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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 7, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL GUEST to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, 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.

CONGRATULATING SAMUEL HUNSBERGER

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Samuel Hunsberger of Licking Township, Pennsylvania. Samuel recently accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Samuel is the son of Melissa and Larry Hunsberger, and he is the grand-

son of Jane Hunsberger and the late Ronald Hunsberger of Licking Township, Pennsylvania, the late Audrey Woodkirk of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the late Burdette Woodkirk of Hazle Township, Pennsylvania.

As a student at Keystone Junior/Senior High School, Samuel is active in the classroom, on the athletic field, and on the stage. He is a member of the student government, a 3-year varsity football player, and a member of the marching band.

Outside of school, Samuel is a volunteer firefighter for Knox and Callensburg-Licking Township companies.

I congratulate Samuel for his commitment to service and wish him the very best of luck as he embarks on this exciting new phase of life at West Point.

CONGRATULATING ERIC CLARK

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Eric Clark of Howard, Pennsylvania. Eric recently accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Eric is the son of Amy and Benjamin Clark. He is the grandson of Uleta and Eric Clark of Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania, and Ann and William Welsh of Rixford, Pennsylvania.

Eric is a senior at Bald Eagle Area High School, where he has excelled in and out of the classroom. As a captain of the varsity football and wrestling teams, Eric is a strong leader. He also serves as senior class president and is a member of the National Honor Society. Eric has a clear passion for service and is a great example of what leadership looks like.

Best wishes in Annapolis, Eric. I look forward to seeing all that you achieve.

CONGRATULATING JUDE STERLING

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jude Sterling of

Millmont, Pennsylvania. Jude accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jude is a senior at the Meadowbrook Christian School. He is the son of Jason and Ann Rishel and the grandson of Shirley O'Brien and Harry Vansickle of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and Kathy and Carl Baskin of Sugar Hill, Georgia.

Jude is an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, where he has served in a variety of leadership positions. He is also a student pilot and a member of the cross-country and track and field teams. His commitment to service is an inspiration to us all.

I am confident that Jude's experience in and out of the classroom will serve him well as he looks forward to this exciting new phase of life.

Jude, thank you for your commitment to our Nation, and best of luck in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to nominate these young men. Their dedication to serving our country is inspirational, and I look forward to seeing their successes in the years to come. Again, I thank all of them for their commitment to our Nation.

REWRITING HISTORY

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, a century ago, the philosopher George Santayana wrote that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

Today, in America, we are faced with this very dilemma. We have seen attempts by the ultraconservatives to rewrite history and cater to those uncomfortable with an evolving world, uncomfortable with our country's original sin.

In these cases, it is no longer a matter of forgetfulness but a deliberate effort to ignore the past or alter it to

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suit their own political gain. If we allow this altering to take hold, are we not doomed in our pursuit of a more perfect Union?

It is part of the overall goal of the former President and the MAGA movement. This movement rejects the idea that history is complex and, in the process, casts aside efforts to reckon with it.

Former President Trump and his followers prefer to simplify things for an audience afraid of a changing world. In so doing, Trump and his loyal followers refuse to accept the existence of complexities and contradictions in our shared story.

It is why Donald Trump so staunchly defended Robert E. Lee, not because Trump has a grasp on history but because Lee represents a vision of the past some would like to reclaim. They would rather paint a vision of our story unsullied by racism, suppression of women's rights, or violence against indigenous people.

Even the definition of patriotism has been corrupted. Patriotism isn't about ignoring the realities of our wrongs. It is about recognizing them and vowing never again, trying to make things better. This approach fails to coexist with the MAGA agenda.

We have seen others claim the "great replacement theory" is not a white supremacist conspiracy theory but a goal of the Democratic Party.

Sadly, this battle is also playing out prominently in our educational institutions. Governors in red States have implemented civic standards that whitewash history rather than providing students with a full understanding of our Nation's founding.

One prominent Governor defended his State's African-American history curriculum standards, which claim some enslaved people develop skills that "could be applied for their personal benefit."

Our Nation's messy history and our present flaws don't serve the MAGA goals and certainly don't empower them.

They would rather rewrite the past than change the future because if they accept the truth, that would be relinquishing power. After all, it is power and the desire to retain it that drives this movement. Donald Trump lying to his followers about the results of the 2020 election was about holding onto power.

To suggest enslaved people potentially benefit from slavery is about power. Even suggesting that it is immigrants who are "poisoning the blood of our Nation" is about power.

All of this stokes fear, division, and ultimately violence. It also suggests to our allies and adversaries that we cannot be accountable for our wrongs.

We must show that we stand with the truth, not denialism, that we don't accept lies about claiming the election was stolen, and that we don't accept lies suggesting that Black people benefited from slavery, recognizing that these lies have consequences.

Today, we are witnessing what the wrongful rewrite of history can lead to. Vladimir Putin continues to falsely claim Ukraine is part of Russia in an attempt to justify his war. We may feel as though something like this—the deliberate brainwashing of the public—could never happen here. Well, it can, and it is.

