—business and labor and government and R&D investment—can bring the best ideas to fruition and help us as a nation.

But we have to show that we, Democrats and Republicans, House and Senate, can master the next step in the innovation process. That is what these underlying bills do. It basically allows us to dust off our R&D skills and say: Let's do more translational science.

So we have had lots of letters from people supporting tech hubs—investments of universities working with business in a centralized location to solve engineering problems and move ahead. We have the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program. And many of our small and medium-sized businesses that need access to technology and supply chain data to better compete in a global economy and provide security want this legislation.

So the risks of inaction are too great to ignore. The U.S. Innovation and Competition Act is clearly part of our supply chain solutions. I urge my colleagues to not only help us by invoking cloture and going to conference but help us resolve these issues in a timely fashion so we can send a price signal about the investments that we want to make in the United States of America to make our Nation and our manufacturers more competitive.

With that, I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to insist on the Senate amendment to H.R. 4521, a bill to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on behalf of the Senate.

Charles E. Schumer, Michael F. Bennet, Tammy Baldwin, Richard J. Durbin, Patty Murray, Margaret Wood Hassan, Gary C. Peters, Mazie Hirono, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Tammy Duckworth, Brian Schatz, Jon Tester.

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 motion to insist on the Senate amendment to H.R. 4521, a bill to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on behalf of the Senate, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 68, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Leg.]

YEAS—68

Baldwin	Hassan	Risch
Bennet	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Brown	Kaine	Sasse
Cantwell	Kelly	Schatz
Capito	King	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Carper	Leahy	Sinema
Casey	Lujan	Smith
Cassidy	Manchin	Stabenow
Collins	Markey	Sullivan
Coons	McConnell	Tester
Cornyn	Menendez	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Toomey
Crapo	Moran	Van Hollen
Daines	Murkowski	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Durbin	Ossoff	Warren
Feinstein	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wicker
Graham	Portman	Young
Grassley	Reed	

NAYS—29

Barrasso	Hagerty	Marshall
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Rubio
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Burr	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Kennedy	Shelby
Cruz	Lankford	Thune
Ernst	Lee	Tuberville
Fischer	Lummis	

NOT VOTING—3

Blunt	Murphy	Wyden
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). On this vote, the yeas are 68, the nays are 29.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to talk about the Biden border crisis. Right now, our Nation is facing a dangerous national security crisis at the border, and it is all because of the policies and the actions of President Joe Biden.

Now, there are a lot of crises that we are facing. There is the border crisis; the crisis of high gas prices; there is a crisis of inflation, which is at a 40-year high; and there is the crisis of the issue of international affairs with Vladimir Putin on NATO's doorstep having invaded Ukraine.

When you take a look at all of these, the two that I hear about most at home in Wyoming are that of inflation and that of illegal immigration. The thing that is really bringing this to the fore today and why I am coming to the floor to talk about Biden's border crisis

is the announcement that on May 23, distressingly, the crisis is going to get a lot worse.

On May 23, the experts tell us, including people from this own administration, that the number of people illegally coming to this country could double or even triple overnight. Since Joe Biden took office, there have been millions and millions of illegal crossings from our southern border into the United States. The Border Patrol estimates that more than 700,000 illegal immigrants got away from them since Joe Biden has taken office. This includes 62,000 people just last month. It works out to about 2,000 illegal immigrants vanishing into the United States every single day. These are the ones who got away. These aren't the tens and tens of thousands who are coming through the process and being registered and released into the United States. Once they get in, most likely, they will never leave.

Under Joe Biden, we are breaking record after record, and these are the wrong kind of records to break. Last year, the number of illegal immigrants who came to the United States was the highest ever recorded. At the same time, America's immigration enforcement is the least amount ever. And to that point, the Biden administration seems to think everything is going just fine.

Yesterday, the Secretary of Homeland Security testified before Congress. I was on a conference call with him the day before, where he met with a number of the Members of the Republican leadership. What the Secretary said yesterday is this. He said:

We have effectively managed an unprecedented number of non-citizens seeking to enter the United States.

"Effectively managed?"

To me, this is an early candidate for the fact checkers' 'lie of the year.' They haven't effectively managed anything. The only thing they have effectively managed to do is erase the border completely.

The men and women on our Border Patrol are working around the clock. They are heroes, although they have been vilified by the President of the United States. This crisis is happening because Joe Biden's policies have tied the hands of the border agents. They are being both abused and disrespected by this President and this administration.

On Joe Biden's first day in office, he stopped all construction of the border wall. He ended the successful "Remain in Mexico" policy. In fact, just last week, his lawyers were pleading a case before the Supreme Court to eliminate a policy that protects the national security of our Nation.

Joe Biden is now ending title 42. People at home say: What exactly is this title 42? Well, it is a section of our laws that deal with public health. At the start of the pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control closed our border to people from coronavirus-impacted

areas. So this title 42 decision by the administration likely, at that point, saved thousands of American lives; it protected our public health; it helped our Border Patrol bring down illegal immigration.

Last July, Joe Biden tried to end title 42. He said coronavirus was over; it was behind him. He was patting himself on the back for the great job he had done. And then the Delta variant hit the country like a sledgehammer. Joe Biden and the administration were caught by surprise. People looking for testing were running into long lines, empty shelves. He and the administration were caught completely off guard as has this administration on so many things—on the border; on the failure in Afghanistan; on inflation, which they said was going to be temporary and transitory, month after month after month.

The administration showed they have no core competence to run this Nation. By September of last year, the Biden administration was forced to admit that one in every five illegal immigrants coming to this country was bringing disease with them. That is tens of thousands of illegal immigrants bringing disease into a country each month.

But now Joe Biden wants to end title 42 forever and do it on May 23. If it ends, we are told and believe that this will cause a tidal wave of illegal immigration like this Nation has never seen before. Right now, Homeland Security is preparing for up to 18,000 illegal immigrants each and every day after title 42 ends. That is half a million people a month. That is a population equal to the entire population of the State of Wyoming. Mr. President, I assume the State of Maine—I don't know the exact population—but if you bring in half a million people a day, it doesn't take too many days to add up to the population of the State of Maine.

So what are Democrats saying about this? Well, Barack Obama's Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, whom we met with regularly when he was in that position—he once said 1,000 a day would overwhelm the system. Joe Biden seems pretty happy with 18,000 a day. Right now, we are at 6,000 a day.

We have a system that is overwhelmed and it is going to get a lot, lot worse. Joe Biden could triple the number of illegal immigrants overnight to 18,000 a day come May 23.

Earlier this month, former Secretary Jeh Johnson, whom I alluded to earlier—this is what he said. He said the current crisis trends are unsustainable. He said it overwhelms communities in Texas and Arizona; it overwhelms the Border Patrol. This is Barack Obama's Secretary of Homeland Security saying that. I believe Secretary Jeh Johnson is right.

Recently, the head of the Del Rio, TX, Border Patrol union—and my colleague from Texas is on the floor here, the senior Senator—this head of the

Del Rio, TX, Border Patrol union spoke here on Capitol Hill. He said there are some days in Del Rio when officers are so busy with transportation and processing of these illegal immigrants that no one is patrolling the border, the southern border of the United States.

And I am certain that the senior Senator, the distinguished Senator from Texas—Senator CORNYN, who is on the floor—will address this issue after I get finished speaking because he sees this every weekend, as he is home in Texas and talks to people from Texas every day, the crisis that is hitting his home State and is hitting this entire Nation.

So this Del Rio sector covers an area of 240 miles of border. And the head of Del Rio, TX, Border Patrol told us no one is patrolling that section of the border because the personnel are too busy filling out paperwork and moving illegal immigrants from location to location.

In Yuma, AZ, up to 90 percent of Border Patrol agents are busy with transportation and caretaking duties. Ninety percent of their agents cannot spend their time guarding the border. As a result, large portions of the southern border in Arizona are wide open, which is why I believe the junior Senator from Arizona is so vehemently opposing the President of his own party for a reckless move by a President, who seems to disregard the importance of even having a border to our Nation.

Media reports show that 60,000 people right now are waiting at our southern border. They are counting down the days until title 42 is over. Some of them will bring in drugs, some will be human traffickers, some of them may even be on the Terror Watch List. If you are a foreign terrorist on the Terror Watch List, this is a dream come true if you are trying to get to America.

On May 23, we will face a humanitarian crisis, a public health crisis, and a national security crisis all in one greater—much greater than the one we are facing today and is already terrifying Americans in every State because with an open border, every State is a border State, every city is a sanctuary city, and people are subjected to the drugs and the crime that is coming with it and the deaths that are coming as well.

Now, many Democrats are asking and telling Joe Biden: Keep title 42 in place. Yet these same Democrats, they voted in lockstep with CHUCK SCHUMER and Joe Biden the last 15 months. They understand today that Joe Biden's policy is unwise and very unpopular. But these are the same Democrats who came to the floor and voted to stop building the border wall; the same Democrats who in this very Chamber voted to give stimulus checks—send out checks to illegal immigrants when they voted last year. Not one of those Democrats joined us in supporting title 42 last summer.

Democrats can run for reelection, but they cannot run from their records.

They voted for the Biden border agenda, and every Democrat shares the blame for this crisis.

What happens if the border doesn't stay at the border? No, it makes each one of us less safe. Border Patrol tells us they have caught, so far, 42 terrorists trying to cross the border since Joe Biden took office. How many got away? We are hearing the numbers getting away is 60,000 a month—getaways. How many of those are terrorists who are now living in our midst?

Federal narcotics agents say that the vast majority of illegal drugs in this country came here over our southern border. That is how they are getting in. Drug overdoses have never been higher than they are right now. One hundred thousand Americans died of drug overdoses last year. People are dying every day in every State because of drugs being brought in across the southern border by the lax border policies of Joe Biden and the Democrats.

If title 42 ends, it is going to mean more drugs, more crime, more death in all of our States. Even the Washington Post newspaper—their editorial board, that is not known for being conservative or lining up with conservatives—this is what they recently said:

A migrant surge is coming at the border—and Biden is not ready.

All of America knows that. They know Biden is not ready. He is not ready to be President, not ready to run the economy, not ready to help with the military, not ready on any level, and at the border, the Washington Post points out he is not ready.

The article went on and said:

The predictable effect of lifting Title 42 is a new influx of migrants . . . which would compound an existing surge at the . . . border . . . for weeks or much longer.

The Washington Post points out and predicts:

Absent progress on [addressing the root causes], the Biden administration . . . will surely face more chaos at the border.

This is an administration of chaos. The Washington Post—that was my addition. They ended by saying “more chaos at the border.” I am adding “an administration of chaos.”

Look, the Post is exactly right. This crisis is 100 percent preventable. It is a crisis of Joe Biden's choosing and Joe Biden's making. It is a crisis that is entirely the result of Democrats' reckless open border policies. We need to go back to policies that work.

I ask the President to keep title 42 in place. Listen to the Democrats who are talking to you in addition to us, Mr. President, who say keep title 42 in place.

And enforce the laws on the books, close the loopholes that encourage illegal immigration, finish the wall, bring back the “Remain in Mexico” policy; we know it works.

The American people in every State are pleading with Joe Biden. Only about one in three Americans support the President's policy at the border, two-thirds don't. Overwhelming num-

bers oppose what this President is doing to this country in terms of how he is affecting the economy, inflation, energy prices, and the border. This is a President with record low numbers on all of those areas, and it is all of his own doing and his own making. Mr. President, do not make this, your own border crisis, even worse.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, let me start by expressing my gratitude to the Senator from Wyoming, Senator BARASSO, for laying out the nature of the border crisis that we are experiencing and have experienced at the highest levels in 20 years, during the year and a half—or year and a quarter, I guess, of the Biden administration.

But I want to come to the floor and talk about an aspect of the border crisis that has not been sufficiently discussed or noticed, and that is the connection between the flood of illegal drugs coming across the border—not just with the 100,000 drug overdose deaths we experienced in America last year, but also with crime and gangs and guns in every community across the United States, from Maine to Texas, from Virginia to California.

A Gallup poll published earlier this month found that 80 percent of Americans are worried about crime and violence. It seems like there is a new headline every day about acts of violence in cities across our country.

Two weeks ago, for example, a gunman set off smoke grenades and opened fire on a crowded New York City subway car. Chicago just experienced its most violent weekend this year, with 8 people murdered and 42 others shot.

Earlier this month, a gang shootout in Sacramento killed 6 and wounded 12. The American people aren't just noticing this trend; they are demanding solutions. Rising crime rates have caused many leaders to change their tune on this idea, this crazy idea called “defund the police.”

New York City, Oakland, and Baltimore are among the cities to reverse their previous cuts in police funding. And that is for a very simple reason. It is because defunding the police is dangerous.

There is no question that law enforcement plays an important role in stopping crime, but we have to remember that this crime surge is tied to far more than just police departments. I am reminded of a quote by H. L. Mencken:

For every complex problem, there's a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong.

So when looking at the factors that fuel this upsurge of violence and crime in our cities across the country, we can't ignore a big contributor of that, which is the crisis occurring along our southern border. Some of the numbers are familiar to all of us. For example, Customs and Border Protection encountered more than 200,000 migrants along the southern border last month

alone, the highest number in more than two decades.

The total number of migrant encounters over the last 12 months exceeds 2.2 million. You might be tempted to ask what in the world is going on; why are things changing? I want to make one thing clear, though. I am in no way suggesting that all of these individuals coming across the border are dangerous criminals. Many of them are economic migrants looking for a better life. Something we all understand.

But there are definitely people coming across the border who are dangerous criminals, primarily associated with the drug cartels, who threaten public safety in every city in America every day.

We need to acknowledge that a human flood of people, even people potentially associated with legitimate asylum claims, but that flood of humanity, just the—having to deal with that many people, opened gateways for truly dangerous criminals and the drugs that are smuggled across the border undetected.

I will give you an example of how that happens. Last fall, more than 15,000 migrants, primarily Haitians who had been living in South America, arrived at the small border town of Del Rio, TX, a town of a population of 35,000 people.

So all of a sudden, 15,000 migrants show up in a town of 35,000 people. It is not by accident. To state the obvious, the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector did not have the capacity to process and care for that many migrants at a given time. But that was part of the plan of the drug cartels and the criminal organizations associated with them. But in response, the administration moved Border Patrol agents from other checkpoints to the Del Rio sector to try to help. But, of course, that is exactly what the cartels hoped for.

Taking people off the frontlines in other sectors to handle the surge of migrants in Del Rio opened up avenues for the drug cartels to smuggle their poison into the United States.

Administration officials later told Congressional staff that this massive surge of migrants was, they acknowledge, part of a coordinated effort by the cartels. They directed the Haitian migrants to show up at a single location in a small town on the border to make sure that other paths into the United States would be cleared for their illicit contraband of drugs.

Talk to any Border Patrol agent and they will tell you that this happens all the time. The cartels are very sophisticated. They know how to game the system. They watch, they wait, they coordinate, and at the right moment, they bring their poison into our country.

In many cases, they are moving drugs—everything from marijuana to methamphetamine to heroin. But in recent years, Customs and Border Protection has seen an alarming increase in synthetic opioids, fentanyl coming across the border.

As we all have learned, fentanyl is a uniquely dangerous drug because it is so potent, a lethal dose can fit on the tip of a sharpened pencil.

In the first 3 months of this year, Customs and Border Protection seized nearly 1,200 kilograms. Now, a kilogram is 2.2 pounds, so that is 2,640 pounds of fentanyl were seized at the border, enough to wipe out the entire U.S. population.

Cartels and criminal organizations aren't just trying to smuggle their product into the United States, they have to have a way to distribute those drugs across our country. And that is where the criminal gangs come into the picture.

Last Tuesday, agents from the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector arrested an MS-13 member. MS-13 is one of the most violent gangs on the planet. The following day, agents arrested an 18th Street gang member, and, over the weekend, agents arrested four additional gang members. This all happened in one Border Patrol sector in less than a week's time.

What we need to remember when we look at all this data is that these are just the ones we know about. We have absolutely no idea how many drugs and criminals have slipped through the cracks. Now, the Border Patrol has a name for this, they call it "the getaways," but the truth is we don't really know how many people have gotten away, undetected, to smuggle drugs or dangerous criminals into the United States.

By one estimate, 385,000 getaways came across the border in 2021. And there is a reason they didn't turn themselves in to the Border Patrol; they are not seeking asylum. They are not saying: I have been persecuted in my home country, and, thus, eligible for asylum potentially in the United States.

These people, these getaways, are the ones that don't want to be detected by law enforcement because they are up to no good.

I think this chart shows the network of gangs and criminal organizations operating within the United States.

You know, most of the time we all think, well, the drugs come across the border, and we forget what happens next. But as you can see, cartels—this is a DEA, a Drug Enforcement Administration, chart—as you can see, the cartels in transnational criminal organizations have a presence in most major cities across the United States.

Many of these are members of dangerous gangs who want to make money, so they sell drugs in their local community, and they fight for territory, for market share. They commit other property crimes, other crimes of violence, carjacking, larceny, armed robbery, in order to fuel their need for money.

So once cartel members and their gang associates get drugs across the border, where do they go? Well, they go to Chicago. They go to Detroit. They

go to Atlanta. They go to New York. They go to San Diego. They go to virtually every community in our country where they are then distributed to people to feed addictions, which result in overdoses and death. It is not just a border problem. This affects every single community in our country.

Last year, the special agent of Chicago's DEA office spoke about what happens when these drugs and criminals reach your backyard. He said cartels use every means possible to get drugs from Mexico into the United States and then to local markets. In Chicago, that means predominantly to the gangs that control the drug markets in Chicago.

But it is not just Chicago. It is literally every community in America. These are the same gangs that fuel the overdose epidemic, the same ones that perpetuate crime and gun violence. These are the same gangs that engage in deadly fights over control for territory and market share. And the cruel reality is, this is happening on a daily basis in every community in our country, which is contributing to the spike in violent crime and the public's reasonable concerns that they have expressed about it, including boneheaded ideas like defunding the police.

A Drug Enforcement Agency report from 2017 acknowledged that drug trafficking profits "increase the staying power of both street gangs and drug trafficking organizations." The more money they make, the more drugs that are manufactured and brought into the country and spread throughout our communities.

No community in America is safe. A rural, an urban, a suburban community, none of them have been spared the pain and suffering of the drug overdose epidemic, drugs which predominantly come across our southern border by these criminal cartels.

I mentioned it before, but it is worth noting that last year we hit a grim milestone in America. For the first time on record, more than a hundred thousand Americans lost their lives to drug overdoses in a 12-month period.

Now, I remember what happened when Al Qaeda hit the United States and killed 3,000 Americans on 9/11. We declared war, and we committed ourselves to rooting out these terrorists that exported this terrorist plot to hit our homeland.

When 100,000 Americans die of drug overdoses, what do we do? Well, we throw up our hands. We say there is not much we can do about it. Supply meets demand. And there is some truth to that, but it is not the whole story.

As I said, in recent years, the number of drug overdose deaths caused by synthetic opioids, including fentanyl, has skyrocketed, and so have the seizures of fentanyl at the border, virtually all made from precursors from Asia, primarily China, shipped to Mexico, manufactured there in an industrial operation which can make a fentanyl tablet look a lot like some other medication

that you might take. Many people—too many people—have died thinking they were taking a drug for some condition, only to find out it was laced with fentanyl, resulting in their drug overdose death.

The alarming increase in the supply coming across our border foreshadows even worse overdose statistics in the months to come.

Fentanyl isn't the only dangerous drug—methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin. According to the DEA—the Drug Enforcement Administration—threat assessment, 92 percent of the heroin that comes to the United States comes from one place: Mexico. Ninety-two percent.

So when you zoom out and get a broader perspective and quit looking through a soda straw at what is happening at the border, you see it is not just an immigration issue. The drugs pouring across our border make this a public health crisis as well.

The criminals sneaking across our border who are distributing these drugs in our communities all across the country are a public security crisis, a public safety crisis. The unlicensed guns that the gangs use to protect their territory makes this a gun violence crisis as well.

Every single American should be outraged by what is happening at the border, but if you don't care about 2.2 million people showing up on our front doorstep, if you don't care about the 100,000 Americans who died of drug overdoses, do you care about the spikes in violence and crime in your neighborhood, in your local community? All of these are inextricably intertwined.

I don't care if you are a liberal Democrat or an Independent or a conservative Republican, this failure of the Federal Government to deal with our border crisis is absolutely appalling, and it hurts us all.

I have heard someone say that every city is a border town these days, and this makes that point. This state of chaos is dangerous for the migrants who turn themselves over to human smugglers who care nothing about them, only the money they can generate from smuggling them into the United States. I have seen the bleached bones of migrants left behind, injured or sick, because the coyotes, the smugglers, care nothing about them but just the money they can garner from smuggling them into the country, not to mention the girls and women who are sexually assaulted on the long trip from their home country into the United States.

It is unfair to the border communities I represent. We have 1,200 miles of common border, Mexico and Texas. My Governor, my State legislature, the people I represent are outraged that the Federal Government is not living up to its responsibilities. It is unfair to those communities, most of which are Hispanic majorities by large majorities, who are sympathetic to the desire of people for a better life, fleeing no

jobs or violence, but they are having to pay the price now, not just with the flood of people coming across the border, for which the Federal Government is completely unprepared, they also have to deal with the opioid abuse and the criminal organizations that are flooding our communities with fentanyl, heroin, and other dangerous substances.

But it is not just the border. Cities all across this country are combating violent crime at numbers that we have not seen for decades. This is directly tied to the drug business at the border because the criminal gangs are the ones who distribute those drugs in our communities.

The status quo is deeply unfair to the dedicated men and women of law enforcement, including the Border Patrol, who put their lives on the line to secure our border and protect our communities.