We cannot allow this revisionist history to continue spreading so maliciously and effectively, not only for how the world perceives us but for our pursuit of a more perfect Union. We must recognize the darkest sides of the past and teach our children that recognition is not a criticism. It is a lesson.

If we are to maintain a grip on reality in our history, we must start at the local level, especially in our schools. We must ensure our children are taught the truth about the past.

We must keep working to uphold the truth at all costs, regardless of how agreeable it is. This is not an affront to our history or our values. It is a promise to build a better tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward presumptive nominees for the Office of President.

WEAPONIZING CO₂

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak to you, once again, about our atmosphere, climate, and, most specifically, carbon dioxide, which has been weaponized in the argument around here, with government agencies against the people, as a tool, I think, to take more control of the economy and people's personal property.

Carbon dioxide, I will remind you, is 0.04 percent of the entire pie of our atmosphere; oxygen, 21 percent; nitrogen, 78 percent; trace gases other than that, 0.03. Argon is much bigger in our atmosphere than CO₂. Yet, you would think, with the CO₂ numbers creeping up slowly, it is the end of the world.

Everything around here has to be run through a CO₂ filter, a climate change filter, and it is much to the detriment of our economy and the U.S. position in the world.

Most recently, the Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted rules on their own to decide that people are going to have to start disclosing their climate impact of how they operate their businesses. You are going to have to start accounting for your CO₂ production and report that to a Federal entity.

This is pretty much going to mean everybody if they are connected to a certain size of business and what have you. Small suppliers to larger corporations that are caught in the snare of this will have to account for that.

For food production, let's say you have ingredients that are placed into a larger recipe for food products that you could buy from maybe a larger conglomerate. There are also individual small growers—say, a carrot farmer, a bean farmer. He is now going to have to disclose his CO₂ production on his farm because he might be selling to a larger entity that is caught in the snare of the SEC.

Where does this all end? How much time does an individual like that have to chase around and figure out what his CO₂ impact is going to be, especially since it is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere?

There is much debate about what amount of the CO₂ is caused by human activity. Some want to say, oh, it is 50 percent. Others believe it is very small, a tiny percentage, like maybe 3 percent.

There are those that want to say, well, the science is settled, merely because they want to move on and take control over so many aspects of our economy.

What are some of the issues that we have seen grow out of that? We have what is known as ESG, environmental, social, and governance.

The country of Sri Lanka, just a few short years ago, decided to adopt and try to meet these ESG goals, much to the great harm of their economy. It almost collapsed good portions of their economy because they went whole hog as a whole country on that to try to adopt ESG goals.

On the environmental side of the E, they forced farmers to completely convert to organic materials for their fertilizer and whatever pesticide products they were able to use organically. What immediately happened? Rice yields in the country dropped 20 percent. The price of rice went up 50 percent for consumers.

We saw that that blew a great big hole in the ag economy in that small country. Their country had to come in and start doing bailouts, basically, to help keep those farmers afloat until they finally got their senses and abandoned a lot of those ESG goals.

They are also an important tea exporter, which caused their exports to fall. They lost hundreds of millions of dollars on that as well.

Their economy collapsed by trying to meet some arbitrary ESG goal brought on by outsiders that really have this idealistic, elite whim of what people should be doing instead of what actually works.

I run this all by you here because the Biden administration has been causing this kind of harm on our own economy in this country. The focus of every agency seems to be climate, climate, climate all the time because of a tiny increase in CO₂.

CO₂ is a rounding error in the overall atmospheric chart here, and the increase of that is minute. How much can we blame on human activity versus what might be happening with other naturally occurring issues?

What do we have? Our economy is being outclassed by China and others in the Pacific Rim that can produce at will, and they are the much larger so-called polluters than we are of CO₂.

Do you want to have a situation where we can actually have better control and reasonable regulations on how things are produced in this country, or do we want to export it all to China and places like that and have basically almost no control on how they are doing that?

What we are going to hear tonight when the President is going to be in this room, he is probably going to talk a whole bunch about climate and some new initiatives on that. Instead, why doesn't he focus on something that could have immediate help for the devastating things going on on our border in this country, eight steps he could take with the swing of a pen to clean up our border problems instead of blaming Republicans for his mess?

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MUSICIANS DESERVE A LIVING WAGE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am from Motown, where our music has changed the world in so many incredible ways forever.

But artists in my district and across our country are struggling to make ends meet in an industry where the money just keeps going to executives and shareholders.

It would take more than 800,000 streams per month to make the equivalent of \$15 an hour, and the vast majority of our artists are on platforms like Apple Music and Spotify, and they never, ever get to 800,000 streams in a year.

This is a big deal. Streaming now represents 84 percent of the recorded music industry's revenue in the United States, but most of the artists who bring joy to our lives and culture aren't seeing any of it.

The Living Wage for Musicians Act, which I introduced with Representative BOWMAN, would change that by creating a new fund that aims to pay artists at least one penny per stream.

The bill would completely reform the music industry, supporting a much more diverse set of artists, enabling more recording and touring, and sending a ripple effect throughout local economies by supporting professionals throughout the music industry.

I truly encourage my colleagues to learn more about this legislation, co-sponsor the bill, and help change artists' lives forever.

REMEMBERING CHEF MAXCEL HARDY

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, our community is deeply saddened by the loss of Chef Max Hardy, a Detroit native who was a trailblazer in his advocacy to end hunger.

Chef Max was the owner of Rosedale Park neighborhood restaurants River Bistro, COOP Caribbean Fusion inside the Detroit Shipping Company, and Jed's Detroit on Seven Mile Road.

He founded the One Chef Can 86 Hunger Foundation, a nonprofit organization that fights against hunger and raises awareness about food insecurity.

The New York Times named Hardy one of 16 Black Chefs Changing Food in America in 2021.

Chef Max also cowrote "The Marley Coffee Cookbook" with Rohan Marley, Bob Marley's son, and was featured on the Food Network.

He was a champion of aspiring young people in Detroit, teaching them the fundamentals of conscious cooking.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, we send our love and condolences to Chef Max's two daughters and his family. He truly will be missed.

DETROIT RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable work of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, as they recently celebrated their 115th anniversary of service to our residents.

For over a century, Detroit Rescue Mission has been a beacon of hope, providing, food, shelter, and services to those in our community that are most vulnerable.

Detroit Rescue Mission was founded by David Stucky on February 14, 1909.

The Mission began as a soup kitchen with a mission to find permanent solutions for our most vulnerable residents in the city of Detroit.

The Detroit Rescue Mission has worked tirelessly to rebuild hundreds of thousands of lives destroyed by addiction, homelessness, and poverty.

I am so grateful for the work of the Detroit Rescue Mission for their incredible leadership in our community, and I am looking forward to witnessing all they will continue to accomplish in the years to come.

CHALLENGES AMERICA IS FACING

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the challenges that America is facing and identify ways we can restore order in this country.

Tonight, President Biden will join us in this very Chamber to address the Nation. I am hopeful that he will speak to the real issues before us and detail how he plans to work with House Republicans to get America back on track.

The southern border, inflation and our national debt, and the weaponization of the Federal Government need his immediate attention.

Since last year, House Republicans have passed legislation after legislation to secure our southern border, reduce and reprioritize Federal spending, and end the weaponization of the Federal Government. We passed H.R. 2 to finish the border wall, increase the

number of Border Patrol agents, protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking, and terminate catch and release.

Since President Biden took office, there have been more than 8.5 million illegal crossings—that is almost three times the population of Kansas—including known criminals and terrorists on that list.

Just last month, the Nation was horrified by the brutal murder of Laken Riley by an illegal immigrant. Despite the illegal immigrant's criminal history in the United States, failed liberal policies allowed him to stay here, and an innocent young woman from Georgia paid the price.

Now that President Biden has visited the real southern border and witnessed the crisis he created, he should work with House Republicans to secure our southern border.

We passed legislation to limit future government spending, reclaim \$200 billion of unaccounted for COVID dollars, and promote progrowth energy and economic policy.

While the White House says inflation is cooling, those of us in middle America still feel the weight of Washington's spending problem. Our national debt has surpassed \$34 trillion, diesel is well over \$3.60 a gallon in Kansas, Americans' paychecks are grossly overtaxed, and Washington Democrats pretend that the President has a no-limit credit card.

This is no way to govern. It is irresponsible, it is fiscal insanity, and President Biden should work with House Republicans to rein in inflation and our national debt.

We passed legislation that ends the weaponization of the Federal Government, we are working to hold the U.S. Department of Justice accountable to applying justice equally, and we are pushing the U.S. EPA to fully implement the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that the EPA's waters of the U.S. rule is unconstitutional.

We are working to reduce the number of executive orders that the Biden administration uses as force of law. We are standing up for the unborn and fighting the radical agenda that promotes Federal funding for abortions. In the Big First, we know that the right to life is a right from God, not from the government. That right deserves to be protected.

President Biden should work with House Republicans to end the weaponization of the Federal Government once and for all.

I hope that President Biden will also discuss how he will work with us to enact a strong farm bill that will protect and strengthen crop insurance; incentivizes agricultural trade opportunities; promotes global food security; supports agriculture research; and reflects the needs of the American farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers who work to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

I hope that he will address the importance of our country's energy independence, our fight against China, and a strong Second Amendment.

The list goes on and on.

When the President joins us here tonight, he has the opportunity to share with Kansans and Americans his plan to tackle these challenges head-on.

Mr. Speaker, I am optimistic that our greatest days are yet to come. Those days require us to get America back on track.

HUNTER BIDEN AND IMPEACHMENT

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

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans have finally decided to have Hunter Biden testify in public on their sham impeachment inquiry into President Biden.

Now, the American people will soon see what we all saw behind closed doors: that there is zero evidence—zero evidence—of any wrongdoing by President Biden who had no involvement in any of Hunter's business dealings. Absolutely none.

We will continue to call out these lies.

Let's take a look at the star witnesses that the House majority has brought forward in this political stunt impeachment.