Last week, Texas lost a 22-year-old soldier who was doing a job that the Federal Government should have done, but he was there at the southern border as part of a State National Guard effort called Operation Lone Star.

Texas Army National Guardsman SPC Bishop Evans was attempting to rescue two migrants who appeared to be drowning as they were crossing the river from Mexico. He disappeared into the treacherous waters of the Rio Grande and, tragically, did not survive. Making matters even worse, initial reports from law enforcement indicate that the two migrants whom Specialist Evans was trying to save are suspected of drug trafficking.

There are a million and one reasons why President Biden should want to address this border crisis, and it is absolutely inconceivable to me that his administration has done nothing to make this better, and I would argue that through some of the policies promulgated by Director Mayorkas, he has actually made it worse. He has made it more attractive for more people to come and attempt this dangerous journey from their home into the United States. He has made it easier, given the business model of the cartels, to get more of those drugs across the border and into our communities, contributing to the crimewave that is shocking so many people.

As we head into the summer months, which are traditionally the busiest times for border crossings, the Biden administration needs to do something. And let me just say, I am prepared—I know a lot of us are prepared on a bipartisan basis to do what we need to do to end this crisis. If the Biden administration doesn't want to lead in the effort, at least they could allow those of us here in the Congress to come up with ideas, like my bipartisan, bicameral Border Solutions Act, to try to address this crisis that we cannot tolerate any longer.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON COMPOUND MOTION

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the compound motion.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 27, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Baldwin	Hassan	Risch
Bennet	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Brown	Kaine	Sasse
Cantwell	Kelly	Schatz
Capito	King	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Carper	Leahy	Sinema
Casey	Lujan	Smith
Cassidy	Manchin	Stabenow
Collins	Markey	Sullivan
Coons	McConnell	Tester
Cornyn	Menendez	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Crapo	Moran	Warner
Daines	Murkowski	Warnock
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Padilla	Wicker
Gillibrand	Peters	Young
Graham	Portman	
Grassley	Reed	

NAYS—27

Barrasso	Hagerty	Lummis
Blackburn	Hawley	Marshall
Boozman	Hoeben	Paul
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Cotton	Inhofe	Sanders
Cramer	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cruz	Kennedy	Shelby
Ernst	Lankford	Thune
Fischer	Lee	Tuberville

NOT VOTING—6

Blunt	Murphy	Toomey
Burr	Scott (SC)	Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VAN HOLLEN).

On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 27.

The compound motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would note Maryland is in the House.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4521

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to instruct at the desk, which may be made with respect to the message to accompany H.R. 4251, be printed in the RECORD for the information of the Senate.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. PAUL moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the provisions contained in section 6107 of the Senate amendment (relating to prohibiting funds made available to any Federal agency from being used for gain-of-function research conducted in China).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. BARRASSO moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that require immediate development of a 2022–2027 Federal oil and gas leasing program on the outer Continental Shelf, which shall be finalized not later than June 30, 2022, and which shall provide for a minimum of 10 region-wide oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska Regions of the outer Continental Shelf, with a minimum of 2 oil and gas lease sales per calendar year, not fewer than 1 of which shall be in the Gulf of Mexico Region each calendar year.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. CRUZ moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include section 3258 of the Senate amendment, which requires a report identifying “major areas of diplomatic, energy, infrastructure, banking, financial, economic, military, and space cooperation . . . between the People’s Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran”, regarding the policy of the United States to limit such cooperation through terrorism-related sanctions imposed on the Central Bank of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, as such sanctions are necessary to limit such cooperation.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. MENENDEZ moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 73003 of the Senate amendment (relating to establishment of an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Senator RISCH moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that take actionable steps to address the risks of and counter malign or undue influence and activities in the United States and abroad by the Chinese Communist Party, the Government of the People’s Republic of China, or individuals or entities acting on their behalf.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. KELLY moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include incentives to support investments in semiconductor manufacturing and innovation in the United States, including investments in the fabrication, assembly, testing, advanced packaging, and research and development of semiconductors.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. LEE moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the

disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report not include the provisions contained in the following sections of the bill (as passed by the House of Representatives):

(1) Section 30609 (relating to building United States economic growth and technological innovation through the Green Climate Fund).

(2) Section 30607 (relating to addressing international climate change mitigation, adaptation, and security).

(3) Section 30601(b)(7)(E) (relating to the sense of Congress on implementing the Paris Agreement).

(4) Section 30610 (relating to ensuring a whole-of-government response to climate action).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mrs. BLACKBURN moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include a provision that requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Director of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and consistent with information security requirements designed to address any national security risks, to develop guidance for executive agencies requiring adequate security measures for any transfer, storage, or use of digital yuan on information technology.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. COTTON moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist upon rejecting the authorization of appropriations for contributions to the Green Climate Fund under section 30609(b) of the text of the bill as engrossed by the House of Representatives and insisting upon including an authorization of appropriations of \$8,000,000,000 within section 2118 of division A of the Senate amendment (relating to funding for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) for Department of Defense research, development, production, and procurement of weapon systems needed to compete with China.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Ms. MURKOWSKI moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the text of each of the following:

(1) S. 3245, 117th Congress, as introduced on November 18, 2021.

(2) S. 140, 117th Congress, as reported to the Senate on December 17, 2021.

(3) H.R. 1447, 117th Congress, as referred in the Senate on May 19, 2021.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. SULLIVAN moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that prohibit a renewable energy project receiving Federal financial assistance, a subsidy, or any other financing mechanism authorized

under the final conference report, such as a grant or tax credit, from purchasing materials, technology, or critical minerals mined, produced, processed, or refined in the People’s Republic of China or the Russian Federation.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. RUBIO moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include a Federal Government-based counterintelligence review to certify recipients of grants, funding, awards, or other resources provided, and intellectual property developed, as a result of the conference report, have national security protections in place to prohibit misappropriation and theft of Federal resources.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. JOHNSON moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to reject any proposals to prohibit the possession, acquirement, receipt, transportation, sale, or purchase of mink raised in captivity in the United States for fur production.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. SANDERS moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that require each beneficiary of Federal financial assistance for semiconductor manufacturing to be banned from purchasing the stock of the beneficiary, from outsourcing employment opportunities of the beneficiary to any country outside of the United States, and from repealing any collective bargaining requirements of the beneficiary, and that require each such beneficiary to issue warrants and equity stakes in the enterprise of the beneficiary to the Federal Government and to remain neutral in any union organizing effort of the employees of the beneficiary.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that ensure that any taxpayer funds spent in the bill, including those provided to universities and private sector corporations, are subject to comprehensive return on investment analyses and claw back provisions, and corresponding timely reports on the use of such funds to Congress and the American public.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Ms. HASSAN moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that expand the research and development tax credit for small businesses and preserve full and immediate expensing for research and development investments.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Ms. ERNST moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to reject the provision as agreed to by the House of Representatives that would reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs under section 9 of

the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) without authorization to prevent the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China from acquiring technology critical to national security developed through programs of the Small Business Administration and participating Federal agencies.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. LANKFORD moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions requiring that any agreement negotiated by the United States with the Islamic Republic of Iran addressing Iran's development of nuclear weapons—

(1) also includes provisions addressing the full range of Iran's destabilizing activities, including development of the means of delivery for such weapons (such as ballistic missiles), support for terrorism, and evasion of sanctions by individuals, entities, and vessels in the trade of petroleum products with the People's Republic of China;

(2) does not lift sanctions on the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps; and

(3) does not revoke the designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. SANDERS moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to recede from the provision contained in section 2614(c) of the Senate amendment (relating to contract redundancy and funding for the human landing system program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which would likely go to Blue Origin).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. CASSIDY moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that require the President to directly address troubling developments in Mexico's energy sector that intentionally cause harm to United States jobs and economic interests, business and investor interests, and climate goals through the use of consultations under the USMCA (as defined in section 3 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 4502)).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. BENNET moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions to strengthen the resilience, capacity, and security of critical supply chains to reduce costs for United States consumers and businesses and to avoid supply chain shocks that increase prices and jeopardize the national and economic security of the United States, including provisions that—

(1) reinvigorate United States semiconductor manufacturing and promote the research and development needed to regain and maintain the ability to manufacture, test, assemble, and package advanced semiconductor products in the United States;

(2) strengthen supply chains in critical industries and improve the availability of critical goods important to the national and economic security of the United States, including by identification and mapping of those

supply chains and sharing data and best practices;

(3) support investments that strengthen the diversity, security, resilience, and reliability of critical supply chains, which may include working with allies and partners of the United States to reduce reliance on countries of concern, consistent with international trade agreements to which the United States is a party;

(4) expand and strengthen United States manufacturing, mining, shipbuilding, transportation, and logistics capabilities, while enhancing environmental sustainability, safety, and equity; and

(5) support United States manufacturers, including small- and medium-sized enterprises, to improve their resilience to supply chains shocks, train their workforce, and adopt new technologies to make them more globally competitive.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. WARNOCK moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that fully fund programs to build institutional research capacity at historically Black colleges or universities that are developing research institutions.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. DAINES moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to reject provisions that weaken the energy security of the United States, prohibit the development of an all-of-the-above energy portfolio, or direct funds to foreign entities for international climate objectives.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the provisions contained in section 90306 of H.R. 4521, as agreed to by the House (relating to college transparency).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mrs. CAPITO moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions that—

(1) emphasize that, under current law, the President may not—

(A) declare, on the basis of climate change—

(i) a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(ii) an emergency or major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); or

(iii) a public health emergency under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d); or

(B) invoke, on the basis of climate change, the authorities of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.); and

(2) provide that nothing in H.R. 4521 grants the President the authority to make a declaration or invocation described in paragraph (1).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. TOOMEY moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on

the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 73001 of the Senate amendment (relating to establishing a process for exclusion of articles from duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974).

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include a requirement that any new legislation providing for new mandates on greenhouse gas emissions should not be enacted unless similar mandates are enacted in the People's Republic of China.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES

Mr. LUJÁN moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist on provisions supporting the work of the Department of Energy, user facilities of the Department of Energy, and National Laboratories, including work in microelectronics and across the key technology focus areas (as defined in section 2002 of the amendment).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 546.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 546, Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Charles E. Schumer, Brian Schatz, Alex Padilla, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jack Reed, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tammy Duckworth, Angus S. King, Jr., Patrick J. Leahy, Chris Van Hollen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Gary C. Peters, Elizabeth Warren, Jacky Rosen, Ben Ray Lujan, Cory A. Booker, Christopher A. Coons.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 674.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 674, Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Charles E. Schumer, Jacky Rosen, Cory A. Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patty Murray, Brian Schatz, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Margaret Wood Hassan, Alex Padilla, Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith, Jeff Merkley, Jack Reed, Angus S. King, Jr., Tim Kaine, Chris Van Hollen.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, April 28, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: 507, 778, 803, and 842; that the Senate proceed to vote on the nominations in the order listed, without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the following nominations en bloc: Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management); Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Sec-

retary of the Air Force. (New Position); Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years; and Kristyn E. Jones, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 242, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, and 884; and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Steven M. Rowe

IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess

The following named officer for appointment in the grade indicated in the United States Space Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 716:

To be brigadier general

Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Christopher M. Blomquist
Col. Gary R. Charlton, II
Col. Keith A. Chikasawa
Col. James D. Cleet
Col. Mary S. Decker
Col. Drew E. Dougherty
Col. Jeffrey B. Edwards
Col. Larry E. Gardner
Col. Ian J.M. Gillis
Col. Troy D. Havener
Col. Matthew E. Henry
Col. Richard D. Hunt
Col. Phillip L. Mallory
Col. Berry L. McCormick
Col. Mark R. Morrell
Col. Michael J. Oliver
Col. Kenneth J. Radford, Jr.
Col. Lynn K. Robinson, Jr.
Col. Michael S. Rose
Col. David W. Shevchik

Col. Todd A. Wiles

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Kirsten G. Aguilar
Col. Jason E. Bartolomei
Col. Paul R. Birch
Col. Heather W. Blackwell
Col. Peter M. Bonetti
Col. Maurizio D. Calabrese
Col. Daniel C. Clayton
Col. Richard R. Dickens
Col. David A. Doss
Col. Jon A. Eberlan
Col. William C. Freeman
Col. Lance R. French
Col. Jesse J. Friedel
Col. Jeffrey T. Geraghty
Col. Richard A. Goodman
Col. Douglas D. Jackson
Col. Jason M. Janaros
Col. Ryan P. Keeney
Col. David R. Lopez
Col. Gavin P. Marks
Col. Roger R. Messer
Col. Patrick G. Miller
Col. Nathan L. Owendoff
Col. William S. Rogers
Col. Jocelyn J. Schermerhorn
Col. Jeffrey T. Schreiner
Col. Travolis A. Simmons
Col. Melissa A. Stone
Col. Geoffrey F. Weiss
Col. Michael J. Zuhlsdorf

The following named officer for appointment as Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Air Force and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 9037:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Rebecca R. Vernon

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 7034 and 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Randy A. George

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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. Andrew P. Poppas

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe

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. Duke Z. Richardson

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Brian S. Robinson

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Randall Reed

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. David S. Nahom

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 lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Tom D. Miller

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Amy D. Holbeck

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. David N. Unruh

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Dimitri Henry

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1732 AIR FORCE nominations (60) beginning MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG, and ending JOHN S. WU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2022.

PN1917 AIR FORCE nominations (7) beginning JONATHAN P. DIETZ, and ending JORDAN C. TREMBLAY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1918 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning ALAN K. CHAN, and ending BENJAMIN R. PEREUS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1920 AIR FORCE nomination of Alec S. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

IN THE ARMY

PN1922 ARMY nomination of Derwin Brayboy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1927 ARMY nominations (383) beginning YONATAN S. ABEIE, and ending D011475, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1928 ARMY nominations (461) beginning DAVID H. AAMIDOR, and ending D016442,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1929 ARMY nominations (245) beginning MICHAEL S. ABBOTT, and ending D015907, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1930 ARMY nominations (27) beginning RACHELL H. BACA, and ending D014087, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1931 ARMY nomination of Charles J. Bulva, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

PN1932 ARMY nomination of David L. Armeson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1433 MARINE CORPS nominations (315) beginning JEREMY D. ADAMS, and ending JONATHAN S. ZASADNY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2021.

PN1631 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jon C. Peterson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 5, 2022.

PN1633 MARINE CORPS nomination of Andrew E. Cheatum, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 5, 2022.

PN1636 MARINE CORPS nomination of Christopher J. Voss, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 5, 2022.

PN1637 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning DUSTIN E. GUERPO, and ending STEVEN A. SCOTT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 5, 2022.

IN THE NAVY

PN1934 NAVY nominations (74) beginning JOSEPH L. CAMPBELL, and ending DAVID J. WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN1935 SPACE FORCE nominations (2) beginning Matthew B. Christensen, and ending David A. Heinz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2022.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 603, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 603) recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 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. 603) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

RECOGNIZING THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City, SD. On April 29, 2022, Cornerstone will mark its 40th anniversary of feeding and sheltering people in crisis.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and it provides nearly 200 beds to men, women, and children. This organization's longevity is a testament to its hard work and dedication to serving others in need. Cornerstone serves an average of 440 free meals per day and has provided more than 180,000 people with a warm bed over the past 5 years alone.

Not only do they provide food and shelter to those in their community who live in poverty, but they also emphasize the importance of helping people improve their situation for the long term. The mission will assist people with obtaining legal identification, getting clothing for interviews, transportation, spiritual guidance, and case management services to help find employment and housing.

Cornerstone has changed the lives of countless South Dakotans, including American veterans who have served our Nation and sacrificed to preserve our freedoms, while showing them kindness and support when they needed it the most. The men and women who work and volunteer at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission are living a life of purpose and are difference makers in their community.

I commend the staff and leadership of Cornerstone Rescue Mission for 40 years of service and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORT

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I wish to submit to the Senate a budget scorekeeping report. The report, which covers fiscal year 2022, was prepared by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended. This information allows the Senate Budget Committee to determine if budgetary

points of order lie against pending legislation.

The report shows the effect on spending and revenues of congressional action through April 25, 2022, as compared to the levels the Senate agreed to in the budget resolution for fiscal year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14. I have revised the levels in the budget resolution five times for legislation, as authorized by the resolution. The report shows the effects of the 11 laws signed by the President since the passage of the budget resolution with significant effects on budget authority, outlays, or revenues.

Tables 1 and 2 show that for fiscal year 2022, current law budget authority is \$27 billion below the maximum allowed in the revised budget resolution, outlays are \$18 billion below the allowed maximum, and revenues are \$0.1 billion above the allowed minimum. They also show there has been no net change for Social Security.

The third table shows the Senate pay-as-you-go scorecard tallying enacted legislation with significant effects on mandatory spending and revenues. The scorecard shows a savings of \$7.8 billion in 2022, \$74.8 billion over the 2022–2026 period, and \$139.9 billion over the 2022–2031 period. When compared to the allowable amounts on the PAYGO scorecard last adjusted on March 2, there is a deficit of \$668 million on the scorecard for 2022, a deficit of \$687 million over the 2022–2026 period, and a

surplus of \$1.09 billion over the 2022–2031 period.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter and accompanying tables from CBO be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, April 27, 2022.

Hon. BERNIE SANDERS,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2022 budget and is current through April 25, 2022. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the allocations, aggregates, and other budgetary levels printed in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2021, pursuant to section 406 of S. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Since the adoption of S. Con. Res. 14 the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the following legislation that has significant effects on budget authority, outlays, or revenues in fiscal year 2022:

Emergency Repatriation Assistance for Returning Americans Act (Public Law 117–39);

Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 117–43);

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58);

Protecting America's First Responders Act (Public Law 117–61);

Further Extending Government Funding Act (Public Law 117–70);

Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act (Public Law 117–71);

REMOTE Act (Public Law 117–76);

Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act (Public Law 117–86);

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103);

Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–108); and

Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act (Public Law 117–110).

This is the first current level letter for 2022.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

TABLE 1.—SENATE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, AS OF APRIL 22, 2022

[In billions of dollars]

	Budget Resolution	Current Level	Current Level Over/Under (–) Resolution
On-Budget			
Budget Authority	4,169.6	4,143.0	–26.6
Outlays	4,503.5	4,485.7	–17.8
Revenues	3,409.9	3,410.0	0.1
Off-Budget			
Social Security Outlays ^a	1,073.4	1,073.4	0.0
Social Security Revenues	989.0	989.0	0.0

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

^a Excludes administrative expenses paid from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund of the Social Security Administration, which are off-budget, but are appropriated annually.

TABLE 2.—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE SENATE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, AS OF APRIL 22, 2022

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget Authority	Outlays	Revenues
Previously Enacted			
Revenues	n.a.	n.a.	3,401,380
Permanents and other spending legislation	2,577,318	2,772,180	n.a.
Authorizing and Appropriation legislation	1,258	787,925	n.a.
Offsetting receipts	–1,174,944	–1,182,329	n.a.
Total, Previously Enacted	1,403,632	2,377,776	3,401,380
Enacted Legislation ^a			
Authorizing Legislation			
Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117–43)	1	32	1
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117–58)	674	–7,011	8,495
Protecting America's First Responders Act (P.L. 117–61)	2	2	0
Further Extending Government Funding Act (P.L. 117–70)	0	5	0
Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act (P.L. 117–71)	7,650	7,144	0
REMOTE Act (P.L. 117–76)	227	227	0
Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act (P.L. 117–86)	0	1	0
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (divisions O through HH of P.L. 117–103)	790	513	–17
Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (P.L. 117–108)	–62	–62	0
Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act (P.L. 117–110)	0	0	92
Appropriation Legislation			
Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 (division A of P.L. 117–43)	2	6	0
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of P.L. 117–43)	0	89	0
Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 (division A of P.L. 117–70)	1,600	928	0
Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 (division A of P.L. 117–86)	350	251	0
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (divisions A through L of P.L. 117–103)	2,658,482	2,101,996	0
Total, Enacted Legislation	2,669,716	2,104,121	8,571
Entitlements and Mandatories			
Total Current Level	69,603	3,819	0
Total Senate Resolution ^b	4,142,951	4,485,716	3,409,951
	4,169,593	4,503,538	3,409,875
Current Level Over Senate Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	76
Current Level Under Senate Resolution	26,642	17,822	n.a.
Memorandum			
Revenues, 2022–2031			
Senate Current Level	n.a.	n.a.	39,009,255
Senate Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	39,007,531
Current Level Over Senate Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	1,724
Current Level Under Senate Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

n.a. = not applicable; P.L. = public law.

For purposes of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 in the Senate, the aggregate spending and revenue levels for 2022 published in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2022, by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget pursuant to section 406 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. Con. Res. 14) do not include budget authority, outlays, or revenues for off-budget amounts. As a result, amounts in this current level report do not include those items.

In keeping with the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255), certain funding for the Department of Health and Human Services is excluded from estimates for the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. As a result, this estimate excludes \$546 million in budget authority and \$537 million in outlays. Similarly, in keeping with section 14003 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116–136, as modified by section 101 of division AA of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116–260)), certain funding provided to the Army Corps of Engineers is excluded from estimates for the purposes of the Budget Act and the Deficit Control Act. As a result, this report excludes \$2,099 million in budget authority and \$2,083 million in outlays.