We have Alexander Smirnov, who we know is an indicted Russian asset. He has been indicted for lying, by the way, and working with Russian spies. We have another who turned out to be a spy for China, who actually sold weapons to Iran. The third witness right now is serving a 14-year sentence in prison for fraud.

You can't make this stuff up.

We also, of course, have recently learned about another disgraced con man who colluded with the Trump campaign. They are all-star witnesses of the Republican majority. Of course, we shouldn't forget Rudy Giuliani and his grand conspiracy theories, which is all the House majority is left with.

Now, the GOP insists on impeaching President Biden at whatever the cost, all to help Donald Trump get reelected.

Now, Donald Trump was impeached twice for his crimes and faces 91 felony charges, and he is desperate for revenge. If there is anyone we should be investigating, it is the Trump crime family and Jared Kushner's \$2 billion deal from the Saudi Government, which he received just weeks after leaving the White House. The one person that was in charge of the Middle East—the Middle East envoy—then receives \$2 billion into an investment fund. We know that the Saudis spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in Trump properties. That is a real scandal and should be investigated.

It is time to end this impeachment scam and get back to work for the American people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSE SAMANIEGO

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jose Samaniego, who passed away in 2017, far too early at the age of 33.

Jose was a firefighter for the Golden Ranch Fire District and will be remembered for his passion for community service.

Jose Samaniego also served on the board of the North Tucson Firefighters Association, Local 3832, working to better the community through fundraisers for local foster families.

Jose began his career as a wildland firefighter and member of the Avra Valley Fire District before going to Raytheon Missile Systems.

In 2012, Jose went to work for Golden Ranch, where he became a member of the special operations team.

Beyond his firefighter achievements, Jose was a devoted husband to Serena and a loving father to four children: Andres, Alysha, Adam, and Annabella, who I had the pleasure of meeting recently and was impressed with their drive and their dedication. They have bright futures ahead of them, knowing that they proudly carry the legacy of their dad.

In honor of Jose, the North Tucson Firefighters Association started the annual Jose Samaniego Memorial Archery Shoot and BBQ Challenge. I was honored to attend this event this past Saturday on March 2 and had the opportunity to meet his entire family and experience firsthand why the event is a fitting tribute to the passion that Jose had for his community and also his fire family, as well as his love for the outdoors.

Jose Samaniego remains a true hero in the hearts of the greater Tucson community and the residents of my district. We extend our gratitude for his dedicated service and are eternally thankful for his contributions.

MI NIDITO RESTAURANT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mi Nidito and its owners, Jimmy and Ernie Lopez.

Mi Nidito, the Lopez family's restaurant, has been a staple in Tucson for 72 years.

Jimmy and Ernie's grandparents, Ernesto and Alicia Lopez, first opened the restaurant doors in 1952. Since then, the Lopez family has tirelessly upheld Mi Nidito's legacy for three generations.

Arizonans and visitors from across the country and around the world have stood in line for hours to get a taste of their renowned chile rellenos and enchilada-style burritos, as well.

Over the last seven decades, Mi Nidito has also had some notable guests, including then-President Bill Clinton, who visited the restaurant in 1999.

As Jimmy and Ernie begin a well-deserved retirement, Laura and I want to

thank them and the entire Lopez family for their contributions to our community.

SALPOINTE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Salpointe girls' basketball team for winning the 4A State championship.

In an exciting game, they secured victory over Gilbert's Mesquite High by a score of 59–49.

This marks the Lancer's second State championship in the last three seasons. Their hard work and perseverance over the past season has been truly commendable.

I am proud to represent such dedicated student athletes, determined coaches, and supportive parents.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Joseph Luevano and this talented team for a well-earned title.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL HYATT

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize retiring Border Patrol agent, Michael Hyatt.

Mr. Hyatt currently serves as the agent in charge at the Brian A. Terry Station near Naco, Arizona.

He will retire later this month, ending a 28-year career with Border Patrol.

After joining in 1996, Michael spent the majority of his time with Border Patrol in Arizona, with 11 years at the Naco Station.

His work as agent in charge has been praised by Cochise County residents, specifically for his tireless community outreach and strong relationships with ranchers.

As Michael prepares for a well-deserved retirement, I personally thank him for all his hard work.

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WELCOMING CASSIE SMITH TO THE CAPITOL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, at the young age of 109, Cassie Smith voted on the first day of this year's primary and was among the first in North Carolina to do so.

Ms. Cassie, also known as Ma Cassie by neighbors and friends in her Battleboro community, is a living and walking symbol of our democracy. I am honored to welcome her to Washington, D.C., as my special guest to the State of the Union.

When I visited the Smith home to invite her, in response, Ma Cassie smiled brightly and said: I am blessed. I thank God every day.

Her faith drives her, and she wholeheartedly believes in the importance of fulfilling her civic duty. What a reminder as we commemorate Bloody Sunday.

Ms. Cassie traveled by airplane, which was the first time she has flown, and she said this was an item on her bucket list. At 109, why not?

I am glad to let eastern North Carolina and the American people know that Delta flight 5310 has landed, and Ms. Cassie is here in Washington, D.C., safe and sound with her son, Frank, and caretaker, Faye. Ms. Cassie can check that one off her bucket list.

From working on the farm, turned maid, and now special guest at 109 years old, what an American story and inspiration. Her presence at our Nation's Capitol embodies the very essence of why we have the opportunity to assemble and our democratic values.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed with great honor I share Ms. Cassie Smith's story.

ON THE TESTIMONY OF FORMER CHIEF OF BORDER PATROL RAUL ORTIZ

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I was troubled to recently hear that former chief of Border Patrol, Raul Ortiz, never spoke to either President Biden or the Vice President and so-called border czar KAMALA HARRIS in the 2 years he headed up security at our southern border.

In a recent interview, Chief Ortiz said he never had a single conversation with either of them. He went on to say: "That is a problem," given that he commanded 21,000 border patrolmen.

I would argue it is more than a problem. At the very least, it is an indication that border security was never and has not been a priority for our Commander in Chief.

It is a bit like abandoning a soldier on the battlefield, Mr. Speaker. Because of the policies of the Biden administration, Ortiz had to endure an unprecedented surge of illegal immigration month after month. In his 2½ years at the helm, there were more than 5 million illegal immigrant encounters and 1½ million got-aways during that period. His patrolmen seized more than 50,000 pounds of fentanyl at the southern border by the time of his retirement at the end of last June.

When asked about whether the White House was sending mixed messages to Mexico, Central America, and beyond, he said, without hesitation: Yes.

That mixed messaging was heard loud and clear when President Biden was on the campaign trail in 2019 and said that the United States could take another 2 million immigrants "in a heartbeat." That message got even louder after he took office. In no time, he halted Border Patrol activity, wall construction, and ended the successful remain in Mexico asylum policy.

It is also important to consider that Ortiz was at the helm when title 42 was lifted. All of the experts warned that an unprecedented surge in illegal immigration would follow if that authority was lifted. Nevertheless, the Biden administration fought tirelessly for its end.

Imagine overseeing the border and not getting a single call from those

undoing years of border policy. Imagine the stress, the staffing challenges, the human trafficking and drug crime, all happening with the stroke of a pen and without your input.

Under the Biden administration, we have seen an unprecedented abuse of parole authority, resulting in more than 1 million immigrants being allowed to enter the United States. The President clearly kept that 2019 campaign promise, and it appears he kept his border officials in the dark in the process.

Ultimately, a phone call won't solve this crisis, and we don't need new immigration laws to solve the invasion at the southern border. Don't be fooled by the Democrats and the President calling for new legislation and resources. What we need is a President willing to enforce existing law and one who will prioritize the men and women who protect our borders over those crossing them illegally.

The main need for new legislation is to force the President to enforce existing laws and to complete the border wall. The House passed that legislation, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, almost 10 months ago, only to have it sit idly on the Senate side and be ignored.

WELCOMING FAT JOE TO THE STATE OF THE UNION

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

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my guest for the State of the Union. He is a leader in the fight to make healthcare more affordable and equitable.

Fat Joe is a Grammy-nominated artist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He is also a partner with Power to the Patients, to advocate for healthcare price transparency.

Confusing health information, language barriers, and lack of insurance are challenges that make our healthcare system difficult to navigate, especially for communities of color.

Because of high out-of-pocket costs, insured patients can still face enormous medical bills, and uninsured patients are more likely to face unnecessary hospital fees.

Healthcare is the only service where someone does not know the cost until after you purchase it, until after receiving the healthcare services. We must remove barriers that restrict families from getting care, including knowing your costs up front.

This builds upon the work of President Biden and House Democrats to put people over politics, to lower the cost of healthcare coverage and lower drug prices.

Fat Joe's work to highlight the need for price transparency is necessary to reduce healthcare costs for American families. I am proud to welcome him back to the Capitol as my guest.

FULL FUNDING FOR WIC

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud and support the full funding of WIC in the fiscal year 2024 budget.

For 50 years, WIC has delivered quality nutrition benefits and breastfeeding support for almost 10 million American families, including almost 1 million pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children in California.

As chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I hear stories every day of how essential WIC is to Latino families in America, with more than 6 million Latino women and children enrolled.

Last year, the Hispanic Caucus joined the Congressional Black Caucus and the Democratic Women's Caucus to send a letter to congressional leadership to urge them to fully fund WIC.

For months, House Republicans insisted on harmful funding cuts, which put women and children's health at risk. House Democrats worked tirelessly for a \$1 billion funding increase to meet the basic needs of the program.

This week, House Democrats were successful in our efforts. Moms and their babies and pregnant women who rely on WIC can breathe a sigh of relief. Their access to their benefits will continue.

House Democrats will continue to keep up the fight in Congress toward an America where no one goes hungry.

RECOGNIZING CARMEN TAPIO

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader from our district who has created jobs and changed lives, all while growing the largest African-American-owned business in the State of Nebraska and the largest private mixed-use development investment in North Omaha.

Carmen Tapio is currently the CEO of North End Teleservices, which has soared to the Inc. 5000 list of fastest growing companies for the last 4 years, injecting over \$306 million into Nebraska's economy.