^a Current level excludes budgetary effects designated as an emergency pursuant to section 4001 of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022. As a result, this report excludes the budgetary effects of laws, enacted this session, which were designated as emergency requirements in accordance with section 4001 of S. Con. Res. 14. Those amounts are as follows:

	Budget Authority	Outlays	Revenues
Emergency Repatriation Assistance for Returning Americans Act (P.L. 117–39)	4	4	0
Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 (division A of P.L. 117–43)	2,500	1,250	0
Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of P.L. 117–43)	28,633	10,994	0
Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division C of P.L. 117–43)	6,664	3,550	0
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117–58)	158,630	14,044	0
Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of P.L. 117–70)	7,011	1,880	0
Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2022 (division F of P.L. 117–103)	0	10	0
Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division N of P.L. 117–103)	13,601	1,731	0
Total, Emergency-Designated Budgetary Effects	217,043	33,463	0

^b Section 4006 of S. Con. Res. 14 requires the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget to publish the aggregate spending and revenue levels for fiscal year 2022; those aggregate levels were first published in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2021. The Chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget has the authority to revise the budgetary aggregates for the budgetary effects of certain revenue and spending measures pursuant to the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and S. Con. Res. 14:

	Budget Authority	Outlays	Revenues
Original Aggregates Printed on September 23, 2021:	4,137,815	4,497,102	3,401,380
Revisions:			
Published in the Congressional Record on December 9, 2021	7,650	7,144	n.a.
Published in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2021	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Published in the Congressional Record on February 8, 2022	n.a.	n.a.	8,495
Published in the Congressional Record on March 2, 2022	612	–3,754	n.a.
Published in the Congressional Record on April 7, 2022	23,516	3,046	n.a.
Revised Senate Resolution	4,169,593	4,503,538	3,409,875

TABLE 3.—SUMMARY OF THE SENATE PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD AS OF APRIL 22, 2022

(In millions of dollars)

	2021	2022	2021–2026	2021–2031
Beginning Balance ^a	0	0	0	0
Enacted Legislation ^{b,c} :				
Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2021 (H.R. 5293, P.L. 117–42)	0	*	*	*
Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (H.R. 5305, P.L. 117–43) ^d	0	*	*	*
Consider Teachers Act of 2021 (S. 848, P.L. 117–49)	0	*	*	*
Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2021 (H.R. 1899, P.L. 117–53)	0	*	*	*
Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021 (RENACER Act) (S. 1064, P.L. 117–54)	0	*	*	*
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684, P.L. 117–58) ^{e,f}	0	–15,506	–82,969	–138,704
Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support (COPS) Counseling Act (S. 1502, P.L. 117–60)	0	*	*	*
Protecting America's First Responders Act of 2021 (S. 1511, P.L. 117–61)	0	2	16	28
Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021 (S. 1095, P.L. 117–68)	0	*	*	*
Further Extending Government Funding Act (H.R. 6119, P.L. 117–70) ^g	0	*	*	*
Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act (S. 610, P.L. 117–71)	0	7,144	7,079	0
An act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes. (H.R. 5142, P.L. 117–72)	0	*	*	*
Responsible Education Mitigating Options and Technical Extensions Act (REMOTE Act) (H.R. 5545, P.L. 117–76)	0	227	231	–1
An act to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes (H.R. 6256, P.L. 117–78)	0	*	*	*
An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes (H.R. 1664, P.L. 117–80)	0	*	*	*
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. 1605, P.L. 117–81) ^h	0	0	0	0
Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal Act (S. 452, P.L. 117–84)	0	*	*	*
Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act (S. 1404, P.L. 117–85)	0	*	*	*
Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act (H.R. 6617, P.L. 117–86)	0	1	*	1
Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Cost Efficiencies (PRICE) for Federal Procurement and Acquisitions Act of 2021 (S. 583, P.L. 117–88)	0	*	*	*
Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021 (H.R. 4445, P.L. 117–90)	0	*	0	0
Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2022 (H.J. Res. 75, P.L. 117–95)	0	*	*	*
“Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020 (S. 321, P.L. 117–97)	0	*	*	*
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (H.R. 2471, P.L. 117–103)	0	530	1,134	138
Emmett Till Antilynching Act (H.R. 55, P.L. 117–107)	0	*	*	*
Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (H.R. 3076, P.L. 117–108)	0	–62	430	–73
Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus (H.R. 7108, P.L. 117–110)	0	–92	–694	–1,256
A bill to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor and a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg. (S. 3294, P.L. 117–111)	0	*	*	*
Impact on Deficit	0	–7,756	–74,773	–139,867
Total Change in Outlays	0	–7,756	–74,773	–139,867
Total Change in Revenues	0	814	–52,690	–87,987
	0	8,570	22,083	51,880

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

^a = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.^b On September 23, 2021, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget reset the Senate's Pay-As-You-Go Scorecard to zero for all fiscal years.^c The amounts shown represent the estimated effect of the public laws on the deficit.^d Excludes off-budget amounts.^e Section 3201(b) requires the budgetary effects of that division to be excluded from the Senate's PAYGO scorecard; however, the revenue effects from the immigration extensions included in division A are included in the scorecard because division A does not fall within the exclusion in section 3201 of division D.^f Pursuant to section 3110 of S. Con. Res. 11 (114th Congress), the Concurrent Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016, the budgetary effects stemming from increases in enterprise guarantee fees of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation are excluded.^g Pursuant to section 905(b), the budgetary effects of division J are excluded from the Senate's PAYGO Scorecard. In addition, 905(c) classifies the budgetary effects of division J as emergency and emergency amounts are excluded from the Senate's PAYGO Scorecard.^h Section 2201 requires the estimated budgetary effects stemming from division C to be excluded from the Senate's PAYGO Scorecard; however, the insignificant revenue effects from immigration extensions included in division A are included in the scorecard because division A does not fall within the exclusion of section 2201.ⁱ The act increases outlays and revenues by an equal amount resulting in a neutral net impact on the deficit.

ULYSSES S. GRANT

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War general and 18th President of the United States, who was born in Point Pleasant, OH, 200 years ago this week.

In honor of the bicentennial of Grant's birthday, which took place yesterday on April 27, 2022, I joined Senator BLUNT of Missouri to introduce a concurrent resolution in the Senate. This resolution honors Grant for his efforts and leadership in defending the

union of the United States of America, recognizes his military victories, and affirms him as one of the most influential military commanders in our Nation's history. I spoke about President Grant's accomplishments briefly on the floor yesterday, but want to take this opportunity to elaborate on my remarks.

Ulysses S. Grant was a proud Ohioan, born in Point Pleasant, OH, to Jesse Grant and Hannah Simpson Grant on April 27, 1822. I know a number of celebrations were held in Ohio to honor the

200th anniversary. Grant's family soon moved to Georgetown, OH, in Brown County. Grant spent the remainder of his youth in the house his parents built in Georgetown. Both his birthplace and boyhood home are preserved as historic sites that draw visitors to Ohio communities today. In 1839, Grant left Ohio to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1843.

Grant was instrumental to the Union victory in the Civil War, leading Union forces to critical early victories in the

West at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Chattanooga. After President Lincoln appointed him Lieutenant-General of the Army in 1864, he commanded all Union armies until the conclusion of the war. At Appomattox, Grant prescribed terms of surrender intended to set the stage for postwar reconciliation.

Grant's legacy extends beyond his role in the Civil War. Grant was elected the 18th President of the United States in 1868 and was decisively elected to a second term in 1872, the only two-term President between Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson. As President, he oversaw the orderly readmittance of States following the Civil War, completing the restoration of the Union by 1871.

An ardent supporter of Reconstruction, President Grant championed the ratification of the 15th Amendment to prohibit discrimination in voting rights on the basis of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." In 1870, he oversaw the creation of the Department of Justice, essential to the prosecution of the Ku Klux Klan and enforcement of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the "Reconstruction Amendments."

Grant was an advocate for civil rights, endorsing and then signing the Civil Rights Act of 1875 to outlaw racial segregation in public accommodations, schools, transportation, and juries, nearly a century before such protections would be effectively enforced.

And although President Theodore Roosevelt is most often associated with our National Parks, it was President Grant who designated Yellowstone as the first National Park in 1872.

After his presidency, Grant traveled the world and wrote his memoirs. "The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant" became a bestseller and garnered lasting critical acclaim, praised by Mark Twain for its "clarity of statement, directness, simplicity, unpretentiousness, manifest truthfulness, fairness and justice toward friend and foe alike, soldierly candor and frankness, and soldierly avoidance of flowery speech."

As I said yesterday on the Senate floor, history has not always been kind to Grant. But as we commemorate his 200th birthday, his legacy is being re-evaluated and his far-reaching impact more fully appreciated. Frederick Douglass eulogized Grant as "a man too broad for prejudice, too humane to despise the humblest, too great to be small at any point." I urge my colleagues to join Senator BLUNT and I in honoring one of Ohio's finest, Ulysses S. Grant, for these remarkable qualities, for his role in preserving the Union of the United States as a general in the Civil War, and for his defense of Reconstruction and Civil Rights as President.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN BRAUN

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize Christian Braun of Burlington, KS.

Christian was one of the outstanding University of Kansas—KU—players who helped lead the team to their National Championship game victory. He is a fan favorite who was nominated for Academic All-American and an American All-Big 12 First Team honoree in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Braun's former coach Ed Fritz said that what makes him stand out is his honesty. He is not afraid to be quick to praise or hold teammates accountable. I think this quality is what helped KU get to the National Championship and is a great reflection of Kansas values as a whole. His performance in the championship was nothing short of spectacular. He showed great leadership and dedication in getting the team to this win.

I want to congratulate and thank Mr. BRAUN for all the hours he put into practicing and helping form this outstanding team. It takes great dedication and determination to get where he is. The hours spent practicing and perfecting his game helped KU get to this National Championship. This victory will not be forgotten by Kansans—or at the very least in Overland Park where Christian has his own day now after winning this championship. Thank you for all you have done to represent the great State of Kansas. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching Christian play and can't wait to see what he does next. It is my honor to congratulate him, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this wonderful win and wish him nothing but the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ZACH CLEMENCE

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize Zach Clemence, one of the outstanding University of Kansas—KU—players who helped lead the team to their National Championship game victory. Zach, who plays forward for the team, was a highly touted prospect for the Jayhawks coming out of Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire, KS. This is Zach's first year with the Jayhawks, and he ends the season as a National Champion.

I want to congratulate and thank Mr. Clemence for all the hours he put into practicing and helping form this outstanding team. It takes great dedication and determination to get to where he is. No doubt, his effort and energy during games or in practice played a major factor in the KU winning the National Championship. This victory will not be forgotten by Kansans and will go down in history. We thank Zach for all he has done to represent the great State of Kansas. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching KU play this season and certainly can't wait to see what Zach accomplishes in the future. It is my honor to congratulate Zach, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this wonderful victory and in wishing Zach nothing but the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS TEAHAN

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize Chris Teahan of Leawood, KS.

Chris was one of the outstanding University of Kansas—KU—players who helped lead the team to KU's fourth NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. He is a fan favorite who committed to the Jayhawks as a guard as a walk-on for the team and has made an impact on the program ever since, even earning a spot on the All-Academic Big 12 Second team last year. He currently holds a sports management degree and plans to pursue a graduate degree as he leaves KU basketball as a super-senior and a national champion.

Chris attributes a lot of his success to his mom for pushing him to be the best. He said he looks back on the time they spent together in the gym as special, even if it came in moments he didn't want to be there. She knew he had it in him; he just needed to see it, too. I want to congratulate and thank Mr. Teahan for all the hours he put into practicing and helping form this outstanding team. This victory will not be forgotten by Kansans. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this wonderful success and wish him nothing but the best in the following years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MARY JO MORGAN "MIMI" WEDGEWORTH

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, my beautiful mother Mary Jo Morgan Wedgeworth passed out of this world and into the arms of our Lord. She left with all those who were blessed to know her a lifetime of wonderful memories and a legacy of love, friendship, and service.

My mother was a lifelong resident of Laurel, MS. During her youth, she was the 1944 winner of the National 4-H Club Girl Achievement award and the President's Trophy. This was awarded to her at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. She continued to be an active participant in Mississippi 4-H Club programs, serving in numerous leadership roles and always serving as a local 4-H club leader. She served on the Mississippi 4-H Club board and as president of the Mississippi Extension Service Homemakers and FCE Club.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and active in women's programs and Sunday school. She especially loved providing beautiful flower arrangements made with cuttings from her garden for church events.

She was active in the Mississippi Council of Garden Clubs, where she served as president, and the Deep South Garden Club Council as a nationally accredited flower show judge and in the Waynesboro Drive Garden Club. She was known for her entertaining and educational programs on flower-arranging, gardening, and recycling. In

1987, she was honored by Keep America Beautiful with the lifetime achievement award for her exceptional efforts to keep our Nation beautiful. Some of her efforts included working to develop the Avenue of Magnolias at each of Mississippi's interstate State-line entrances and also the garden club wildflower program.

In 1976, she was honored with the Mississippi Volunteer Activist award for the thousands of hours she gave in volunteer service to her community. Indeed, her community activism began early with organizing victory gardens to support America's efforts during World War II.

She was active in the Jones County Republican Party, holding various offices and serving as chairman of both the Jones County Republican Women and the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women.

She was a docent for the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, where she so enjoyed giving tours and teaching children about the collections at the museum. For decades, she served on the board of the Red Cross and always had helping hands to assist victims of hurricanes and disasters who sought shelter from the storm. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she and my father Hilman welcomed and served meals to hundreds who fled to the Red Cross shelter in Laurel.

Throughout her long life, my mother strung together more than a few pearls of wisdom for the benefit of her 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, but the one that rests at the top of my mind is this: "Leave things in better shape than you found them." Whether it was through the flowers in her garden or the gentle encouragement that banished my fear and doubt, my mother took her own words to heart every day of her life. I will miss her terribly, but I find comfort and inspiration when I remember that the world she left behind for me is a far more beautiful place today than it was when she made her grand entrance 97 years ago.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE DEVRIES

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Mike DeVries of Fergus County as Montanan of the Month for his dedication to serving his community and his courage during the Denton fire last December.

Mike joined the volunteer fire department shortly after moving to Denton with his family in 2004 and has been loyal to the department and community ever since, serving as chief for 11 years. On December 1, 2021, Mike's love of his community and resolute leadership was on full display. As the West Wind fire tore through the town of Denton, Mike acted swiftly to maintain incident command and ensure the safety of his firefighters and members of the Denton community.

As Montana suffered a terrible fire season in 2021, Mike not only coordi-

nated aid and resources, he showed care and compassion to his fellow residents of Denton and the surrounding area. He met with folks who were impacted by the fires and connected personally with all of the local firefighters and community members who showed up to help.

Serving as the Denton fire chief is just one of the ways Mike gives back to his community. He is also on the elder board of the Denton Bible Church and has served several terms on the town council. As a volunteer fire chief, he has spent countless hours training, traveling, and managing the department. His son Joel says that Mike is held in high regard by other firefighters as he works to build relationships between Denton and surrounding departments.

While Mike is quick to give credit to his crew, he deserves recognition for his leadership during the 2021 fire season, loyalty to the Denton Fire Department, and compassion for his community.

Keep up the great work, Mike. You make Montana proud.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.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 bills, without amendment:

S. 812. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 3059. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 496. An act to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded or otherwise supported by or acting on behalf of Russia.

H.R. 923. An act to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3344. An act to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among the United

States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to improve the security of their telecommunications networks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4133. An act to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster resilience, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4693. An act to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5796. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6089. An act to clarify that section 107 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

H.R. 6930. An act to authorize the confiscation of assets subject to United States jurisdiction of certain foreign persons, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7311. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7314. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's support to the Russian Federation with respect to its unprovoked invasion of and full-scale war against Ukraine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7372. An act to amend the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 to require the President to establish a semiconductor supply chain working group in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and submit reports to Congress on potential future disruptions to the supply chain.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 496. An act to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded or otherwise supported by or acting on behalf of Russia to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 923. An act to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3344. An act to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to improve the security of their telecommunications networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4133. An act to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4693. An act to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5796. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6089. An act to clarify that section 107 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6930. An act to authorize the confiscation of assets subject to United States jurisdiction of certain foreign persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7311. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7314. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's support to the Russian Federation with respect to its unprovoked invasion of and full-scale war against Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7372. An act to amend the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 to require the President to establish a semiconductor supply chain working group in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and submit reports to Congress on potential future disruptions to the supply chain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-3750. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2021–2023, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal years 2021–2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3751. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3752. A communication from the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3753. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2021 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3754. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Global Media, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3755. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3756. A communication from the Director, Equal Employment Opportunities and Diversity Programs, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3757. A communication from the Diversity and Inclusion Programs Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3758. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3759. A communication from the General Counsel, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Conference's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3760. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the Acting Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the office's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2022–2026, the Congressional Budget Justification, the An-

nual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2023, and the annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Vice Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Annual Performance Report for FY 2021 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2022–2023" and the Board's Strategic Plan for FY 2022–2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2022–2026; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3766. A communication from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3767. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3768. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal and four technical amendments relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3769. A communication from the Interim President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's FY21 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 3742. A bill to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3743. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 4102. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update the resource limit for supplemental security income eligibility; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4103. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat contributions to a qualified tuition program as qualified retirement savings contributions for purposes of the saver's credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 4104. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 4105. A bill to treat certain liquidations of new motor vehicle inventory as qualified liquidations of LIFO inventory for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 4106. A bill to establish an alternative, outcomes-based process for authorizing innovative, high-quality higher education providers to participate in programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 4107. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Defense a civilian harm investigation coordinator, to improve and make permanent the requirement that the Secretary of Defense submit an annual report on civilian harm in connection with United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 4108. A bill to enhance protections of civilians during United States military operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 4109. A bill to authorize the development of a national strategy for the research and development of distributed ledger technologies and their applications, to authorize awards to support research on distributed ledger technologies and their applications, and to authorize an applied research project on distributed ledger technologies in commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 4110. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to include the State insurance commissioner as a voting member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Ms.

KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4111. A bill to support research and State management efforts relating to chronic wasting disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 4112. A bill to address issues involving the economic statecraft of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4113. A bill to provide for the independent investigation and prosecution of sexual harassment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4114. A bill to amend Public Law 99-420 to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Maine for use for affordable workforce housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 4115. A bill to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 4116. A bill to establish appropriate penalties for cocaine-related offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 4117. A bill to make available additional frequencies in the 3.1-3.45 GHz band for non-Federal use, shared Federal and non-Federal use, or a combination thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4118. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to provide States and communities with additional assistance to plant and maintain trees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 4119. A bill to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; considered and passed.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4120. A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 4121. A bill to designate the Kol Israel Foundation Holocaust Memorial in Bedford Heights, Ohio, as a national memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO,

Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. WICKER):

S.J. Res. 46. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum. Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 600. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day, honoring workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace, and recognizing the importance of strengthening worker health and safety protections; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 601. A resolution celebrating the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. Res. 602. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 30, 2022, as "National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 603. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 604. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of April 25 through April 29, 2022 as "National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 605. A resolution designating April 2022 as "Second Chance Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 251

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr.

WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

S. 385

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 385, a bill to improve the full-service community school program, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to establish a commission to review certain regulatory obstacles to preparedness for, response to, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and other pandemics, and for other purposes.

S. 1125

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to recommend that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation test the effect of a dementia care management model, and for other purposes.

S. 1596

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1596, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 2769

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2769, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2960, a bill to encourage reduction of disposable plastic products in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 3092

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3092, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-

gency Assistance Act to improve the provision of certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 3215

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3215, a bill to amend the Act of August 10, 1956, to provide for the payment of pay and allowances for certain officers of the Army who are assigned to the Corps of Engineers.

S. 3412

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3412, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to enforce the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to COVID-19 vaccine and mask requirements for Head Start programs.

S. 3636

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3636, a bill to establish within the National Science Foundation a program to award STEM ecosystem grants.

S. 3649

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3649, a bill to establish an advisory committee to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation regarding comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues relating to transportation from a variety of stakeholders in transportation planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy, and for other purposes.

S. 3664

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3664, a bill to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, and for other purposes.

S. 3743

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3743, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3956

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3956, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to improve the effectiveness of education and outreach on "Do Not Flush" labeling, and to require the Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Administrator, to issue regulations requiring certain products to have "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.

S. 4003

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4003, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises.

S. 4061

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4061, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the definition of water heater under energy conservation standards, and for other purposes.

S. 4082

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4082, a bill to prohibit the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of funds to provide emergency assistance at the southern border of the United States resulting from the repeal of certain public health orders, and for other purposes.

S. 4094

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4094, a bill to amend the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003 to strike the Secretary's unilateral authority during a national emergency, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 39

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 39, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Vaccine and Mask Requirements To Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Head Start Programs.

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care

Act; Updating Payment Parameters, Section 1332 Waiver Implementing Regulations, and Improving Health Insurance Markets for 2022 and Beyond”.

S. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 19, a resolution recognizing January 2021 as “National Mentoring Month”.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4113. A bill to provide for the independent investigation and prosecution of sexual harassment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Sexual Harassment Independent Investigations and Prosecution Act, also known as the SHIIP Act, which addresses longstanding systemic problems in the way that the military investigates and prosecutes sexual harassment. I thank Senators BOOKER, GILLIBRAND, and FEINSTEIN for being original cosponsors and Representative SPEIER for introducing this important legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It has been 2 years since Army SPC Vanessa Guillén was murdered after she reported being sexually harassed by another servicemember. Her tragic death was the catalyst to an investigation that led the Independent Review Commission to recommend key changes to the way the Department of Defense handles sexual assault and sexual harassment. Some of these changes, including the codification of sexual harassment as a crime, were established last year through the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. Others, unfortunately, were left out.

We must continue to build on the important work of the Independent Review Commission and the steps taken in the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act for the sake of our servicemembers. This includes codifying the requirement that any sexual harassment or assault complaint to be reviewed by a third-party investigator outside the chain of command. This change is essential to restoring the trust between soldiers and their superiors. Servicemembers would no longer have to fear their voices being stifled or dismissed altogether.

That is why I am introducing the SHIIP Act to require that all complaints of sexual assault and harassment be reviewed by a specially trained investigator outside the chain of command. The provisions in this legislation will move prosecutorial decisions on sexual harassment cases to the new special trial counsel, created by the Fiscal Year 2022 National De-

fense Authorization Act, and require that independent sexual harassment investigators be outside the chain of command and trained to investigate sexual harassment. These changes are essential to ensure servicemembers feel safe reporting any misconduct and that their complaints are investigated properly.