She established Forever North Real Estate to help reimagine North Omaha and set it on a promising path where a community can work, live, and play. Her leadership is helping to reduce poverty, unemployment, and is changing the trajectory of families for generations to come.

Through developing the only Department of Labor registered apprenticeship in her industry, micro credentialing, and bringing people up through the organization, she is growing her own workforce and leadership.

Wanting to empower Black women across the State, Carmen ignited the formation of Nebraska Black Women United with a few phone calls, her own humble take on its formation. Today, over 800 women belong to the purpose-driven organization and continue to fan the flames of growth and support for Black women.

In addition, she founded the NET Work Spot, a premier coworking space nestled in the heart of the North Omaha community. The NET Work Spot exists for collaboration and to nurture the ingenuity of brilliant entrepreneurial minds.

Tapio lends her expertise by serving on various for-profit and nonprofit boards. She serves as the chair of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Omaha Zoological Society Board of Directors, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Omaha Branch Board of Directors, and the Werner Enterprises Board of Directors as chair of the ESG Committee. She is a Peter Kiewit Foundation trustee and serves on the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Board of Trustees, the University of Nebraska Trustee Foundation, and the Nebraska Medicine Board's Finance Committee, just to name a few.

This Women's History Month, she was recognized by the Governor of Nebraska and the Nebraskaland Foundation as the 2024 Distinguished Nebraskalander. She is the 2023 Inspire Awards Woman of the Year, 2022 Inspire Woman of the Year for Large Business, and the 2022 USA Today Nebraska Woman of the Year. She is a 2022 Omaha Business Hall of Fame Inductee, received the 2022 Black Women Legacy Award, and a 2022 Better Business Bureau Torch Award. She was recognized in the Forbes 2021 Next 1000 and the 2021 Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Leadership Awards.

She is incredible.

Carmen's parents instilled in her and each of her five sisters that they could do anything they set their minds to. She says that foundation cultivated her strong belief in the human spirit and that anything is possible. This is what she endeavors to teach people as she and her organization work to help people create a vision for their lives to advance their economic independence and career path.

Carmen and her husband, Bob, live with their dog, Bella, and enjoy traveling and gardening together.

THE STATE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about America's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and America's number one antipoverty program for children. That, of course, is Social Security.

I want to commend President Biden. I commend him for putting forward the concept of making sure that Social Security is solvent into the next century and making sure that we expand benefits. He did so by saying we do something that is very common sense and practical: We lift the cap on people making over \$400,000.

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Most citizens probably don't realize that there is even a cap on Social Security.

Be that as it may, why is it that all individuals shouldn't have to pay into this system?

We have a poster here. God bless these wealthy individuals who are able to achieve great success and make vast sums of money, but why should a person making \$30,000, \$50,000, \$75,000, or \$100,000 pay throughout the year for their Social Security when these wealthy individuals will pay about 1 minute into the beginning of the year? Just last month was the last time that millionaires would pay anything into the system.

President Biden has said: Let's scrap the cap on people earning over \$400,000.

I have had many townhalls where I ask people in the audience to raise their hand if they are making over \$400,000. So far, I haven't seen a single hand go up.

Yet, they are exempt from participating in what is the Nation's number one insurance program for the elderly and also for children.

By the way, especially in this time of deficit talk, et cetera, it is completely paid for. This is a real kitchen-table issue because 10,000 baby boomers a day become eligible for Social Security, and they are sitting there asking: Well, why is it that Social Security hasn't been enhanced?

It is because the only body that can do that is the United States Congress, and it hasn't done anything since 1971 to enhance the program, Mr. Speaker, and to make sure that people are paying their fair share.

The fair thing to do here is to scrap the cap, which would extend solvency of Social Security instead of having a limit. It would also be able to provide benefits to people, including a COLA, that actually work on behalf of our senior citizens. It would include an across-the-board increase for everyone on Social Security since it hasn't been increased since 1971, and it would make sure that people who are currently paying taxes on their Social Security don't have to do so.

How are we able to do that? By having people pay their fair share, people who don't pay, in many instances, a penny into FICA. That is flatout wrong for the wealthiest nation in the world that has provided the benefits, freedoms, and liberty that has allowed these very successful people to succeed in the greatest country in the world.

It is time for us, Mr. Speaker, to come together and address this for all Americans as we seek to close the wealth gap that exists in this country.

For more than 40 percent, Mr. Speaker, of our fellow citizens, Social Security is the only benefit that they have. It is the only benefit that they have, and for these individuals to be exempt from having to pay into that system is absolutely wrong and unjust.

That is why, again, I commend President Biden for standing up for all

Americans and saying that we are going to scrap the cap. We are going to lift that cap on people making over \$400,000. It won't even be anything for them to do this.

What it will do is provide us the opportunity to expand Social Security, to make sure that Social Security now goes into effect by eliminating WEP and GPO that has wrongly penalized teachers, firefighters, police officers, their spouses, and their families from receiving the very Social Security benefits they deserve.

FAILURE TO SECURE BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on his first day in office, Biden signed an executive order overturning every border security measure established during the Trump administration and paving the way for 11 million foreign nationals to enter our country illegally.

During the first 3 years of his administration, Joe Biden consistently denied the border security crisis. Biden lied. Biden and his staff falsely claimed that the border was secure.

It is only now, after countless lives have been taken, that the Biden administration has admitted that there is a problem because they put politics ahead of the safety of the American people.

The tragic murder of 22-year-old Georgia student Laken Riley is a direct consequence of Biden's failure to secure the border. The illegal immigrant from Venezuela who killed her should never have been allowed in our country.

I grieve for Laken's family on their tragic loss. I cannot imagine the pain. No parent in our country should ever lose a child due to reckless border policies and soft-on-crime policies. Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS have blood on their hands. They should say her name and apologize to her family.

The primary responsibility of the government is to protect the American people. Instead, Biden has opened our borders to an invasion of military-age men and put American lives in danger.

Today, we have the opportunity to vote for the Laken Riley Act to ensure that this never happens again.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

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

STATE OF THE UNION AND HOUSING

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, in less than 12 hours, President Biden will deliver his State of the Union Address

and lay out his top policy priorities for our Nation.

Last week, I sent the White House a request that the national affordable housing and homelessness crisis be included as part of the State of the Union Address, and I was very pleased to hear this morning that housing will, in fact, be included in the address.

Mr. Speaker, I don't have a special guest. All the people of this country are my special guests today. I am speaking to them about this critical issue of housing and the need to take the people off the street.

Unfortunately, the homeless on the street and in tents and broken-down RVs will not hear this message tonight, but they expect their Members of Congress that they elect to office to speak up for them.

I speak for them, fight for them, and expect everybody, Democrats and Republicans, to fight for the people in America who are homeless and who are looking for better and decent housing.

While the Biden administration has helped our Nation achieve one of the strongest labor markets with record job creation and a record number of businesses forming, we simply cannot talk about the state of our Union without talking about the state of housing in this country.

Housing is a critical part of every person's well-being, the largest part of family budgets, and a major part of our economy. Yet, rising housing costs continue to make up nearly 70 percent of core inflation, outpacing modest wage gains.

To put it in plainer terms: Americans are making more money, but housing costs are so extreme that the extra money in their pockets still isn't enough. Indeed, more renters and homeowners are paying a greater share of their income on housing than ever before. Since 2020, home prices have skyrocketed by 47 percent. Rents have increased by 40 percent during that same timeframe.

It is no wonder that families in nearly every income bracket are feeling the pain of one of the worst housing and homelessness crises in our Nation's history.

Today, a record 653,100 people are experiencing homelessness nationwide as we saw a sobering 25 percent spike in the number of people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time in their lives, between 2022 and 2023.

I am talking about people we call our neighbors, family members, students, teachers, and frontline workers. Elderly Americans, who should be enjoying retirement, are one of the fastest rising groups of people experiencing homelessness.

This is simply unacceptable. While the state of our Nation's housing is bleak right now, this doesn't have to be our future. We know how to solve the housing crisis.

During the pandemic, Democrats secured unprecedented levels of housing relief through bills like the American

Rescue Plan Act, which promoted equitable economic recovery, spurred more development of affordable housing, and helped nearly 3 million people experiencing the risk of homelessness. Over 12 million people successfully avoided eviction or foreclosure thanks to these investments.

In short, Democrats proved what we can accomplish with substantial, targeted investments in housing, and we should use this as a blueprint to finally end this crisis.

During this Congress, however, people on the opposite side of the aisle, the Republicans, have tried to defund Federal housing programs and even passed a bill to make homeownership more, not less, expensive.

As the top Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee, I commit to press the fight in Congress to secure robust investments in fair and affordable housing.

I have introduced my groundbreaking housing bills, again, including the Housing Crisis Response Act, the Ending Homelessness Act, and the Down Payment Toward Equity Act. These bills would help create nearly 1.4 million affordable, accessible, and resilient homes and reduce housing costs, end homelessness, and revive the dream of homeownership for all.

I am looking forward to hearing President Biden's State of the Union Address, and I hope that housing is highlighted as a major policy and not just a passing mention.

Mr. Speaker, you are going to hear a lot about housing. I am not going to give up on housing. I am going to speak to every Member of Congress about voting for housing to end this crisis.

NO ARMY MONEY TO UKRAINE

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

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I was so furious, but not surprised, when I saw the Bloomberg News report that the Biden administration is now considering draining \$200 million out of Army reserves to send more money to Ukraine.

The move would target reserve funds that this House has authorized and appropriated for this particular purpose, a purpose that is worthy, certainly more worthy than continuing involvement in the conflict in Ukraine that could lead to a tragic escalatory accident.

I can't even believe this is a controversial view to take on this floor, but I believe that the U.S. Army reserves should actually be for the U.S. Army.

By the way, it is not as if we don't have needs for our Army. How about the families of our soldiers?

Right now, childcare is a real problem. We have Army soldiers who are driving 1½ hours or more each way just to drop off their kids at childcare. We could invest that money in our military families.