I urge my colleagues to pass the SHIIP Act as another step forward toward restoring faith in the military justice system.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4120. A bill to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am pleased to be joined by Senators CAPITO, VAN HOLLEN, and MURKOWSKI in introducing the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research, STAR, Reauthorization Act of 2022. This legislation is an extension of ongoing bipartisan efforts in the Senate over the past decade to get us closer to the goal of hopefully one day curing cancers in children, adolescents, and young adults. Representatives MCCAUL, SPEIER, BUTTERFIELD, and KELLY are introducing companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

I first started working on this issue after meeting the Haight family from Warwick, RI, in June of 2004. Nancy and Vincent lost their son, Ben, when he was just 9 years old to neuroblastoma, a very aggressive tumor in the brain. The heart-wrenching story of Ben Haight highlights the importance of this legislation. It is my hope that one day Ben's story, and thousands of other children like him, will be one of survival. With the strong support of families like the Hights, I introduced bipartisan legislation that eventually was signed into law in 2008 as the Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act—the first effort to provide increased research and improved treatment options for childhood cancers.

Over the last several years, I have also had the pleasure of getting to know Grace Carey and her parents, Rebekah Ham and Russell Carey, of Providence, RI. Grace was diagnosed with brain cancer at 5 years old and stands as a proud survivor of childhood cancer. Grace and her family are powerful advocates in the fight against childhood cancer, having worked with the St. Baldrick's Foundation to support the original Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which I introduced in 2015 with Senator CAPITO and was signed into law in 2018.

The STAR Act took the next needed steps to advance pediatric cancer research and child-focused cancer treatments, while also improving childhood

cancer surveillance and providing resources for survivors and those impacted by childhood cancer.

If a treatment is working, doctors elsewhere should know immediately. The same should happen if a treatment isn't working or if other major medical events occur during the course of a particular treatment. It is critical that doctors, nurses, and other providers are able to effectively communicate information about the disease, the treatment process, and what other health and development impacts children can expect to experience. As such, the STAR Act helped build a comprehensive children's cancer biorepository for researchers and improved surveillance of childhood cancer cases. Our reauthorization will build on these efforts and aims to make the biorepository easier for researchers to use, improving access to biospecimens.

In addition, we must do more to ensure that children survive cancer and any late effects so they can live a long, healthy, and productive life. The STAR Act enhanced research on the late effects of childhood cancers, improved collaboration among providers so that doctors are better able to care for this population as they age, and began to explore improved models of care for childhood cancer survivors. Since implementation of the STAR Act, the National Cancer Institute has awarded over \$16 million in new survivorship grants. It is critical that we reauthorize the STAR Act to continue funding these vital projects.

I look forward to working with Senators CAPITO, VAN HOLLEN, MURKOWSKI, as well as Representatives MCCAUL, SPEIER, BUTTERFIELD, and KELLY, along with advocates like the St. Baldrick's Foundation, to build support for the Childhood Cancer STAR Reauthorization Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 600—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY, HONORING WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED IN THE WORKPLACE, AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.:

S. RES. 600

Whereas 4,764 workers were killed in the United States due to job-related traumatic injuries in 2020, and 120,000 workers die in the United States each year from job-related diseases;

Whereas, each day, in total, an average of 340 workers die from job-related injuries and illnesses in the United States;

Whereas, annually, there are more than 3,200,000 occupational injuries in the United States;

Whereas tens of thousands of individuals in the United States with workplace-related injuries or illnesses have become permanently disabled;

Whereas the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (referred to in this preamble as “OSHA”), the primary Federal agency that establishes and enforces workplace health and safety standards—

(1) only has sufficient resources to inspect each establishment within the jurisdiction of OSHA once every 236 years; and

(2) must receive the resources necessary to adequately protect the health and safety of workers in the United States;

Whereas workers continue to face serious risks of injury, illness and death from COVID-19, infectious diseases, heat exposure, and workplace violence;

Whereas millions of workers have been infected with COVID-19, and thousands of workers in the United States alone have died from COVID-19;

Whereas these injuries, illnesses, and deaths are preventable; and

Whereas observing Workers’ Memorial Day—

(1) allows the people of the United States to honor and remember victims of workplace-related injuries and disease; and

(2) reminds the people of the United States to strive for better safety and health protections for workers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Workers’ Memorial Day to honor and remember workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace;

(2) recognizes the importance of strengthening worker health and safety standards to secure the safe workplaces workers deserve;

(3) encourages the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, employers, community and worker organizations, professional associations, and academic institutions to support activities increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace; and

(4) calls upon the people of the United States to observe Workers’ Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

SENATE RESOLUTION 601—CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY

Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 601

Whereas Arbor Day was founded on April 10, 1872, to recognize the importance of planting trees;

Whereas Arbor Day is a time to recognize the importance of trees and an opportunity for communities to gather and plant for a greener future;

Whereas Arbor Day is observed in all 50 States and across the world;

Whereas participating in Arbor Day activities promotes civic participation and highlights the importance of planting and caring for trees and vegetation;

Whereas such activities provide an opportunity to convey to future generations the value of land and stewardship;

Whereas working forests have contributed to an increase in the number of trees planted in the United States and are sustainably managed, with less than 2 percent of working forests nationally harvested each year;

Whereas a key factor in preventing forest conversion and deforestation is keeping forests productive;

Whereas working forests are a critical part of a nature-based solution to climate change, and by providing a continuous cycle of growing, harvesting, and replanting, active forest management maximizes the ability to sequester and store carbon and improves forest resilience;

Whereas private forests play an important role in conserving at-risk and declining species, and collaborative conservation efforts can benefit species while also helping to keep forests as forests;

Whereas sustainably grown wood can be used in a wide variety of resilient infrastructure and building applications—from traditional timber framing to high-tech mass timber—and as a natural, renewable, and biodegradable material, the significant use of wood building materials in buildings and bridges helps decrease global carbon emissions;

Whereas the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program have been committed to greening cities and towns across the country since 1976, and, in that time, more than 3,600 communities have made the commitment to becoming Tree City USA communities;

Whereas Tree City USA communities are home to more than 153,000,000 individuals in the United States who are dedicated to core standards of sound urban forestry management and who dedicate resources and time to urban forestry initiatives, which helps make their communities and our country a better place to live;

Whereas National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday of April each year; and

Whereas April 29, 2022, marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 29, 2022, as “National Arbor Day”;

(2) celebrates the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day;

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Arbor Day; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to participate in National Arbor Day activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 602—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 30, 2022, AS “NATIONAL ADULT HEPATITIS B VACCINATION AWARENESS DAY”

Ms. HIRONO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 602

Whereas up to 2,400,000 individuals in the United States are chronically infected with hepatitis B, and up to two-thirds of individuals with chronic hepatitis B are unaware of their infection status;

Whereas hepatitis B is a viral infection of the liver transmitted via infected blood and other body fluids, including through mother-to-child transmission and injection drug use;

Whereas hepatitis B is associated with significant disparities among—

(1) communities of color, including Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and African immigrants;

(2) sexual and gender minority communities; and

(3) individuals affected by the opioid crisis; Whereas individuals with chronic diseases, such as diabetes, HIV, hepatitis C, and chronic liver disease, and individuals on hemodialysis are at an increased risk for hepatitis B co-infection;

Whereas there is no cure for hepatitis B, and individuals with chronic hepatitis B require lifelong medical care;

Whereas chronic hepatitis B represents one of the most common causes of liver cancer;

Whereas 1 in every 4 individuals with unmanaged chronic hepatitis B will develop liver cancer, cirrhosis, or liver failure, with liver cancer having a 5-year survival rate of only 18 percent in the United States;

Whereas safe and highly effective vaccines to protect against hepatitis B are available;

Whereas, in accordance with universal childhood hepatitis B vaccination recommendations in the United States, infants and children have been routinely vaccinated against hepatitis B since the 1990s;

Whereas all adults between the ages of 19 and 59 and adults 60 and older with hepatitis B risk factors are recommended to be vaccinated against hepatitis B;

Whereas the hepatitis B vaccine, which is 95 percent effective and was the first anticancer vaccine to be developed, is projected to have prevented 310,000,000 cases of hepatitis B worldwide between 1990 and 2020;

Whereas only 30 percent of adults in the United States are vaccinated against hepatitis B;

Whereas the number of reported acute hepatitis B cases increased by 11 percent in the United States between 2014 and 2018;

Whereas, as a result of the opioid epidemic, there have been significant regional increases in acute hepatitis B cases in the United States, including—

(1) a 489 percent increase between 2015 and 2016 in Maine;

(2) a reported 114 percent increase between 2009 and 2013 in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee;

(3) a reported 78 percent increase in 2017 in southeastern Massachusetts; and

(4) a reported 56 percent increase between 2014 and 2016 in North Carolina;

Whereas 36 percent of new hepatitis B cases are among individuals who inject drugs;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hepatitis B is 50 to 100 times more infectious than HIV and 5 to 10 times more infectious than hepatitis C; and

Whereas there are significant opportunities, particularly within the setting of the opioid epidemic, to prevent new hepatitis B infections and thereby reduce the incidence of liver cancer and cirrhosis through efforts to—

(1) increase adult hepatitis B vaccination; and

(2) maintain childhood hepatitis B vaccination: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April 30, 2022 as “National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes the importance of providing support and encouragement—

(A) for all individuals to be tested for hepatitis B;

(B) for individuals susceptible to infection to be vaccinated against hepatitis B; and

(C) for individuals diagnosed with hepatitis B to be linked to appropriate care; and

(3) in order to reduce the number of new hepatitis B infections and hepatitis B-related deaths, encourages a commitment to—

(A) increasing adult hepatitis B vaccination rates;

(B) maintaining childhood hepatitis B vaccination rates; and

(C) promoting provider and community awareness of adult hepatitis B vaccination.

SENATE RESOLUTION 603—RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 603

Whereas the Senate is committed to the awareness, prevention, and deterrence of sexual violence affecting individuals in the United States;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this preamble as the “CDC”), 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual or physical violence and stalking by an intimate partner;

Whereas, according to the 2020 Child Maltreatment Report of the Department of Health and Human Services, child protection service agencies throughout the United States substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate, that 57,963 children under 18 years of age were victims of sexual abuse that year;

Whereas, according to the 2015 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men who have experienced a completed or attempted rape experienced it for the first time between the ages of 11 and 17;

Whereas sexual violence is a burden for many individuals who serve in the Armed Forces, and the Department of Defense estimates that approximately 20,500 members of the Armed Forces, including approximately 13,000 women and 7,500 men, experienced some form of contact or penetrative sexual assault during 2018;

Whereas, due to the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, including mandatory stay-at-home orders, the needs of sexual assault victims have become even more complex and challenging;

Whereas sexual assault does not discriminate on any basis and can affect any individual in the United States;

Whereas sexual violence may take many forms, including—

- (1) acquaintance, stranger, spousal, and gang rape;
- (2) incest;
- (3) child sexual abuse;
- (4) elder sexual abuse;
- (5) sexual abuse and exploitation of underserved communities;
- (6) commercial sex trafficking;
- (7) sexual harassment; and
- (8) stalking;

Whereas studies have suggested that survivors of color face unique challenges, and more should be done to better understand the impact of sexual violence on communities of color;

Whereas studies have suggested that the rate at which American Indians and Alaska Natives experience sexual violence is significantly higher than for other populations in the United States;

Whereas, according to the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault has numerous adverse consequences, which can include post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide;

Whereas, according to a 2019 CDC survey, the average cost of rape is \$122,461 for each victim over the victim's lifetime, totaling a \$3,100,000,000,000 economic burden for survivors of rape in the United States;

Whereas, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, an average of only 23 percent of rapes or sexual assaults in the United States were reported to law enforcement agencies between 2019 and 2020;

Whereas many sexual assaults are not reported to law enforcement agencies, and many States have restrictive criminal statutes of limitations, which enable many perpetrators to evade punishment for their crimes;

Whereas advances in deoxyribonucleic acid (commonly known as “DNA”) technology have enabled law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute the perpetrators in tens of thousands of previously unsolved sexual assault cases;

Whereas incarceration of sexual assault perpetrators can prevent perpetrators from committing additional crimes;

Whereas, according to a March 2021 survey by the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, 45 percent of rape crisis centers lack a therapist on staff, and 76 percent of programs had an increased demand for services in the past year;

Whereas national, State, territorial, and Tribal coalitions, community-based rape crisis centers, culturally-specific sexual assault organizations, and other organizations across the United States are committed to—

- (1) eliminating sexual violence through prevention and education; and
- (2) increasing public awareness of sexual violence and the prevalence of sexual violence;

Whereas thousands of volunteers and staff at rape crisis centers, State coalitions against sexual assault, culturally specific sexual assault organizations, and nonprofit organizations across the United States play an important role in making crisis hotlines and other services available to survivors of sexual assault;

Whereas important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, health professionals, public health workers, educators, first responders, and victim service providers;

Whereas free, confidential help is available to all victims and survivors of sexual assault through—

(1) the victim service programs of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (commonly known and referred to in this preamble as “RAINN”), including the National Sexual Assault Hotline—

- (A) by telephone at 800-656-HOPE; and
- (B) online at <https://hotline.rainn.org>;

and

(2) more than 1,500 sexual assault service providers across the United States;

Whereas the victim service programs of RAINN, including the National Sexual Assault Hotline, help more than 300,000 survivors and their loved ones each year;

Whereas the Department of Defense provides the Safe Helpline, Safe HelpRoom, and Safe Helpline mobile application, each of which provide support and help to members of the Department of Defense community—

- (1) by telephone at 877-995-5247; and
- (2) online at <https://SafeHelpline.org>;

Whereas individual and collective efforts reflect the dream of the people of the United States—

(1) for individuals and organizations to actively work to prevent all forms of sexual violence; and

(2) for no victim of sexual assault to be unserved or feel that there is no path to justice; and

Whereas April 2022 is recognized as “National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) it is the sense of the Senate that—

(A) National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month provides a special opportunity to—

(i) educate the people of the United States about sexual violence; and

(ii) encourage—

(I) the prevention of sexual assault;

(II) improvement in the treatment of survivors of sexual assault; and

(III) the prosecution of perpetrators of sexual assault;

(B) it is appropriate to properly acknowledge survivors of sexual assault and to commend the volunteers and professionals who assist those survivors in their efforts to heal;

(C) national and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in—

(i) promoting awareness about sexual assault;

(ii) providing information and treatment to survivors of sexual assault; and

(iii) increasing the number of successful prosecutions of perpetrators of sexual assault; and

(D) public safety, law enforcement, and health professionals should be recognized and applauded for their hard work and innovative strategies to ensure perpetrators of sexual assault are held accountable; and

(2) the Senate supports the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 604—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 25 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2022 AS “NATIONAL SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPRECIATION WEEK”

Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 604

Whereas there are more than 1,000,000 specialized instructional support personnel serving the schools and students of the United States, including—

- (1) school counselors;
- (2) school social workers;
- (3) school psychologists; and
- (4) other qualified professional personnel, such as—

(A) school nurses;

(B) psychologists;

(C) social workers;

(D) occupational therapists;

(E) physical therapists;

(F) art therapists;

(G) dance and movement therapists;

(H) music therapists;

(I) speech-language pathologists; and

(J) audiologists;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel provide school-based prevention and early intervention services to reduce barriers to learning;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel work with teachers, school leaders, and parents to ensure that all students are successful in school;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel encourage multidisciplinary collaboration to promote student and school success;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel provide educational, social, emotional, and behavioral interventions and activities that support—

- (1) student learning; and
- (2) teaching;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel help to create environments that are safe, supportive, and conducive to learning;

Whereas safe and supportive school environments are associated with improved academic performance;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel support—

- (1) student communication;
- (2) the development of social skills by students;
- (3) the physical wellness of students;
- (4) the physical development of students; and
- (5) the behavioral, emotional, and mental health of students; and

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel serve all students who struggle with barriers to learning: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April 25 through April 29, 2022, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”;

(2) recognizes that specialized instructional support personnel implement evidence-based practices to improve student outcomes;

(3) commends—

(A) those individuals who work as specialized instructional support personnel; and

(B) the individuals and organizations that support the efforts made by specialized instructional support personnel to promote and improve the availability of specialized instructional support services;

(4) encourages Federal, State, and local policymakers to work together to raise awareness of the importance of specialized instructional support personnel in school climate and education efforts;

(5) recognizes the important role of specialized instructional support personnel in efforts to improve mental health, reduce drug use, and improve overall community safety for students; and

(6) encourages experts to share best practices so that others can replicate the success of those experts.

SENATE RESOLUTION 605—DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS “SECOND CHANCE MONTH”

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 605

Whereas every individual is endowed with human dignity and value;

Whereas redemption and second chances are values of the United States;

Whereas millions of citizens of the United States have a criminal record;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of individuals return to their communities from Federal and State prisons every year;

Whereas many individuals returning from Federal and State prisons have paid their

debt for committing crimes but still face significant legal and societal barriers (referred to in this preamble as “collateral consequences”);

Whereas collateral consequences for an individual returning from a Federal or State prison are often mandatory and take effect automatically, regardless of—

- (1) whether there is a nexus between the crime and public safety;
- (2) the seriousness of the crime;
- (3) the time that has passed since the individual committed the crime; or
- (4) the efforts of the individual to make amends or earn back the trust of the public;

Whereas, for individuals returning to their communities from Federal and State prisons, gaining meaningful employment is one of the most significant predictors of successful reentry and has been shown to reduce future criminal activity;

Whereas many individuals who have been incarcerated struggle to find employment and access capital to start a small business because of collateral consequences, which are often not directly related to the offenses the individuals committed or any proven public safety benefit;

Whereas many States have laws that prohibit an individual with a criminal record from working in certain industries or obtaining professional licenses;

Whereas, in addition to employment, education has been shown to be a significant predictor of successful reentry for individuals returning from Federal and State prisons;

Whereas an individual with a criminal record often has a lower level of educational attainment than the general population and has significant difficulty acquiring admission to, and funding for, educational programs;

Whereas an individual who has been convicted of certain crimes is often barred from receiving the financial aid necessary to acquire additional skills and knowledge;

Whereas an individual with a criminal record—

- (1) faces collateral consequences in securing a place to live; and
- (2) is often barred from seeking access to public housing;

Whereas collateral consequences prevent millions of individuals in the United States from contributing fully to their families and communities;

Whereas collateral consequences can contribute to recidivism, which increases crime and victimization and decreases public safety;

Whereas collateral consequences have particularly impacted underserved communities of color and community rates of employment, housing stability, and recidivism;

Whereas the inability to find gainful employment and other collateral consequences inhibit the economic mobility of an individual with a criminal record, which can negatively impact the well-being of the children and family of the individual for generations;

Whereas the bipartisan First Step Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-391; 132 Stat. 5194) was signed into law on December 21, 2018, to increase opportunities for individuals incarcerated in Federal prisons to participate in meaningful recidivism reduction programs and prepare for their second chances;

Whereas the programs authorized by the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-199; 122 Stat. 657)—

- (1) have provided reentry services to more than 164,000 individuals in 49 States and the District of Columbia since the date of enactment of the Act; and
- (2) were reauthorized by the First Step Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-391; 132 Stat. 5194);

Whereas the anniversary of the death of Charles Colson, who used his second chance following his incarceration for a Watergate-related crime to found Prison Fellowship, the largest program in the United States that provides outreach to prisoners, former prisoners, and their families, falls on April 21; and

Whereas the designation of April as “Second Chance Month” may contribute to—

- (1) increased public awareness about—
 - (A) the impact of collateral consequences; and
 - (B) the need for closure for individuals with a criminal record who have paid their debt; and
- (2) opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances to those individuals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 2022 as “Second Chance Month”;

(2) honors the work of communities, governmental institutions, nonprofit organizations, congregations, employers, and individuals to remove unnecessary legal and societal barriers that prevent individuals with criminal records from becoming productive members of society; and

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe “Second Chance Month” through actions and programs that—

- (A) promote awareness of those unnecessary legal and social barriers; and
- (B) provide closure for individuals with a criminal record who have paid their debt.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have three requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m. Monday, May 2, and 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 and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Frost nomination; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHUMER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senators CARDIN, CASSIDY, and SULLIVAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). The senior Senator from Maryland is recognized.

SBIR & STTR PROGRAMS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about two of the Federal government's most important innovation programs: the Small Business Innovation Research program, also known as the SBIR, and the Small Business Technology Transfer program, or STTR for short.

It is very appropriate we are having this discussion as we are about to go into conference in regards to legislation that affects America's competitiveness. The SBIR and the STTR program represent the best of government industry partnerships.

The programs harness the creativity and ingenuity of America's entrepreneurs and innovators, solve the most pressing public health and national security challenges of our time.

The programs are also primed to help our Nation rebuild our domestic production capacity, to reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains on critical products, and reduce costs for the American people.

I would like to remind my colleagues that fighting inflation and rebuilding our domestic manufacturing capacity are inextricably linked.

When factories close, when products sit in shipping containers in ports, when production capacity decreases due to sick employees, and when products take longer to get from the warehouse to the store, prices go up.

I have no doubt that every Senator has heard from businesses in all sectors of the economy about solving this critical issue.

According to a recent survey the National Federation of Independent Business conducted, more than half of all small business owners reported a significant impact due to supply chain disruptions.

Thirty percent reported that the disruptions were causing a "moderate im-

pact," and 14 percent reported a "mild impact." Only 5 percent of those surveyed reported that they were unaffected by the disruptions. Of the small business owners affected by disruptions, 80 percent reported that the disruptions have caused them to miss out on business opportunities.

I am very pleased to hear that President Biden announced during his State of the Union address that rebuilding America's domestic production capacity is central to his administration's plan to fight inflation and keep our Nation secure.

SBIR and STTR are two of the best tools in the Federal government's toolkit to achieve our goal. Congress created the SBIR in 1982 to increase the participation of small businesses and Federally funded research and development opportunities in areas ranging from clean energy to advanced manufacturing.

Under the program, Federal agencies that budget at least \$100 million annually for outside research must allocate a portion—3.2 percent since fiscal year 2017—to support R&D and small businesses.

There are 11 Federal agencies and departments currently in the program, including the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Education, and Health and Human Services. The program awards funds in three phases:

Phase 1 awards are worth up to \$225,000 and may be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine an idea's scientific and commercial promise.

Phase 2 awards up to \$1.5 million and may be used to conduct further R&D on the feasibility of turning an idea into a commercial product.

And phase 3 does not involve an award of funds, but denotes that an idea is ready to move from the laboratory to the marketplace.

During the commercialization phase, small businesses must raise funding from the private sector or secure non-SBIR Federal funds.

Congress created the STTR program in 1992. While the program is similar to the SBIR in structure, utilizing a similar three-phase progression, the STTR awards go to small businesses engaging in collaborative R&D with Federal labs, as well as nonprofit educational and scientific institutions.

The program requires Federal agencies and departments to spend at least \$1 billion on outside research to allocate at least 0.45 percent of the funds to STTR opportunities.

Most people may not be familiar with SBIR or STTR, but they definitely recognize the products and companies in the programs that it helped create. Sonicare Electric toothbrush, iRobot, Lasik eye surgery, all received SBIR/STTR funding when they were startups. Qualcomm, which makes computer chips, semiconductors, and other technologies critical to our national communication infrastructure, also received funding from these pro-

grams. Progeny Systems, a small business based in Manassas, VA, received more than 300 SBIR and STTR awards to conduct research over a 20-year period. Progeny's research produced technology that drastically improves the Navy's torpedo capacity. The company is now the sole supplier of torpedos to the Navy; and, yes, it is still a small business.

This is another benefit of these programs: They expand and diversify the supplier base from which the Federal agencies source goods and services, increasing competition and investment in high-growth sectors, which reduce costs over time.

On the manufacturing front, several agencies, including NASA and the Department of Defense, are currently funding research on advanced manufacturing techniques, such as 3D printing and glass that can handle temperatures as high as 900 degrees, which would revolutionize our ability to monitor nuclear reactors and power plant furnaces to prevent accidents.

Simply put, SBIR and STTR are invaluable to our national security, and we should fund these programs adequately to rebuild our domestic supply chain. Unfortunately, authority for these critical programs will expire at the end of September unless Congress acts to extend them.

The House and Senate will go to conference soon on America COMPETES Act, which includes a 5-year extension of SBIR and STTR. I urge all my colleagues, especially those who will be conferees, to support this critical provision.

The junior Senator from Iowa has submitted a motion to instruct conferees to couple this effort to extend the SBIR program and the STTR program by 5 years with authorizing language to prevent China and Russia from acquiring critical national security technology developed by the program.

I agree with the Senator that the United States needs to safeguard technologies from being compromised and stolen, and I am pleased that the House Competes Act bill includes safeguards to prevent our adversaries from affecting our innovation—not just China and Russia, but all foreign countries of concern, including Iran and North Korea. This effort builds off of section 223 of the fiscal year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act that provides protections and requires disclosure to guard against foreign influence on Federally funded research and development.

So I will support the motion the Senator from Iowa will make; but we must recognize that if we are able to compete with China and Russia, extending the authorization for SBIR and STTR are critical. I hope she will work with me to keep this important program from shutting its doors on September 30.

I would like to add that this issue is very important to my constituents in

Maryland. Our State ranks number one in the Nation in R&D spending due to the presence of Federal and academic research institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Maryland.

I have had many discussions with State government officials and leading scientists in Maryland who have told me that one of the most sensible steps we can take to improve the SBIR and STTR program were to make these programs permanent. The research SBIR and STTR funds often continues for several years before producing a product ready to go to the market. Researchers need to know that these programs will not disappear in the middle of years-long research projects.

It is our responsibility to make sure that we act timely so that there is no lapse in these programs or reduced funding that is critically needed for these programs' success.

Any such action would be short-sighted and would have a devastating impact on small businesses engaged in cutting-edge research Nationwide. Reducing the size of these programs or allowing them to lapse altogether would hinder our efforts to restore the production of critical products.

I recently convened a hearing of the Senate Small Business Committee to examine the impacts of supply chain disruptions on small businesses. One of our witnesses, Dr. Sridhar Kota, who leads an organization that advocates for increased public and private sector investment in America's manufacturing sector, called the SBIR and the STTR "one of the really good tools in the toolbox" and urged the committee to strengthen the programs to support even more researchers. I could not agree more.

Instead of leaving the researchers who are inventing the tools that will power the economy of the future guessing about the SBIR and STTR, we in Congress have an opportunity—and I would say an obligation—to reauthorize these programs before they expire in September. We should also make them permanent, which both the Pentagon and NASA have urged us to do. This is in our national security interest, as well as our economic interest and fairness to small businesses.

Arthur C. Clarke wrote:

New ideas pass through three periods: (1) It can't be done. (2) It probably can be done, but it's not worth doing. (3) I knew it was a good idea all along.

The SBIR and the STTR programs help visionary entrepreneurs get through one and two to reach three. Getting to three makes America stronger and more prosperous.

Let us make sure that we act in time.

With that, 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. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, every Senator, when she or he goes home, speaks to families feeling the crushing burden of inflation, in large part driven by fuel prices—it is certainly true when I go home to Louisiana—and they hope for a better job; one, they would like a better job, but, two, they need the extra money in order to keep up with the inflation.

There is a connection with their personal economic concerns, Putin's war in Ukraine, and China doing their best to take American jobs by ignoring environmental standards, using slave labor, giving subsidies to the businesses, making it almost impossible for American businesses to work here and compete with products made in China.

As one example of just how successful China has been, in the early 2000s, China was about 19th and 20th in manufacturing and carbon emissions.

Since then, since the early 2000s, China has become No. 1 worldwide, both in the amount of manufacturing but also in the amount of their carbon emissions.

Indeed, the increase in carbon emissions for China is more than the combined decrease of the United States, the EU, and the United Kingdom in that same period of time.

We have been doing our best to improve our environmental standards for the benefit of the whole world, and China has exploited that, using their lack of enforcement of standards to attract our jobs to their country, and yet our global greenhouse gas emissions are worse off.

Now, as I mentioned, the inflation, the hope for a better job, which is not realized, Putin's war, using energy as a national security tool, and China's concerted strategy are all interwoven. There is a nexus, and that nexus is between energy and the climate, the economy of a family and of a nation, and national security.

So if we are going to improve the financial situation for that family in Louisiana, a working family in Nevada, or any of our States and do something about our national security concerns, then we must do something about energy, and that is related to emissions.

The most effective way of doing this is looking at how China addresses their emissions and how the United States does.

Now, when I speak of emissions, I speak of the fact that we now use natural gas instead of coal, and natural gas burns much more cleanly than coal, and so, therefore, we have cleaner air in the United States than we did even 20 years ago.

But China uses coal for about 60 percent of their energy feedstock. And so

to understand China as a competitor, let's look at their economic, geopolitical, and national security strategies against us, and we are going to look at it through the prism of carbon emissions because if we think about national security without thinking about energy and the associated emissions, if we don't think about them all at the same time, we are wasting our time, just wasting our time. So, again, examining as a nexus.

There is a petrochemical plant in Louisiana that has invested heavily in lowering their emissions. We pay a little extra for the products they produce, but we accept that extra cost so that we have this cleaner environment.

Just as an example, the plastic that is on the back of my phone, that plastic is made from natural gas usually, and the process of making that has rigorous environmental standards to make sure that we protect those who live around the plant. China does not do that. They do not enforce those standards, nor, as I mentioned earlier, do they use natural gas. They are much more likely to use coal, and they preferentially build their powerplants on the Pacific coast of China. So the emissions go into the atmosphere, and they blow across the Pacific, and they land in the United States. Much of the problems of the west coast of the United States with SO_x and NO_x are from plants that originate their emissions in China.

And did I say it lowers their cost of production by not enforcing those? By lowering the cost of production, you attract American jobs away from the United States of America over there. And did I say it strengthens their economy? And by strengthening their economy, they have more money to invest in their military and more money to pursue their geopolitical strategy, which is to undermine the influence of the United States of America.

By not applying our emission standards to China, giving them a free pass, we are allowing them to implement their strategy.

Now, by the way, I am not against international trade. We can look at the treaties we have with Canada and with Mexico or with Central American countries, and we can see that there are certain labor and environmental standards that are embedded in those. And it is an even playing field, of sorts. So if we have a clean air standard here in the United States, there is something like that in Mexico and something like that in Canada. If we have labor standards here, we have something like that in Honduras and something like that in Guatemala. So we are still competing, but the playing field is more even.

Now, there are other benefits of trading in the Western Hemisphere.

About 40 percent of the goods that Mexico produces are reimported from the United States. There is an exchange that goes back so that the revenue that is produced in trade disproportionately comes from Mexico

back to the United States. So while that number is 40 percent with Mexico, it is only 4 percent with China. And it is not like we are sending all this money to China. We had about a \$355 billion trade deficit with them last year. And I am not talking about the deficit; I am just saying that only 4 percent of that revenue comes back to the United States in order to reinvest in the American economy.

So I am all for trade, but I want to have something which is more mutually beneficial and one in which there is a level playing field and one in which the disregard for environmental standards is not used as a strategy to strip jobs away from Americans in order to improve an economy of a competitor that uses that money to improve their military standing and uses that money to undermine our influence and, by the way, to attempt to expand their geopolitical viewpoint.

Now, I will say once more, I love capitalism. It has the ability to elevate people out of poverty. Three generations ago, my family left Ireland and came to the United States because they didn't have enough to eat, and because this is the greatest capitalist country in the world, my family did quite well because of the system of government we have here. I am not arguing against that.

But what we cannot tolerate is the arbitrage of rules that are put in place by developed countries to protect not just our own citizens but the global environment from the ill effects of certain types of activities, say, in this case, burning energy.

If we are going to equalize the playing field, if you will, to lawfully and peacefully defeat a strategy which has explicit goals to take jobs from the United States of America and to eclipse us as a world power, we need to think strategically as to how to defeat this strategy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

TRIBUTE TO TERESA GRAY AND RECOGNIZING MOBILE MEDICS INTERNATIONAL

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam President, I want to say that it is Thursday, and it is my favorite time of week, 6 years' strong—almost 7 years—we have been doing our "Alaskan of the Week" series, and we love to do this because we get to recognize a special Alaskan, someone who makes the State very special.

Our pages, I think they don't always admit it, but it is probably the best speech of the week because it is interesting and we have got some cool stories. I know some of the reporters here like the speech because it means we are at the end of the week so that is good.

Today, we are honoring a really amazing Alaskan. Her name is Teresa Gray, of Anchorage, who was, by the way, recently featured by CNN as one

of their heroes for the work her organization does that Teresa founded to provide medical help to people all over the globe.

So, before I talk about Teresa and her amazing work, I always like to give a little update of what is going on in Alaska right now. I was home the last couple weeks traveling all over the State, and it didn't seem like too long ago when I had said: Hey, winter is coming. Winter is coming. Well, here is the good news. Well, I love winter, but winter is now leaving. It is leaving Alaska.

Now, it is cold in many places. My house in Anchorage still has snow on the ground, but the Sun is now up high in the sky, staying up longer and longer every single day—although I was in Fairbanks and we had northern lights going. So that was awesome just last week. But today, in Anchorage, the Sun rose at 6 a.m. and set around 10 p.m. So it is getting long. It is gaining. We gain about 5 minutes a day during this time of the year. Birds are migrating back by the tens of thousands. The excitement of spring is everywhere.

So to everybody watching, if you are thinking about great summer travel plans, Alaska is the place to be. So come on up. We would love to have you.

So, now, let me talk about Teresa Gray and the organization she founded called Mobile Medics International, which is doing great work across the globe, even as we speak.

Teresa is originally from Michigan. As a paramedic, she moved to Alaska in 1999 to be with her then-husband who was from Alaska. And like so many do when they come to Alaska, she fell in love with Alaska. Now, she wasn't really an outdoorsy type, but she said:

I just felt at home.

It is the people that she loves. She said the State has such a unique group of individuals.

We [all] share a kindred spirit. We're all committed to living the Alaska[n] way.

That is what Teresa said. And for Teresa, the Alaskan way has been to put her medical skills to use. Now, initially, she worked as an instructor at the only paramedic school in the State, but within 6 months, she bought the school and created two additional schools, one in Fairbanks and one in Wasilla, and made these very successful. Eight years later, she sold those to the University of Alaska.

Then she became a flight medic for AeroMed, now known as LifeMed. She was a medical trainer for the Alaska Air National Guard unit, the 210th Rescue Squadron. These are very brave, intrepid PJs who do amazing work all over the State. And she also helped out with the Anchorage Fire Department.

When they again adopted a child, their second adopted child, Teresa decided it was time to retire. An aside here—one of Teresa's children, Boyd Jorgensen, was a U.S. marine under my

command, with the great unit ECHO Company 4th Reconnaissance Battalion up in Anchorage. So Semper Fi, Staff Sergeant. I hope you are watching.

Let's talk about your mom.

That retirement for Teresa didn't last long. One day, she was watching the news, and she saw the image—and I think a lot of us remember this image—of a 3-year-old Syrian refugee on the beach of Lesbos, face down in the water. It was very powerful. People all over the world saw that really ghastly image. She thought: Why isn't anybody doing anything about this?

She realized, well, she should and she could. So she volunteered for an Irish medical nonprofit which took her to Greece and then to other places across the globe.

It didn't take her long to see a need that wasn't being filled. There are a great many medical nonprofits, but the general model is that the doctors and other medical professionals arrive at a place and set up shop. The people in need of care come to them.

But there are so many times Teresa witnessed people who couldn't leave their communities. In the case of Puerto Rico, there was a mudslide with limited access to a road that led to a village which hadn't received medical or any kind of help in over a week. People couldn't get a doctor there.

So, back in Alaska, she put a call out on social media, and soon, Mobile Medics International was born. The group is focused on mobility, on getting to the barrios, to the villages, up in the mountains—hard places to get to, where she said that "[s]o many places are lost or forgotten in disasters" because they are so hard to get to.

Roughly, 5 years later, the group now has roughly 120 volunteers from across the globe, including from Alaska, on nearly every continent. They have been on over 30 missions. They are agile. They are expeditionary. They are like the Marines. When they go to a place that has been hit by disaster or to a place experiencing a refugee crisis, everything they need is in a backpack.

Teresa said:

We can bring our own food, our own water, our own sleeping accommodations. We try to take basically an ambulance in the backpack.

Great image. Great idea.

If someone requires more extensive care, then they help get that individual to a medical facility, maybe in another part of the country.

In addition to natural and humanitarian disasters, Mobile Medics International also trains people in medically underserved villages to provide treatment to others in their communities. So it is train the trainer. Teach someone to fish.

They find people in those communities who are willing to commit to 5 years to build their own program in that community, and they support them during that time. They visit a few times a year, get them equipped, get them supplies, get them training,

and then, all of a sudden, you have people in those communities who have these medical skills.

Teresa talked about her team once going to a remote island in the Philippines where, because of a lack of nutrition, this remote island and the population had a really bad problem with cleft-palate babies. "Within three years," she said, "we eliminated cleft-palate babies on that island by giving out prenatal vitamins."

Think about that. That is incredible work—one American with a vision making a huge difference in a place like the Philippines. Great work.

So let's fast-forward to today. Where do you think she is? Where do you think they are?

Well, they are on the frontlines in Ukraine and Romania to help with the refugee crisis there. They have four teams there. They are providing a 24-hour clinic in Romania and go person-to-person to help with medical care. They have organized a warehouse of donated goods. They have delivered supplies into Ukraine, and they are providing emotional support to people who really need it because of the barbaric invasion that has happened there.

For Teresa and her group, helping during a refugee crisis is particularly emotional and wrenching. She said:

Natural disasters can be horrific. A refugee crisis is even more emotionally difficult.

These are people who have lost everything, including their country, their heritage, and their language.

She talked about how the Ukrainian refugee crisis is particularly challenging. "All the men have been left behind," she said. You just have mothers, older men, young girls, and women whose entire life in Ukraine is now gone.

Her people do more than just medical care. They provide emotional support as well. When she traveled to Romania, there was an elderly woman whom she was treating for health issues. The woman asked for a different kind of help. She asked that she and her son be driven to the border so she could see Ukraine for the last time—a Ukrainian woman just wanting to see her country—and Teresa did that.

"She asked for help, so we gave it to her," Teresa said.

This is a great example of the drive, determination, vision, and hard work of just one person. Think about it. One person, Teresa Gray, with a vision—and how that vision and drive can change lives—hundreds of lives, thousands of lives.

So, Teresa, thank you for providing so much help to so many. Congratulations for being chosen as a CNN hero; but more importantly, much more importantly—sorry, CNN—congratulations on being our Alaskan of the Week. You have really, really deserved it and made us all proud.

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.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Luke Robert Hartig of California.

RECA EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 4119, introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4119) to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 4119) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 4119

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "RECA Extension Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(d) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting "The Fund shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022."; and

(2) by striking "22-year period" and inserting "2-year period".

(b) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.—Section 8(a) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by striking "within 22 years after the date of the enactment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000" and inserting "not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022".

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
MAY 2, 2022, AT 3 P.M.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:05 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 2, 2022, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 305:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. KEVIN E. LUNDAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 305:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ANDREW J. TIONGSON

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

JUSTINE E. FEASTER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOSEPH F. CAPETILLO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOSEPH T. REUBEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel

LYMAN S. REYNOLDSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MARK J. BROOKS

BRIAN P. KANE

CLAY R. SALMELA

ALEJANDRO J. SANCHEZMUNOZ

CHARLES F. WALLACE

HAROLD G. WOOMER, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

BRIAN R. SEIDEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

STEVE BLACKWELL

ANTHONY C. HOLLOWAY

RICHARD JAMES, SR.

KATHRYN J. KNAPP

ROBERT P. LEWIS

LEWIS R. MESSINGER

DAVID L. OBERDIECK

EDGARDO ORTIZ

KEVIN J. PARK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

WAYNE A. DUNLAP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

BRIAN M. STIERITZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

DAVID C. HILLING

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

CHRISTOPHER R. THIELENHAUS

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

ELIZABETH C. MERRELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

THOMAS M. ALLEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

COBY S. CROFT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be captain

LEONARD E. HAYNES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

JOHN P. THOMPSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

RYAN M. FITZGERALD
MATTHEW C. WELCH

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate April 28, 2022:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. STEVEN M. ROWE

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

BRAD JOHN CRABTREE, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FRANK CALVELLI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PAUL MONTEIRO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

KRISTYN E. JONES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 716:

To be brigadier general

BRIG. GEN. DOUGLAS A. SCHIESS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. CHRISTOPHER M. BLOMQUIST
COL. GARY R. CHARLTON II
COL. KEITH A. CHIKASAWA
COL. JAMES D. CLEET
COL. MARY S. DECKERT
COL. DREW E. DOUGHERTY
COL. JEFFREY B. EDWARDS
COL. LARRY E. GARDNER
COL. IAN J.M. GILLIS
COL. TROY D. HAVENER

COL. MATTHEW E. HENRY
COL. RICHARD D. HUNT
COL. PHILLIP L. MALLORY
COL. BERRY L. MCCORMICK
COL. MARK R. MORRELL
COL. MICHAEL J. OLIVER
COL. KENNETH J. RADFORD, JR.
COL. LYNN K. ROBINSON, JR.
COL. MICHAEL S. ROSE
COL. DAVID W. SHEVCHIK
COL. TODD A. WILES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. KIRSTEN G. AGUILAR
COL. JASON E. BARTOLOMEI
COL. PAUL R. BIRCH
COL. HEATHER W. BLACKWELL
COL. PETER M. BONETTI
COL. MAURIZIO D. CALABRESE
COL. DANIEL C. CLAYTON
COL. RICHARD R. DICKENS
COL. DAVID A. DOSS
COL. JON A. EBERLAN
COL. WILLIAM C. FREEMAN
COL. LANCE R. FRENCH
COL. JESSE J. FRIEDEL
COL. JEFFREY T. GERAGHTY
COL. RICHARD A. GOODMAN
COL. DOUGLAS D. JACKSON
COL. JASON M. JANAROS
COL. RYAN P. KEENEY
COL. DAVID R. LOPEZ
COL. GAVIN P. MARKS
COL. ROGER R. MESSER
COL. PATRICK G. MILLER
COL. NATHAN L. OWENDOFF
COL. WILLIAM S. ROGERS
COL. JOCELYN J. SCHERMERHORN
COL. JEFFREY T. SCHREINER
COL. TRAVOLIS A. SIMMONS
COL. MELISSA A. STONE
COL. GEOFFREY F. WEISS
COL. MICHAEL J. ZUHLSDORF

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 9037:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. REBECCA R. VERNON

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 7034 AND 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. RANDY A. GEORGE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY 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. ANDREW P. POPPAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. SEAN C. BERNABE

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. DUKE Z. RICHARDSON

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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. MARY F. O'BRIEN

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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. BRIAN S. ROBINSON

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 lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. RANDALL REED

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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DAVID S. NAHOM

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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. TOM D. MILLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. AMY D. HOLBECK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID N. UNRUH

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DIMITRI HENRY

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL A. ARMSTRONG AND ENDING WITH JOHN S. WU, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 31, 2022.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JONATHAN P. DIETZ AND ENDING WITH JORDAN C. TREMBLAY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALAN K. CHAN AND ENDING WITH BENJAMIN R. PEREUS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ALEC S. WILLIAMS, TO BE MAJOR.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF DERWIN BRAYBOY, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH YONATAN S. ABBIE AND ENDING WITH D011475, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID H. AAMIDOR AND ENDING WITH D016442, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL S. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH D015907, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RACHELL H. BACA AND ENDING WITH D014067, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHARLES J. BULVA, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID L. ARMESON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEREMY D. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH JONATHAN S. ZASADNY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 1, 2021.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JON C. PETERSON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF ANDREW E. CHEATUM, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. VOSS, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DUSTIN E. GUERPO AND ENDING WITH STEVEN A. SCOTT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 5, 2022.

IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSEPH L. CAMPBELL AND ENDING WITH DAVID J. WOODS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

SPACE FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MATTHEW B. CHRISTENSEN AND ENDING WITH DAVID A.

HEINZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2022.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SHERPA HOUSE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

As a longtime, local restaurant and cultural center in the heart of Golden, the Sherpa House has a history of welcoming residents and customers from across the region to discover the wonders of the Himalayas and learn about the history and customs of Sherpas. This establishment has served as an exhibition of the vibrancy and depth of Sherpa and Nepalese culture since 2009. Despite being a small company, they contribute substantially to the Golden community and have been a true ethical beacon for businesses. It's clear the Sherpa House owners and staff care deeply for the Nepalese community in Colorado and in Nepal and want to share that vibrant culture with the community.

Congratulations to the Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
MAXIMUS CLOSSON ON HIS
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-
TARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Maximus Closson of Northwood, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Max's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only

offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Max brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northwood High School in Northwood, Ohio, Max participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Max was involved with cross country and track and field, earning varsity letters in both. I am confident that Max will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maximus Closson on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Max will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE CRAIG FAMILY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. Since 1947, the Craig family has run Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q, dazzling De Valls Bluff with mouthwatering pork sandwiches dripping in the secret family sauce known for its hints of apple and bell pepper.

Lawrence Craig, a former cook on a Mississippi River boat and his brother Wes opened the restaurant in 1947. Now with three generations of the Craig family maintaining the barbeque tradition, Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q was recognized as a 2019 Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner.

Craig's offers slow-smoked meats covered in curated levels of spicy sauces, perfected coleslaw, ribs, and burgers that will make you feel like you are in Southern barbeque heaven. A local favorite, duck hunters frequent the family-run establishment that was also recognized as a 2020 People's Choice Nominee.

For a blast of flavor and unforgettable taste of the South, visit Craig's Brother Bar-B-Q.

HONORING JEFF SIMERING ON RE-
TIREMENT FROM THE COUNCIL
OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, last month, one of the most impactful and con-

sistent forces in urban education policy retired. Jeff Simering stepped down as the Director of Legislative Services for the Council of the Great City Schools, ending his fifth decade of working to improve schools in urban school districts. His impact on education, and especially those who have taught and learned in our urban schools, has been immeasurable.

Jeff had been with the Council since 1994, where he directed the federal legislative activities of the Council, worked with federal agencies, and advised member school districts on the implementation of national legislation. Prior to joining the Council, Jeff operated a consulting firm that aided school districts and worked directly for Chicago Public Schools. Jeff received his law degree from the University of Baltimore.

Jeff fought for urban schools to get the resources they needed for decades. While at Chicago Public Schools, Jeff worked with some of the legislative titans of the time—Sid Yates and Dan Rostenkowski—to ensure Chicago Public Schools had the resources to support its students and teachers and foster diversity. Throughout the 90s and beyond Jeff was one of the preeminent experts helping guide Congress on how best to target federal education funding to the school districts which needed it the most.

Jeff provided counsel to Members of the Education and Labor Committee for decades. His advice helped inform us on how to target resources and pursue reforms to strengthen schools. Most importantly his advice assisted us in producing more effective legislation. For instance, Jeff was instrumental in helping the Committee construct funding formulas that ensured school districts with concentrations of low-income children in rural, urban and suburban America received their fair share of resources.

Jeff fiercely represented his clients—urban schools and the children who attend them. And above all, Jeff knew how to help the Committee come to a bipartisan consensus on issues. For example, Jeff's assistance led to bipartisan agreement on multiple Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorizations, including the Improving America's Schools Act in 1994, the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, and the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015. His work also influenced the reauthorizations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 1997 and 2004, and the Career and Technical Education Act in 1998 and 2006.

Best wishes to Jeff on his retirement. His knowledge and approach will be missed. I hope in the coming months and years, he will be able to spend more time with his family, play tennis, and ride his Harley.

I thank him for all he has done to support our Nation's schools.

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HONORING ALDEA CHILDREN AND
FAMILY SERVICES**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aldea Children and Family Services in celebration of the organization's 50 years of service in Napa and Solano counties.

Aldea has specialized in helping people who face financial, mental, cultural, and other barriers in their lives. The organization provides mental health services, transitional housing, child welfare services, and substance abuse services in Napa and Solano counties. The dedicated workers at Aldea assist our communities through three main offices, various outpatient therapy clinics, and over 30 co-locations, including schools, primary healthcare facilities, and community-based organizations.

Aldea incorporated in 1972, opening its first group home which served as a residence for six teenage girls. Two years later, it opened the Redwood Residential Treatment Center to house eight teenagers. In 1982, Aldea expanded its services to adults with developmental disabilities who live independently. A few years later, Aldea grew by opening a group home in Solano County. In 1987, Aldea yet again expanded its services by becoming a licensed private Foster Family Agency.

In 2007, Aldea began offering Intensive Treatment Foster Care for children with severe behavioral and mental health issues. Later, the organization began offering substance abuse prevention and treatment services for youth in Napa County. Aldea was certified by the Council on Accreditation for their effective programming and organizational management in both 2012 and 2016. This honor is achieved by only one percent of human service agencies in the nation.

Aldea Children and Family Services grew from a group home for adolescents to a multi-service organization that serves over 3,900 people each year, providing necessary services that help patients reclaim their lives.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Aldea Children and Family Services have served the people of Napa and Solano counties well for over 50 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 127.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ETHAN COLLINS ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ethan Collins of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ethan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ethan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Upper Sandusky High School in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Ethan participated in student government, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board. Throughout high school, Ethan was involved with golf, swimming, and tennis, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Ethan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ethan Collins on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ethan will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF DEPUTY
JAMES NELSON BAILEY RECEIVING THE 2021 ROBERT JACKSON
EURY MEMORIAL AWARD**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey on receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Chief Bailey began his career with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office in 1995. He worked in the Detention Center for two years before becoming a member of the Patrol division in 1997. It was not long before his expertise and quick success led him to be promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2002 and Patrol Lieutenant in 2006. After twelve years of dedicated service as Patrol Lieutenant, he was appointed Chief Deputy in 2018. Chief Bailey is a certified polygraph examiner having graduated from the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and Polygraph Institute. He also re-

ceived his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University.

Chief Bailey's hard work and staunch work ethic have long promoted service of the highest quality to further assist the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office benefit all in our community. In addition to such dedicated service, he is an active member of his community outside of his role as Chief Deputy. He is the Past Master and current Secretary of Allen-Graham Masonic Lodge No. 695 in Kannapolis, NC. He is also a member of both the Oasis Shrine and Cabarrus Shrine Clubs where he held the position of Treasurer. Chief Bailey is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

The Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in the line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Chief Bailey fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Chief Deputy James Nelson Bailey for receiving the 2021 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award. We all wish him well as he continues to make a positive impact in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENT
COUNCIL OF RAGLAND HIGH
SCHOOL**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Student Council of Ragland High School.

In October, the Council, led by President Jaxon Phillips, called for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund the Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project, known as "STEM."

Trains often block Ragland's only grade crossing, cutting the town in half for hours. This blocks first responders and school buses and causes disruptions for student attendance and learning. The STEM Project would eliminate these disruptions.

At the Student Council's urging, I have engaged with U.S. DOT to support this project. I had hoped funding for this project would be announced by Secretary Buttigieg before the school year ended. While the final decision is still pending, I want these young leaders to know their voices have been heard in Washington. I will continue to support the STEM Project.

Madam Speaker, I call upon Secretary Buttigieg to fund this worthy project. I include in the RECORD the text of the Council's resolution of October 25, 2021.

STUDENT COUNCIL, RAGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLUTION

October 25, 2021

WHEREAS, The Town of Ragland has been home to the National Cement Company, Inc. since July of 1910; and

WHEREAS, The National Cement Company requires a large percentage of products to be transported via the railroad, owned and operated by OrnniTRAX and ATN, which intersects Alabama State Highway 144; and

WHEREAS, The railroad is prone to cause major delays of traffic that might include means of transportation for school, such as school buses, student drivers, and teachers, as well as emergency vehicles, hindering the response of local first responders in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2019, the National Cement Company made an investment of \$250,000,000 in a kiln expansion project that is set to be completed by December 2021, drawing in 132 new jobs, as well as pouring a foundation for the National Cement Plant to remain in operation for another 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Such an expansion is projected to increase cement production abundantly resulting in the necessity for transportation of products via the railroad and Alabama State Highway 144; additionally furthering the traffic delays along with impeding first responder's ability to respond; Be it Therefore

RESOLVED, That the Ragland High School Student Council, in meeting assembled, calls on the Federal Railroad Administration Acting Administrator Amit Bose, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Congressman, Mike Rogers, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, and U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville, to promote the "Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project"; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, That the Ragland High School Student Council, in meeting assembled, formally endorses and acknowledges the urgency for supporting the "Ragland Safety, Transportation, Education, and Mobility Project".

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF RYAN GETZLAF

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, we honor the career and achievements of Anaheim Ducks captain, Ryan Getzlaf, and we celebrate his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Getzlaf has played his entire 17-year career in the National Hockey League with the Anaheim Ducks, the pride of Orange County. He is the team's all-time leading scorer, with over 1,000 points, across over 1,150 games and appeared in three NHL All-Star games. He, along with only 13 other players in hockey history, has earned two Olympic gold medals and a Stanley Cup championship.

With 12 years as Ducks captain, Mr. Getzlaf's leadership stands out both on the ice and in our community. He led the Ducks Learn to Play Program in addition to several other charitable initiatives including the Annual Getzlaf Shootout to raise funds to cure Duchenne muscular disease.

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, Mr. Getzlaf played his final NHL game on home ice, in front of a sold-out Honda Center.

Ryan Getzlaf has cemented his legacy with the NHL and in Orange County. He retires as one of the mightiest Ducks of all.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
BRENDAN DEGRYSE ON HIS
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-
TARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Brendan Degryse of Bryan, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Brendan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Brendan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Fairview High School in Sherwood, Ohio, and Four County Career Center in Archbold, Ohio, Brendan has participated in 4-H, Quiz Bowl, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Brendan was involved with golf and archery, earning a varsity letter in both. I am confident that Brendan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brendan Degryse on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Brendan will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ASSEMBLYMEMBER BILL
DUPLISSEA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend from the Bay Area, the late Honorable Bill Duplissea, who served in the California Assembly, worked as a well-known lobbyist, and served on numerous boards and commissions throughout his life.

At a young age, Bill displayed leadership and ambition both on and off the football field playing for multiple universities, in the Canadian professional football league, and then becoming a businessman with dry cleaning and truck trailer companies.

Although Bill had been a Democrat, he ran for office as a Republican in 1986, and won, becoming one of the last Republicans to represent the Bay Area. Although he only served one term, Bill continued to make an impact in

the halls of Sacramento by serving on various boards and positions, including as administrative director for the state's Division of Workers' Compensation under Governor Pete Wilson, and as an appointee to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Bill will always be fondly remembered for working across the aisle and lighting up any room he walked into with his joy and charm.

Bill later became a lobbyist who was known for being a fair and upfront advocate for his clients. Public servants and lawmakers trusted Bill because he provided balanced perspectives into his clients—being honest about both the good, and the bad. Among other things, he represented the pawn shop industry, taking a business that might be hard to put a positive spin on and making them feel more relatable and human. Bill was dedicated to his craft and made sure members knew all parts of his clients, including by conducting numerous site tours. Bill was a strong advocate for small businesses and issues related to veterans.

Bill's dedication to policy was also reflected in his commitment to his family and appreciation for sports. Bill enjoyed spending time and going on trips with his wife, Sharon; daughter, Eleanor; and son; Bill.

Bill was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and a unifying public servant. He is affectionately remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and community.

Today, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Honorable Bill Duplissea. I am proud to have called him a friend. May he rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOANNA
ANDERSON

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Joanna Anderson on her retirement after 35 years of devotion to higher education. Dr. Anderson is retiring from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri after nine years of serving as the school's president.

Dr. Anderson received her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis in 2010 from the University of Missouri; her Master of Science degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction in 1998 from William Woods University; her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism in 1978 from the University of Missouri; and an Associate of Arts degree in 1976 from Trenton Junior College (now North Central Missouri College).

Dr. Anderson was unanimously elected by the State Fair Community College Board of Trustees to serve as their fifth president in July of 2013. Prior to her work at State Fair, she was vice president of student services at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming for six years. Dr. Anderson's incredible career also included time at North Central Missouri College where she acted as Dean of Student Services, Director of Public Relations, Director of Admissions, and an adjunct instructor over several years.

Known for her leadership in expanding State Fair Community College's academic programs and athletics, Dr. Anderson has truly been one

of SFCC's greatest leaders and biggest cheerleaders. Dr. Anderson's passion and devotion to higher education cannot be overstated. She has strived to be a source of support to all faculty, students, and staff within the SFCC family.

While she will be missed, I know she is looking forward to returning to her family farm in northwest Missouri and spending more time with loved ones. I commend Dr. Anderson for her hard work and dedication. I thank her for her years of selfless devotion to education, and I wish her the best in her much-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DENNIS GALLAGHER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congressman JOE NEGUSE, to recognize one of Denver's most beloved public servants, Dennis Gallagher, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 82.

Dennis's lifelong passion for wanting to change people's lives for the better can be traced to his earliest days. Born in north Denver in 1939, just as the Great Depression was ending, to first generation Irish American parents, Dennis saw firsthand the hard struggles many families faced merely trying to survive. And those early experiences shaped him. He felt called to a life of constant learning, teaching, and advocating on behalf of others.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Regis University in 1961, Dennis set out to Washington, D.C., where he earned his master's degree from Catholic University in 1967. Afterwards, when he returned home to Denver, Dennis began working as a professor at his alma mater Regis University, where he would spend more than 40 years teaching and mentoring students in speech, classical languages, persuasion, and media.

Early in his career as an educator, Dennis also discovered he could positively affect people's lives through politics, so he ran for office and won. First elected to Colorado's state House of Representatives in 1970, Dennis spent two terms representing his community in the state House before moving to the state Senate where he would serve the people of his district for the next 20 years. As a senator, Dennis notably worked to pass the "Gallagher Amendment" to the state's constitution, a policy that set limits on property taxes for homeowners and renters. Dennis eventually went on to serve his community as a member of the Denver City Council beginning in 1995, and then as the city's auditor starting in 2003, a position he held for more than a decade until his retirement in 2015.

Everyone who knew Dennis, including each of us, could describe him in at least two ways. First, Dennis was a larger-than-life figure who never hesitated to speak his mind or make friends with someone new. It cannot be overstated that Dennis was extremely well known, not just in Denver but across our state as well. In fact, the power of Dennis's outgoing personality was key to his success in public serv-

ice. At every level of government that he served, Dennis earned the respect and support of both his colleagues and his constituents.

Second, anyone who knew Dennis could tell you he was deeply proud of his Irish heritage. He was famous for hosting St. Patrick's Day celebrations, complete with musicians and step dancers. And though he maintained close ties with Colorado's Irish community, Dennis always made room to learn more about people from different backgrounds with diverse perspectives.

Truly, there will never be another Dennis Gallagher. Those of us who knew him well are grateful for the time we got to spend with him, and we will be forever thankful for his service to our community. He was a legendary leader, teacher, and friend to all of us, including me and my family.

As our community mourns the loss of a true giant, we offer our heartfelt condolences to Dennis's family and friends, especially to his son Daniel Gallagher and his brother Tim Gallagher. Dennis Gallagher will be sorely missed, but it's quite clear that his legacy will endure for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE JONES FAMILY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. Since 1910, the Jones Family has owned and operated the award-winning and nationally recognized Jones BBQ restaurant in Marianna, Arkansas. Today, owner James H. Jones, the great-nephew of founder "Uncle" Joe Jones, continues to serve mouthwatering barbeque and a secret family barbeque sauce to customers who come from as far away as England, Germany, and even Yemen.

However, the secret to the success of Jones BBQ is in the simplicity. Mr. Jones, 4 times a week, places multiple pork shoulders on the grill in the back of the restaurant, leaving them to smoke for 10 to 12 hours. Then, he wakes up early the next morning to prepare them for customers and serves the barbeque until he sells out. If you do not get to Jones BBQ before noon, there is a good chance all the barbeque will be gone.

Jones BBQ is so beloved by customers, that in February 2021, when the back half of the restaurant burned down in a fire, the community rallied around Mr. Jones and raised over \$100,000, allowing Jones BBQ to reopen by Memorial Day.

In 2012, Jones BBQ became the first restaurant in Arkansas to receive a prestigious James Beard Foundation Award. In 2017, Jones BBQ was recognized as an Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner and in 2020 was a People's Choice Nominee. Then recently, Jones BBQ found themselves on the New York Times favorite restaurant list for 2021.

Believed to be the first black-owned restaurant in the South, Jones BBQ is a staple of the First District of Arkansas. I encourage anyone passing through to stop by and give Jones BBQ's nationally acclaimed offerings a taste—they will not regret it.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A SERENDIPITY CAKERY AND ICE CREAM SHOPPE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize A Serendipity Cakery and Ice Cream Shoppe in Riverview, Michigan, on the occasion of their 10th anniversary. Their decade spent as a staple of our community is worthy of commendation.

A Serendipity Cakery was born in the kitchen of Tammie and Alan Bachran in 2012, where Tammie spent her days baking sweet treats for eager friends and family. As demand for her specialty baked goods grew, they opened a storefront in Wyandotte, Michigan in 2015. A household name throughout the Downriver area, A Serendipity Cakery moved to their current, larger space in Riverview, Michigan in 2019. This new space allowed Tammie and Alan to expand their business, offering more treats than ever before and opening a space for guests to host birthday parties and other memorable celebrations.

Among the desserts that A Serendipity Cakery offers are custom cakes, cake drops, cupcakes, and a variety of chocolate-dipped items. Their special cake drops are known to sell out quickly and customers can choose from over fifty flavors. Despite being a busy bakery with cakes coming in and out each day, A Serendipity Cakery still has time to give back. They have adopted families through their "Adopt a Family Fund" and frequently donate their baked goods to local auctions and fundraisers, including for those battling cancer and for The Lincoln Center in Wyandotte, Michigan, that serves students with autism spectrum disorder and cognitive and emotional impairments in local schools. Their work goes beyond just baking and providing delicious treats for our downriver families, including my own—Tammie and her team help uplift their neighbors and spread awareness for various causes close to their hearts. For that we are a stronger community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 10th anniversary of A Serendipity Cakery and Ice Cream Shoppe in Riverview, Michigan. Please join me in congratulating them on a fantastic decade of business and in wishing them the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES M. DUKE, JR.

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Charles Moss Duke, Jr. and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 16's mission to the moon.

Charlie was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 3, 1935, to Charles and Willie Duke. Raised in Lancaster, South Carolina, he attended Lancaster High School and later transferred and graduated as valedictorian and

senior class president from the Admiral Farragut Academy in Florida. He then attended the Naval Academy where he played golf and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Upon graduation in June 1957, Charlie was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He served three years in Germany as a fighter interceptor pilot and logged over 4,000 hours of flying time. He also attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he received a Master of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics.

In April 1966, Charlie became one of 19 astronauts selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He went on to serve five different Apollo missions to the moon. In addition to serving as a backup lunar module pilot for *Apollo 13* and *Apollo 17*, Charlie served as the Capsule Communicator for *Apollo 11*, the first landing on the moon. He also served as the lunar module pilot on *Apollo 16*, which was the first scientific expedition to inspect, survey, and sample materials from in the Descartes region. During this mission, Charlie became the tenth and youngest person to walk on the moon. Charlie ultimately logged over 265 hours in space. He retired from NASA in December 1975 and went on to enter the United States Air Force Reserves.

After thousands of hours training to go to the moon and finally setting foot on it, Charlie came back to earth with a new goal. With a renewed focus on his family and faith, Charlie became a committed Christian in April of 1978. Shortly after, Charlie and his wife, Doty, started the Duke Ministry for Christ.

Charlie also became a successful businessman. He owned a thriving Coors Beer distributorship in Texas and later pursued real estate ventures. His subsequent business ventures include serving as the President of Orbit Corporations, working as a consultant for Lockheed Martin, serving as chairman of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, and much more.

Charlie has exhibited determination, courage, and tenacity throughout his life. He has exceeded expectations in public service, highlighted by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades. For example, Charlie was named South Carolina Man of the Year and was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame in 1973. He has also received numerous honorary degrees, including an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from both the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. Charlie was also inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 1997.

On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize Charlie for his extraordinary career. Charlie is a living legend and has made our state and Nation proud. I thank Charlie for his exceptional service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDREW S. CLYDE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I was illegally detained at the pointless metal detectors leading to the House Floor.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127, H.R. 7314.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
PAYTON HILDEBRAND ON HIS
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-
TEND THE UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Payton Hildebrand of Findlay, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Payton's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Payton brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, Payton participated in Student Leadership Team, Junior Scholars, and was a member of Career and Tech National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Payton was involved with soccer as well as travel team soccer, earning his varsity letter through Findlay High School's team. I am confident that Payton will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Payton Hildebrand on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Payton will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamations regarding Holocaust Remembrance Day:

Joint Resolution Designating April 28 and 29 of 1979 as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust". Whereas six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered in concentration camps as part of a program of extermination carried out by the Nazi party during World War II; Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that all acts of bigotry are rooted in the cruelty of spirit and the callousness that led the Nazis to commit atrocities against millions of people, and should dedicate themselves to the principle of human equality; Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that tyranny creates the political atmosphere in which bigotry flourishes, and should

be vigilant to detect, and ready to resist, the tyrannical exercise of power; Whereas on April 28 and 29 of 1945 the Armed Forces of the United States liberated the surviving victims of Nazi internment in the concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, and revealed to the world evidence of a tragic human holocaust that must never be forgotten; and Whereas the Nazi concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, is not only a shocking symbol of Nazi brutality and destruction, but also a symbol of the danger inherent in tyranny, the pernicious quality of bigotry, and the human capacity to be cruel: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 28 and 29 of 1979 are designated as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such days with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Approved September 18, 1978.

PRESIDENT CARTER DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST STATEMENT ON SIGNING H.J. RES. 1014 INTO LAW—SEPTEMBER 18, 1978

I have today signed House Joint Resolution 1014, designating April 28 and 29, 1979, as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust."

The systematic extermination of millions of human beings by the Nazis during World War II was the most terrible crime in all recorded history. In the words of the resolution, the Holocaust remains "not only a shocking symbol of Nazi brutality and destruction, but also a symbol of the danger inherent in tyranny, the pernicious quality of bigotry, and the human capacity to be cruel."

The resolution was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress. This reflects our Nation's wholehearted conviction that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

Senator John Danforth of Missouri, whom I commend for having originated the resolution, chose April 28 and 29, because it was on these dates, in 1945, that American troops liberated the Dachau concentration camp. The dates chosen by Senator Danforth and embodied in this resolution thus aptly symbolize both the horror of genocide and the imperative to fight against it.

During the next few months, the President's Commission on the Holocaust will study ways in which this commemoration can best be observed, and I will issue an appropriate proclamation next spring. In the meanwhile, I wish to commend Senator Danforth, Representatives Wright, Rosenthal, Rhodes, and Vander Jagt and their colleagues, who joined in securing passage of H.J. Res. 1014.

COMMEMORATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, this week we will commemorate the 47th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon and we also remember the sacrifices that were made in the name of democracy.

After communist forces destroyed the Republic of Vietnam on Black April in 1975, thousands of families were forced to flee, and

many of them settled in Little Saigon in Orange County. In the nearly 5 decades since then, Orange County has transformed because of the resilience and hope of the Vietnamese community. I am proud to cosponsor a House Resolution in remembrance of the sacrifices of the brave Vietnamese people who were forced to flee their homeland and to commemorate the Fall of Saigon.

As we begin AAPI Heritage Month, I am also proud to introduce a House Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of over 2 million Vietnamese Americans. The United States is home to the largest number of individuals of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam, and I join in representing the largest Vietnamese communities in the nation in Orange County, California.

Today, Vietnamese Americans contribute to American society through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, gastronomy, the armed forces, and public service at every level of government.

Vietnamese Americans add to the rich cultural and religious diversity of our nation. As a member of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, it is critical that we continue to represent and celebrate our Vietnamese families, friends, and neighbors, and recognize their significant contributions to American society.

Today, we remember the sacrifices that Vietnamese immigrants made, and we celebrate their contributions and achievements to our great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress made over the last four decades to help individuals have families who without this progress could not. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are impacted by the disease of Infertility. The disease affects both men and women and it knows no barriers—it affects individuals of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic statuses.

Since 1978, as a result of extraordinary medical advancements, millions of couples have been able to receive life-affirming treatments to become pregnant. While for most of us having a child is taken for granted it is a painful and devastating struggle for millions of couples throughout the world.

Research scientists have been making significant advancement of Infertility treatments including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments are incredible. Organizations like RESOLVE, the Military Family Building Coalition, the National Infertility Association, and the Alli-

ance for Fertility Preservation advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family. Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, who has lent her voice on the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. As a matter of fact, in the absence of coverage, charitable organizations providing valuable, life-changing, financial assistance the option of having children after surviving cancer might not otherwise be available.

Congress can do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges but want to have a child. And I applaud my colleagues including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman BROWNLEY, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families. I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
LUKAS KOENIGER ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Lukas Koeniger of Waterville, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lukas' offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Lukas brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Lukas participated in marching band, cross country, and track and field, where he earned a varsity letter. After graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 2021, Lukas attended the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lukas Koeniger on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Lukas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I

ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote number 131. Had I been present, on Roll Call vote number 131, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARDNERS
CANDIES INCORPORATED

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gardners Candies, a staple of the Central Pennsylvania community, on celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of operation.

Founded in 1897 by James "Pike" Gardner in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Gardners Candies began operations in a small store along with a wagon that allowed "Pike" to sell candy throughout the region.

For over a century, Gardners has produced gourmet chocolate including their famous, "Original Peanut Butter Meltaway."

In 2021, Benzel's Pretzels and Gardners Candies entered into an agreement to bring together these iconic brands in the production of Gardners' chocolate covered pretzels.

I'm proud of the family sustaining jobs created by the candy making companies in our community. From producing classic treats to creating quality jobs, Pennsylvania is known the world over for its candies and confectioners, and I am proud to have some of the world's finest right here in our community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Gardners Candies on this milestone and wish them every continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION
OF MAY 7 AS BRAIN DONATION
AWARENESS DAY

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution to support designating May 7 as Brain Donation Awareness Day.

Today, brain disorder and diseases have a tremendous impact on individual patients and their families as well as the United States health care system. Approximately 100 million Americans are living with a brain disorder and an additional 1.2 million are diagnosed with adult-onset brain diseases or disorders every year. Brain diseases and disorders cost the

U.S. more than \$1.5 trillion per year, a significant portion of which is paid for by the Medicare program. With an aging population, we can expect to see a continual rise of neurodegenerative diseases in the years to come.

Brain research is key to understanding underlying causes of these conditions. The scientific community has made great strides in recent years, but continued investment is needed. Postmortem brain tissue is an irreplaceable resource in neurological studies. However, communities of color and people experiencing poverty are underrepresented in these studies. Overcoming these disparities is critical to producing research results that have an equitable impact.

Brain donation is separate from the routine organ donation process. Educating the public on the distinctions can lead to increased donation that better reflects our communities.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
OLIVIA ACHENBACH ON HER
OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-
TEND THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Achenbach of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Olivia's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Olivia brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Olivia participated in student government, Environmental Club, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Olivia was involved with soccer, powderpuff football, and earned her varsity letter in basketball. I am confident that Olivia will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olivia Achenbach on her offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Olivia will excel during her career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

SUPPORTING MOLDOVA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the civilized world has been unintentionally unified in opposition to Putin conducting mass murder in Ukraine, Putin has unwittingly unified Republicans and Democrats in America. A clear example is Republican support of an op-ed from the Democrat Washington Post by Josh Rogin "West can't afford to neglect Moldova, because Putin won't" being the lead Opinion April 24th in The State paper of Columbia, South Carolina:

WEST CAN'T AFFORD

As the United States and Europe continue to scramble to help Ukraine defend its territory, preserve its democracy and save its economy, they should keep in mind that Ukraine is not the only country in the region suffering due to Russian President Vladimir Putin's aggression. Next door, the small country of Moldova is appealing to the West for urgent help and long-term partnership. If we turn away from Moldova, again, we will push it into Putin's arms.

"The Russian military aggression in Ukraine is making every single person in Europe feel less secure and is having a negative impact on every single person in Europe," Moldova's foreign minister, Nicu Popescu, told me in an interview last week in Washington. "And of course, this impact is more negative on Moldova, because Moldova is right there."

Popescu's official title is Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, which should tell us something. The new government in Moldova, one of the region's poorest countries, is trying to break a longrunning pattern of political dysfunction, systemic corruption and malign influence coming from Moscow. The December 2020 landslide election of Moldova's first outright pro-Western president, the Harvard-educated former World Bank economist Maia Sandu, presents the best chance yet to move Moldova firmly into the Western camp.

The Moldovan government has always tried to balance its relationships, for understandable reasons. Russia has 1,500 troops occupying the Moldovan breakaway territory of Transnistria and controls Moldova's energy supply. There is still a large pro-Russian constituency in Moldovan politics, business and society.

But the invasion of Ukraine has changed everything in geopolitics, especially for Ukraine's neighbors who now see that "neutrality" does not protect a small country from being viciously attacked on Putin's whim. The Moldovan government has condemned the Russian invasion, even though Putin's retaliation could prove disastrous.

"Moldova is a neutral state, but neutrality only refers to us not participating in military action," Popescu told me. "We're not neutral when it comes to condemning the aggression. We're not neutral when it comes to defending the principles of international law, which must be respected."

The United States and European countries have been paying more attention to Moldova recently. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited the capital, Chisinau, last month. The United States has given Moldova \$130 million since the Ukraine war started to help with the hundreds of thousands of new refugees spilling over the border.

But that's just a Band-Aid for Moldova's problems.

"We need to ensure socioeconomic stability. We are severely impacted by the war. We are Ukraine's most fragile neighbor," Popescu said. "We've been coping reasonably well with the humanitarian crisis, the refugee situation and the energy crisis. We've been pursuing reforms. But, it's a difficult region."

The question is whether the West's recent increased attention to Moldova will persist beyond the current crisis. Popescu's visit was framed as a new "strategic dialogue" with the United States, but a similar effort during the Obama administration withered away.

There are several specific things the United States could do to cement its commitment to Moldova's long-term stability and success. The Justice Department could do more to go after Moldova's sanctioned oligarchs and their wealth, especially the ones living in the United States. U.S. organizations should double down on helping Moldova continue its reforms and root out corruption. And the United States can help Moldova diversify its energy supply, diluting Putin's leverage.

And while Moldova isn't seeking military assistance, it has a huge and growing need for help fortifying and managing its borders, including the 863 miles it shares with Ukraine. That's perhaps the most urgent effort, because if Ukraine falls, Moldova could easily be Russia's next target. Would Putin actually invade Moldova and try to topple the prowestern government, as he is attempting to do next door?

"We don't know," Popescu told me. "Our task is to be ready for everything."

In conclusion, I am grateful for the committed service of Mr. Eugen Caras, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America and United Mexican States.

We stand together to deter war criminal Putin with the courageous people of Ukraine led by President Zelenskyy who has adopted the spirit of the American Revolution "Don't tread on me", "Live Free or Die."

The unity of freedom-loving countries was reinforced by President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia who I am grateful to meet with today. He has courageously cited that the people of Georgia are 100 percent united in "solidarity with Ukraine."

RECOGNIZING EILEEN RHODES
FOR FORTY YEARS OF OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE
BRUCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPART-
MENT, AND THE GREAT STATE
OF MICHIGAN

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eileen Rhodes for forty plus years of outstanding service to the Bruce Township Fire Department, and the great state of Michigan.

Eileen has spent more than four decades admirably serving the Romeo/Bruce community. She is a proud graduate of Romeo High School. Eileen started her career as a Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT in the early 80s at a time when few women shared her vision. She

went back to school to earn a degree in fire science and climbed the ranks to Captain. In 2016, after years of service, Eileen returned to school to earn an additional associates degree, maximizing her ability to serve the community.

I sincerely thank Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT, Eileen Rhodes, for outstanding service to her community. I am so inspired by the strong woman she is, and how she represents the very best of American values and community leadership. I want to congratulate Eileen for reaching this career milestone. Bruce Township is a stronger, safer place to call home because of her work. Her community thanks her for her dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.
DONALD "DON" P. MORSE, D.D.S.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Col. Donald "Don" P. Morse, D.D.S. Don passed away on March 24, 2022, at the age of 87. I served under his command while stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) in Germany many years ago. Don influenced my life, and the lives of every other officer entrusted under his command, with his unwavering patriotism and steadfast leadership.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Christmas Day in 1934. Don graduated from Ray High School and went to Del Mar College before attending the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. After graduating from dental school in 1959, he commissioned into the Air Force as a dental officer. Don served for 26 years and had many different duty stations, both overseas and state-side. During his last 13 years, he was the Base Dental Commander at various military installations throughout the U.S. and overseas, including Ramstein AFB. Don received numerous decorations for his military service. Among them, were the Chief Dental Badge and Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Air Force, Don was asked to serve as the Dental Health Coordinator for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. He later became the Public Health Administrator for the district, overseeing not only Dental Health services but also the Health Department Communicable Disease programs, Animal Care services, and Occupational Health and Wellness services. Don was instrumental in adding fluoride to the city of San Antonio's water, was the Medical Logistics Officer for Pope St. John Paul II's visit to San Antonio in 1987, and worked with various programs such as Head Start. Throughout both his military and public health careers, Don sat on countless committees, authored several published works, and received many honors.

He took great pride in his country and community, serving on the board of the Beethoven Mäennerchor, one of Texas's oldest German singing societies, for 13 years. Don enjoyed singing, volunteering, and supporting German culture, language, and Gemütlichkeit. He was also passionate about riding motorcycles, a pastime that allowed him to take in the beauty of our nation firsthand. However, time spent

with family and friends was Don's ultimate joy. He loved telling stories with poetic skill and humor, often times in German. Don never met a stranger, and his love for traveling and sense of adventure took him all over the world. He is survived by his wife, Iris Morse; son, Eric Morse; daughter, Lia Connors, and husband, Skip; granddaughters, Isabella Morse, Arianna Morse, Zoe Connors, and Quinn Connors; stepdaughters, Jill Rittmann, Julie Ellis and husband, Jeremy, and Karen Kricka and husband, Simon; step-grandchildren, Geoffrey Rittmann and wife, Katie, Aidan Ellis, Arianna Ellis, Jackson Kricka, Corbin Kricka, and Chloe Kricka. Don is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Suse Morse. He considered all of his family a precious blessing to him.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to celebrate the life of this remarkable American, an outstanding mentor who taught me what it means to be a patriot. Don was a fine military officer and served his country and community with distinction. May God continue to bless his family and loved ones, and my heartfelt prayers remain with them during this difficult time.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
RORY SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Rory Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Rory's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Rory brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Rory participated in student government, Waterville Historical Society, and was president of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Rory was involved with cross country, swimming, and baseball, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Rory will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rory Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Rory will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM G. MATHER SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their 100th anniversary celebration on May 4, 2022. Through their longtime devotion to their students and community, William G. Mather School has inspired countless students and become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Named after the industrialist and Upper Peninsula iron magnate, the William G. Mather School first opened in 1922. Originally a high school teaching grades 9 through 12, Mather was built as a state-of-the-art facility. Its gymnasium, known as The Pit, is famous throughout the Upper Peninsula for hosting many sporting and social events over the last century, and seats hundreds of local spectators and students. During this historic centennial celebration, we honor the generations of dedicated faculty of William G. Mather and their devotion to educating our local youth. Today, Mather Elementary School continues that legacy of excellence, giving students in the U.P. the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their tireless work educating our youth and their drive to bring positive change to their community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY FAMILY BUILDING COALITION

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, this week, we celebrate and bring recognition to National Infertility Awareness week. April is also the month of the military child.

Parenthood is one of the most rewarding chapters in life, and our armed service members experiencing the challenges of infertility should have access to quality care, treatment, and resources. One organization working to make that happen is the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), a non-profit military support organization started by two SEAL wives, Ellen Gustafson and Katy Bell Hendrickson. One of MFBC's initiatives, "The Tadpole Project", allows the NSW community to cryogenically freeze their sperm so conception can occur whenever the service member and spouse is ready to build their family, even if the service member is deployed.

For our military families, the time to have a child should not be dictated by the enemy or deployment cycle. I commend Ellen and Katy on their critical work. They show the grit and determination of SEAL spouses, who just like

their husbands, always accomplish their mission.

RECOGNIZING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL COCOA BEACH "FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND" KIDNEY WALK AND THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, thousands of residents from across Central Florida will gather at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach, Florida, to take part in the Eleventh Annual "Footprints in the Sand" Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk. Katie and I have joined others in our community in participating every year since the first walk was organized in 2012 by Rich Salick, Bill Hahn and volunteers with the Florida Affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

The "Footprints in the Sand" Kidney Walk brings our community together to show our love and concern. So many of us have family, friends and loved ones that are afflicted by kidney disease, and they need our strength and support. The road ahead is not easy for them, but as the kidney walk demonstrates, they do not have to travel that path alone.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida, its supporters and activists have made a significant difference in people's lives. They not only raise awareness about this disease, but they have helped push for much needed changes in our laws and new innovations to give patients more treatment options and a better quality of life. This year organizers of the kidney walk will recognize organ donors and their families for giving the precious gift of life so that others could receive a second chance and continue with their lives.

Those recognized include:

Dawn Futch honoring Micheal Futch, Vivien Pogeler honoring Scott Pogeler, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Jennifer Eden honoring Blake Eden, Mandee Seitz honoring Aryia Grace, Teresa Ervin honoring Timothy Dean Ervin, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden, Pat Brown honoring Michael Brown, Mary Carpenter honoring Shawn Carpenter, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Sherri Wilson honoring William "Garrett" Coe, Kathleen Deleonardo honoring Anthony Deleonardo, Monica Beyrooti honoring Seth Beyrooti, Susan Sharp honoring Sean Sharp, Leslie Collins honoring Jose Collins, and Nancy Velazquez honoring Pedro Batista.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

BLUESTAR RECYCLERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize BlueStar Recyclers for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

A non-profit organization, BlueStar works to recycle electronics and other materials and in turn create local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities. Their mission has enabled them to be successful while making a huge impact on our community. There are countless examples of BlueStar's positive impact in our community and high ethical and moral standards. The company boasts some of the lowest turnover, absenteeism, and lost-time accident rates in the industry. Testimonies from employees show a positive workplace environment and personal growth opportunities for all employees.

BlueStar has proven to be a highly successful organization which helps people with disabilities, provides an excellent return on investment for its customers while being environmentally-conscious and giving back to their community. Congratulations to BlueStar Recyclers on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and many others for the extraordinary advancements made over the last four decades to help individuals build families who, without this progress, could not do so. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are hindered by the disease of infertility. It affects both men and women and knows no barriers.

Infertility affects all races, religious backgrounds, and every economic status. I introduce this bipartisan resolution to highlight this issue, encourage research, and support all those affected by infertility.

Since 1978, extraordinary medical advancements have enabled millions of couples to receive life-affirming treatments that resulted in the delivery of babies. We must continue this progress and especially work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in research and treatment. Bringing a child into the world is truly a blessing and should be available for anyone who wants to start a family, no matter their background.

The contributions that research scientists have made to advance infertility treatments—including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments—are utterly amazing. Organizations like RESOLVE, the National Infertility Association, and the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, all advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family.

I know from my own infertility experience, that to realize the dream of having children, we must better understand infertility and how it affects individuals and families to advocate for sensible solutions, more effectively.

Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of the Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, has lent her voice to the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of adequate coverage, charitable organizations provide valuable, life-changing, financial assistance to cancer survivors who would like to have children but lack support.

Congress can do more to remove barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges. And I applaud my colleagues, including Congresswomen JULIA BROWNLEY, ROSA DELAURIO, MARILYN STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for joining me in introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families.

I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of creating a family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOHN RUST, III ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Rust, III of Monclova, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending St. Francis de Sales School in Toledo, Ohio, John participated in student government, Toledo Repertoire Theatre, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, John was involved with swim and dive and water polo, earning a varsity letter in both. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Rust, III on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest

est military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen conflict, I was unable to cast my vote for S. 812. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 138.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the Roll Call vote for H.R. 7372, Protecting Semiconductor Supply Chain Materials from Authoritarians Act (Rep. TITUS—Foreign Affairs). Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I missed Roll Call No. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING THE MURRY AND YOUNG FAMILIES

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional family from my district. The Murry and Young families of Prairie County, Arkansas have blessed their community with warm service and delectable plates since 1961, when Olden Murry founded Murry's Restaurant of Hazen.

Taken over in 1986 by Murry's son-in-law and protégé, Stanley Young, the family-run establishment was recognized as a 2020 Arkansas Food Hall of Fame Award Winner. Young and his wife, Rebecca, continue the legacy of delicious homestyle fare, specializing in fried catfish, hush puppies, chicken fried steak, T-bone steaks, as well as homemade bread, and onion rings.

Regulars describe Murry's as home to "the nicest people ever," where you can enjoy the "best fried catfish in the nation," according to Southern Living Magazine in 2018.

When passing through, don't miss the opportunity to indulge in Murry's widely-beloved bourbon bread pudding, and partake in the family hospitality of Murry's Restaurant.

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Final Résumé of Congressional Activity (including the History of Bills) for the First Session of the 117th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2199–S2230

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4102–4121, S.J. Res. 46, and S. Res. 600–605. **Page S2219**

Measures Reported:

S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility.

S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2218**

Measures Passed:

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 603, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **Page S2213**

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act: Senate passed S. 4119, to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. **Page S2228**

House Messages:

America Competes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

Pages S2199–S2211

Adopted:

By 67 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 142), Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Pages S2199–S2211**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 141), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Pages S2199–S2211**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to instruct at the desk which may be made with respect to the House Message to accompany the bill, be printed in the *Record* for the information of the Senate. **Pages S2209–11**

Appointments:

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Luke Robert Hartig of California. **Page S2228**

Frost Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S2211**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 28, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2022. **Page S2211**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2211**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the

nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, April 28, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Pages S2224–25

Bhargava Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S2212**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S2212**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S2211–12**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2212**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management).

Kristyn E. Jones, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

60 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S2229–30**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Pages S2228–29

Messages from the House: **Page S2217**

Measures Referred: **Pages S2217–18**

Executive Communications: **Page S2218**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S2218**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2219–21**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2221–24**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2216–17**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2224**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—142) **Pages S2206, S2209**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2228.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Peter Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Admiral Linda L. Fagan, to be Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David Applegate, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Representative Gonzalez-Colon, both of the Department of the Interior, and Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7612–7637; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82–84; H. Con. Res. 87; and H. Res. 1069–1076, were introduced. **Pages H4607–08**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4609–10**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Manning to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4577**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4582**

Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022: The House passed S. 3522, to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 141.

Pages H4586–94, H4594–H4601

H. Res. 1065, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 3522) was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 140, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 139. During the course of debate on H. Res. 1065, exception was taken to certain words used and a demand was made to have the words taken down. Representative Raskin asked unanimous consent to withdraw the offending words, which was agreed to without objection. Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1065, House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted. **Pages H4586–94**

Senate Referrals: S. 895 was held at the desk. S. Con. Res. 36 was held at the desk. **Page H4583**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4583.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4593, H4594, and H4601.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”. Testimony was heard from Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget, Department of the Interior; and Deb Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from John Rapp, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Department of Agriculture; and Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Miguel Cardona, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Testimony was heard from Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity

and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS AND QUALITY OF LIFE UPDATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Air Force Installations and Quality of Life Update”. Testimony was heard from JoAnne Bass, Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force; Bruce Hollywood, Associate Chief Operations Officer, U.S. Space Force; Brigadier General William Kale, Director of Civil Engineers, U.S. Air Force; Edwin H. Oshiba, Acting Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Energy, U.S. Air Force; and Roger Towberman, Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Space Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Arrington, Bilirakis, Carter of Georgia, Case, Foster, Johnson of Ohio, San Nicolas, Tenney, Rodgers of Washington, Griffith, Cohen, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Bost, Davis of Illinois, Casten, Brown of Ohio, Bishop of North Carolina, Schrader, and Johnson of Georgia.

F-35 SUSTAINMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “F-35 Sustainment”. Testimony was heard from Steven Morani, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment/Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Eric Fick, Program Executive Office, F-35 Joint Program Office, Department of Defense; and Diana Maurer, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and General Richard D. Clarke, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, Department of Defense.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 DOE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2023 DOE Budget”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network”. Testimony was heard from Himamauli Das, Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

WHAT’S IN YOUR DIGITAL WALLET? A REVIEW OF RECENT TRENDS IN MOBILE BANKING AND PAYMENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Financial Technology held a hearing entitled “What’s in Your Digital Wallet? A Review of Recent Trends in Mobile Banking and Payments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN FOSTERING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber held a hearing entitled “The Role of Young People in Fostering Peace in Northern Ireland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT’S FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE FY23 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State Department’s Foreign Policy Priorities and the FY23 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, Department of State.

A GROWING THREAT: THE IMPACT OF DISINFORMATION TARGETED AT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “A Growing Threat: The Impact of Disinformation Targeted at Communities of Color”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS OF OFFSHORE CARBON STORAGE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Opportunities and Risks of Offshore Carbon Storage in the Gulf of Mexico”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING PANDEMICS THROUGH US WILDLIFE-BORNE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Preventing Pandemics through US Wildlife-borne Disease Surveillance”. Testimony was heard from Anne Kinsinger, Associate Director for Ecosystems, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Land held a hearing on H.R. 4878, the “National Discovery Trails Act”; H.R. 6589, the “Historic Preservation Enhancement Act”; H.R. 6805, the “African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Act”; H.R. 7002, the “Gateway Solidarity Act”; H.R. 7075, the “Ukrainian Independence Park Act”; and H.R. 7218, the “Colorado National Heritage Areas Reauthorization Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeSaulnier, Leger Fernández, Wagner, Spartz, and Neguse; Joy Beasley, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Angela M. Thorpe, Director, North Carolina African American Heritage Commission, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

NOW OR NEVER: THE URGENT NEED FOR AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Now or Never: The Urgent Need for Ambitious Climate Action”. Testimony was heard from Ko Barrett, Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Senior Advisor for Climate, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County, Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter; H.R. 5315, the “Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant Act”; H.R. 6270, the “Advanced Aviation Infrastructure Modernization Act”; H.R. 3482, the “National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2021”; H.R. 7242, the “Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act of 2022”; H.R. 2020, the “Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act”; H.R. 5703, the “Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act”; H.R. 7211, the “Small State and Rural Rescue Act”; and General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates Letter, H.R. 5315, H.R. 6270, H.R. 3482, and H.R. 7242 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2020, H.R. 5703, H.R. 7211, and General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were ordered reported, without amendment.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2023”. Testimony was heard from Denis McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget; and a hearing entitled “Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget with Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra”. The Committee’s Views and Estimates Letter passed. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

TURNING AN IDEA INTO LAW: MODERNIZING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Turning an Idea

into Law: Modernizing the Legislative Process”. Testimony was heard from Hugh Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office; Kevin McCumber, Deputy Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives; Noah Wofsy, Deputy Legislative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Ensuring Scientific Integrity at Our Nation’s Public Health Agencies”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Final Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3, 2021 through January 3, 2022

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	192	166	..
Time in session	1,083 hrs., 11'	708 hrs., 7'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	9,319	7,849	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,406	..
Public bills enacted into law	38	47	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	423	506	929
Senate bills	94	30	..
House bills	48	348	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	4	..
House joint resolutions	1	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	9	..
Simple resolutions	261	106	..
Measures reported, total	*187	209	396
Senate bills	133	..	..
House bills	14	166	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	39	42	..
Special reports	8	12	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	149	31	..
Measures introduced, total	3,969	7,335	11,304
Bills	3,429	6,343	..
Joint resolutions	33	67	..
Concurrent resolutions	24	66	..
Simple resolutions	483	859	..
Quorum calls	4	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	528	448	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 2021 through January 3, 2022

Civilian nominees, totaling 716, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	366
Unconfirmed	303
Withdrawn	47
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 2,763, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,471
Unconfirmed	291
Air Force nominees, totaling 6,295, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,290
Unconfirmed	5
Army nominees, totaling 8,607, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,614
Unconfirmed	1,992
Withdrawn	1
Navy nominees, totaling 4,411, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,409
Unconfirmed	1
Withdrawn	1
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,644, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,323
Unconfirmed	321
Space Force nominees, totaling 1,916, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,095
Unconfirmed	2
Withdrawn	819
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	26,351
Total confirmed	22,568
Total unconfirmed	2,915
Total withdrawn	868
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 53 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 221 reports have been filed in the House.

HISTORY OF BILLS ENACTED INTO PUBLIC LAW

(117th Cong., 1st Sess.)

BILLS ENACTED INTO PUBLIC LAW (117TH, 1ST SESSION)

	Law No.		Law No.		Law No.		Law No.		Law No.
S. 108	117-65	S. 957	117-29	S.J. Res. 33	117-73	H.R. 1651	117-5	H.R. 3684	117-58
S. 164	117-8	S. 1031	117-66			H.R. 1652	117-27	H.R. 3919	117-55
S. 189	117-45	S. 1064	117-54	H.R. 26	117-28	H.R. 1664	117-80	H.R. 4172	117-57
S. 272	117-40	S. 1095	117-68	H.R. 49	117-20	H.R. 1799	117-6	H.R. 4660	117-75
S. 325	117-41	S. 1301	117-50	H.R. 208	117-33	H.R. 1868	117-7	H.R. 4981	117-51
S. 409	117-25	S. 1340	117-26	H.R. 264	117-34	H.R. 1899	117-53	H.R. 5085	117-39
S. 415	117-9	S. 1502	117-60	H.R. 335	117-1	H.R. 2093	117-62	H.R. 5142	117-72
S. 422	117-10	S. 1511	117-61	H.R. 390	117-74	H.R. 2278	117-48	H.R. 5293	117-42
S. 475	117-17	S. 1605	117-81	H.R. 711	117-18	H.R. 2441	117-21	H.R. 5305	117-43
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S. 796	117-69	S. 3377	117-77	H.R. 1276	117-4	H.R. 3237	117-31	H.R. 6119	117-70
S. 848	117-49			H.R. 1318	117-14	H.R. 3325	117-32	H.R. 6256	117-78
S. 894	117-67	S.J. Res. 13	117-22	H.R. 1319	117-2	H.R. 3475	117-56		
S. 921	117-59	S.J. Res. 14	117-23	H.R. 1448	117-37	H.R. 3537	117-79	H.J. Res. 27	117-19
S. 937	117-13	S.J. Res. 15	117-24	H.R. 1510	117-64	H.R. 3642	117-38		

BILLS VETOED

Title	Bill No.	Date introduced	Committee		Date Reported		Report No.		Date of passage		Public Law	
			House	Senate	House	Senate	House 117–	Senate 117–	House	Senate	Date approved	No. 117–
To provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.	H.R. 335	Jan. 15, 2021	AS						Jan. 21, 2021	Jan. 21, 2021	Jan. 22, 2021	1
To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.	H.R. 1319	Feb. 24, 2021	Bud		Feb. 24, 2021		7		Feb. 27, 2021	Mar. 6, 2021	Mar. 11, 2021	2
To make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.	S. 579	Mar. 3, 2021							Mar. 11, 2021	Mar. 3, 2021	Mar. 23, 2021	3
To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID-19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1276	Feb. 24, 2021	VA						Mar. 9, 2021	Mar. 17, 2021	Mar. 24, 2021	4
To amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1651	Mar. 8, 2021	Jud						Mar. 17, 2021	Mar. 24, 2021	Mar. 27, 2021	5
To amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1799	Mar. 11, 2021	SB						Mar. 16, 2021	Mar. 25, 2021	Mar. 30, 2021	6
To prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1868	Mar. 12, 2021	Bud EC WM						Mar. 19, 2021	Mar. 25, 2021	Apr. 14, 2021	7
To educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.	S. 164	Feb. 2, 2021		HEL&P					Apr. 14, 2021	Mar. 3, 2021	Apr. 23, 2021	8
To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity.	S. 415	Feb. 24, 2021		HEL&P					Apr. 14, 2021	Mar. 10, 2021	Apr. 23, 2021	9
To allow Senators, Senators-elect, committees of the Senate, leadership offices, and other offices of the Senate to share employees, and for other purposes.	S. 422	Feb. 24, 2021							Apr. 16, 2021	Feb. 24, 2021	Apr. 23, 2021	10
To improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes.	S. 578	Mar. 3, 2021							Apr. 14, 2021	Mar. 3, 2021	Apr. 23, 2021	11
To amend the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act to extend until October 2021, a temporary order for fentanyl-related substances.	H.R. 2630	Apr. 16, 2021	EC Jud						Apr. 21, 2021	Apr. 29, 2021	May 4, 2021	12
To facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.	S. 937	Mar. 23, 2021										13
To restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1318	Feb. 24, 2021	TI						May 18, 2021	Apr. 22, 2021	May 20, 2021	14

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To reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.	H.R. 941	Feb. 8, 2021	EC	HEL&P			Apr. 15, 2021	May 17, 2021	May 26, 2021	15
To amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to improve the COVID-19 Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance program, to make certain technical corrections to the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2523	Apr. 14, 2021	VA Bud	VA			.....	.....	Apr. 20, 2021	May 28, 2021	June 8, 2021	16
To amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday.	S. 475	Feb. 25, 2021		Jud	.....		.....	.....	June 16, 2021	June 15, 2021	June 17, 2021	17
To amend the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 to authorize the use of certain funds received pursuant to leases entered into under such Act, and for other purposes.	H.R. 711	Feb. 2, 2021	VA	VA			.....	.....	May 18, 2021	May 28, 2021	June 23, 2021	18
Providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.	H.J. Res. 27	Feb. 25, 2021	HA	RAdm			.....	.....	May 20, 2021	June 10, 2021	June 23, 2021	19
To designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and for other purposes.	H.R. 49	Jan. 4, 2021	NR	ENR			.....	.....	May 12, 2021	June 9, 2021	June 25, 2021	20
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to assess certain mental health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs available to veterans who live in rural areas.	H.R. 2441	Apr. 12, 2021	VA	VA			.....	.....	May 18, 2021	June 24, 2021	June 30, 2021	21
Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to “Update of Commission’s Conciliation Procedures”.	S.J. Res. 13	Mar. 23, 2021		HEL&P	.....		.....	.....	June 24, 2021	May 19, 2021	June 30, 2021	22
Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review”.	S.J. Res. 14	Mar. 25, 2021		EPW	June 25, 2021	Apr. 28, 2021	June 30, 2021	23
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To provide for the availability of amounts for customer education, initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes.	S.	409	Feb. 24, 2021	ANF	June 23, 2021	May 28, 2021	July 6, 2021	25
To amend title 28, United States Code, to re-define the eastern and middle judicial districts of North Carolina.	S.	1340	Apr. 22, 2021	Jud	.....	.....	June 23, 2021	June 17, 2021	July 6, 2021	26
To deposit certain funds into the Crime Victims Fund, to waive matching requirements, and for other purposes.	H.R.	1652	Mar. 8, 2021	Jud	.....	.....	Mar. 17, 2021	July 20, 2021	July 22, 2021	27
To amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to correct a provision on the prohibition on the use of a reverse auction, and for other purposes.	H.R.	26	Jan. 4, 2021	O&R Bud	.....	.....	Jan. 5, 2021	July 13, 2021	July 26, 2021	28
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications.	S.	957	Mar. 24, 2021	VA	.....	.....	July 27, 2021	Apr. 22, 2021	July 29, 2021	29
To authorize major medical facility projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021.	S.	1910	May 27, 2021	VA	.....	.....	July 27, 2021	July 21, 2021	July 29, 2021	30
Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.	H.R.	3237	May 14, 2021	App Bud	.....	.....	May 20, 2021	July 29, 2021	July 30, 2021	31
To award four congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.	H.R.	3325	May 19, 2021	FS HA Bud	.....	.....	June 15, 2021	Aug. 3, 2021	Aug. 5, 2021	32
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the "Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office".	H.R.	208	Jan. 5, 2021	O&R	.....	Apr. 14, 2021	Feb. 23, 2021	July 27, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	33
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the "Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building".	H.R.	264	Jan. 11, 2021	O&R	.....	Apr. 14, 2021	Feb. 23, 2021	July 27, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	34
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 Minnetonka Avenue South in Wayzata, Minnesota, as the "Jim Ramstad Post Office".	H.R.	772	Feb. 3, 2021	O&R	.....	July 14, 2021	Feb. 23, 2021	July 27, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	35
To amend the Controlled Substances Act to authorize the debarment of certain registrants, and for other purposes.	H.R.	1002	Feb. 11, 2021	EC Jud	.....	.....	Apr. 15, 2021	July 27, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	36
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments.	H.R.	1448	Mar. 1, 2021	VA	May 12, 2021	31	May 12, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	Aug. 25, 2021	37
To award a Congressional gold medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, commonly known as the "Harlem Hellfighters", in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service during World War I.	H.R.	3642	May 28, 2021	FS HA	.....	.....	June 15, 2021	Aug. 9, 2021	Aug. 25, 2021	38
To amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.	H.R.	5085	Aug. 24, 2021	WM Bud	Aug. 24, 2021	Aug. 31, 2021	Aug. 31, 2021	39

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To amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available.	S. 272	Feb. 8, 2021		HS&GA	May 27, 2021	23	Aug. 23, 2021	June 24, 2021	Sept. 24, 2021	40
To amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.	S. 325	Feb. 12, 2021		IA	.....	Apr. 14, 2021	.....	12	Aug. 23, 2021	May 26, 2021	Sept. 24, 2021	41
To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	H.R. 5293	Sept. 20, 2021	VA Bud	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 20, 2021	Sept. 23, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021	42
Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.	H.R. 5305	Sept. 21, 2021	App Bud WM	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 21, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021	43
To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, and for other purposes.	H.R. 5434	Sept. 30, 2021	TI WM NR SST EC O&R	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 1, 2021	Oct. 2, 2021	Oct. 2, 2021	44
To increase, effective as of December 1, 2021, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.	S. 189	Feb. 3, 2021		VA	.....	June 24, 2021	.....	0	Sept. 20, 2021	July 21, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	45
To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency who incur qualifying injuries to the brain, to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Department of State who incur similar injuries, and for other purposes.	S. 1828	May 25, 2021		HS&GA	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 21, 2021	June 7, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	46
To establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.	S. 1917	May 27, 2021		HS&GA	.....	July 26, 2021	.....	32	Sept. 29, 2021	Aug. 9, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	47
To designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2278	Mar. 29, 2021	NR	.....	July 22, 2021	.....	101	.....	July 29, 2021	Oct. 1, 2021	Oct. 13, 2021	48
To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and for other purposes.	S. 848	Mar. 18, 2021		HEL&P	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 28, 2021	Apr. 27, 2021	Oct. 13, 2021	49
To provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.	S. 1301	Apr. 22, 2021		HEL&P	.....	June 14, 2021	.....	0	Sept. 29, 2021	July 30, 2021	Oct. 14, 2021	50
To amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act, to modify certain deadlines relating to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking.	H.R. 4981	Aug. 6, 2021	FA	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 28, 2021	Oct. 7, 2021	Oct. 19, 2021	51

To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, and for other purposes.	H.R.	5763	Oct. 28, 2021	TI	WM NR SST EC O&R EC Jud Bud	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 28, 2021	Oct. 28, 2021	Oct. 31, 2021	52
To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals, and for other purposes.	H.R.	1899	Mar. 16, 2021						Apr. 15, 2021	Oct. 26, 2021	Nov. 10, 2021	53
To advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, and for other purposes.	S.	1064	Mar. 25, 2021			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 3, 2021	Nov. 1, 2021	Nov. 10, 2021	54
To ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk.	H.R.	3919	June 15, 2021	EC		.....	148	.....	Oct. 20, 2021	Oct. 28, 2021	Nov. 11, 2021	55
To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic".	H.R.	3475	May 25, 2021	VA			.....	.....	Sept. 20, 2021	Oct. 28, 2021	Nov. 12, 2021	56
To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Aurora, Colorado, as the "Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic".	H.R.	4172	June 25, 2021	VA			.....	.....	Sept. 20, 2021	Oct. 28, 2021	Nov. 12, 2021	57
To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.	H.R.	3684	June 4, 2021	TI		.....	70	.....	July 1, 2021	Aug. 10, 2021	Nov. 15, 2021	58
To amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes.	S.	921	Mar. 23, 2021			May 20, 2021	.....	0	Oct. 27, 2021	May 28, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021	59
To make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and for other purposes.	S.	1502	Apr. 29, 2021			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 27, 2021	June 7, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021	60
To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.	S.	1511	Apr. 29, 2021			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 27, 2021	June 10, 2021	Nov. 18, 2021	61
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog, and other commonly spoken languages, and for other purposes.	H.R.	2093	Mar. 19, 2021	VA			.....	.....	June 15, 2021	Nov. 2, 2021	Nov. 22, 2021	62
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	H.R.	2911	Apr. 30, 2021	VA			.....	.....	May 17, 2021	Oct. 28, 2021	Nov. 22, 2021	63
To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	H.R.	1510	Mar. 2, 2021	VA			.....	.....	May 18, 2021	Nov. 2, 2021	Nov. 23, 2021	64
To authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and for other purposes.	S.	108	Jan. 28, 2021			Apr. 14, 2021	10	Nov. 2, 2021	May 26, 2021	Nov. 23, 2021	65

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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	S. 1031	Mar. 25, 2021		VA	Nov. 15, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	Nov. 30, 2021	66
To identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	S. 894	Mar. 23, 2021		VA	.....	June 24, 2021	.....	0	Nov. 15, 2021	July 21, 2021	Nov. 30, 2021	67
To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.	S. 1095	Apr. 13, 2021		VA	.....		.....	.....	Nov. 15, 2021	June 24, 2021	Nov. 30, 2021	68
To codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	S. 796	Mar. 17, 2021		VA	Nov. 16, 2021	Oct. 7, 2021	Nov. 30, 2021	69
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To address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.	S. 610	Mar. 4, 2021		HEL&P	June 8, 2021	0	Dec. 7, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	Dec. 10, 2021	71
To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes.	H.R. 5142	Aug. 31, 2021	FS HA		Oct. 25, 2021	Nov. 17, 2021	Dec. 16, 2021	72
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To designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 1125 Chapline Street in Wheeling, West Virginia, as the ‘Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse’.	H.R. 4660	July 22, 2021	TI	EPW	Nov. 1, 2021	Dec. 1, 2021	161	0	Nov. 4, 2021	Dec. 9, 2021	Dec. 21, 2021	75
To extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.	H.R. 5545	Oct. 8, 2021	VA Bud				.....	.....	Dec. 8, 2021	Dec. 15, 2021	Dec. 21, 2021	76
To empower the Chief of the United States Capitol Police to unilaterally request the assistance of the DC National Guard or Federal law enforcement agencies in emergencies without prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.	S. 3377	Dec. 13, 2021			.....		.....	.....	Dec. 14, 2021	Dec. 13, 2021	Dec. 22, 2021	77

To ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.	H.R.	6256	Dec. 2021	14,	FA WM Jud	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 2021	14,	Dec. 2021	16,	Dec. 2021	23,	78
To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.	H.R.	3537	May 2021	25,	EC	.....	.....	207	Dec. 2021	8,	Dec. 2021	16,	Dec. 2021	23,	79
To authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.	H.R.	1664	Mar. 2021	8,	NR	ENR	Dec. 2021	16,	July 2021	26,	Dec. 2021	18,	Dec. 2021	27,	80
To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.	S.	1605	May 2021	13,		ENR	Dec. 2021	7,	June 2021	9,	Dec. 2021	27,	81

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