Mr. Speaker, I could take you to the Army town of Crestview, Florida, in my district, where the school counselors are still helping Army families deal with the lingering effects of deployment after deployment after deployment. They could use more resources. They tell me: Congressman, if we had more resources for these Army families, they could improve quality of life and improve mental health.

Not for nothing, but the Army was taking a leading role in hypersonics for our country. We have fallen behind China. If we have an extra \$200 million laying around the Army, how about we invest in making sure that, with hypersonic weapons, we can hit a moving target—I don't know—like China can? Instead, we see this attempt to drain resources away for Ukraine.

When Joe Biden talked about campaigning for the soul of the Nation, I just assumed it was our Nation and not Ukraine.

Moreover, Ukraine is no Garden of Eden for democracy. Senator LEE pointed out in a report that the CIA had to directly confront Zelenskyy about his own personal corruption.

In Ukraine, they have canceled the Presidential elections. Call me old-fashioned, Mr. Speaker, but I actually prefer democracies that hold elections rather than canceling elections.

While there were many concerns about the death of Navalny, appropriately, people forget the fact that Zelenskyy jailed a journalist, Gonzalo Lira, and that journalist died in a Ukrainian prison.

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Tonight, you will hear President Biden come into this House, and the one thing that President Biden has in common with the American people is that both were far better off four years ago, Joe Biden physically, and the rest of us economically.

Now, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I will call for an investigation of any efforts to drain U.S. reserves to fund the war in Ukraine, and I would invite my fellow members of the Armed Services Committee to join me.

What this reminded me of is when all the Democrats were crying alligator tears about President Trump using DOD money to fund the wall. My colleagues may accuse me of hypocrisy now because I supported President Trump in that endeavor, but I don't like the Biden administration going beyond what we set forth with our Article I powers.

However, at least if I am being a hypocrite, I was doing so for the defense of America's borders and America's interests to stop an invasion that is killing hundreds of thousands of people through the introduction of fentanyl and an invasion that is diminishing the economic prospects of working people in this country.

When my Democratic colleagues are hypocrites, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues

on the other side of the aisle serve as hypocrites and fund the pensions of government workers in Ukraine. It is not for nothing, but it wasn't that long ago that we found a person connected to the defense industrial complex in Ukraine exiting the country with a million dollars in U.S. cash in a shoebox.

The corruption is real. America's interests are illusory, and we should never drain \$200 million out of our Army that should go to military families, that should go to soldiers, and that should go to America's capabilities. It is America's capabilities that will define whether or not we hold the high ground, not which guy in a tracksuit is running Crimea.

BIDEN WEAKNESS ON THE WORLD STAGE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, there are real concerns throughout our Nation about the violence in our streets. There has been a failed social experiment on the part of the left that has resulted in high levels of crime.

Leftwing officials, Mr. Speaker, have defunded and discredited police forces across the country, as well as appointed liberal prosecutors who are not prosecuting.

The facts don't lie. Here in Washington, D.C., the city has cut \$100 million from the Metro PD's \$600 million budget since 2017, and the prosecution rate of arrests in the Nation's Capital has been around 30 percent in recent years. Whereas a short time ago, it was upwards, near 70 percent. Therefore, it should be no surprise that violent crime is soaring in Washington, D.C.

Carjackings, for instance, were up more than 100 percent from last year, which was at an all-time high. Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, they are all the same. Crime has gotten so out of hand in New York City, the Governor just deployed 1,000 National Guardsmen to help secure the subway system.

However, it is not just in the cities. Radical ideology has expanded into the suburban communities, and crime has come along with it. Just this week, I met with members of the Fraternal Order of Police. They shared with me their concerns about the rising antipolice sentiment and detailed the skyrocketing violence against law enforcement officers.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, tragically, 378 police officers were shot in the line of duty, 46 of whom were killed, and this was up from 323 officers shot in 2022. It is disgraceful.

One piece of legislation to address these issues is my Holding Prosecutors Accountable Act, which has been endorsed by the National Police Association. It would force ideological prosecutors to do their jobs by mandating

they prosecute at least 67 percent of violent crimes. If they don't, their jurisdiction will lose access to Federal DOJ grant funding.

It would also require prosecutors' offices that serve highly populated jurisdictions to publish their prosecution rate data. Americans deserve to know if their elected prosecutor is deliberately releasing violent criminals back onto the streets.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, this ideological social experiment starts at the top. Joe Biden and Vice President HARRIS have not shown support for law enforcement. It is that simple. Just look at their criticism of the border agents that were on horseback, who they accused of whipping migrants, despite knowing that that was categorically false.

These border agents were doing their jobs. There was no whipping that took place, and when the truth finally came out, there was no apology from the White House. Also, when Vice President HARRIS had the opportunity to disavow the defund the police movement during an interview on "The View," she refused to answer, showing an utter lack of support for the brave men and women who protect and serve our communities.

This is, Mr. Speaker, in stark contrast from the former President, who would speak strongly in favor of police officers and backing the blue. President Trump sent a clear pro law enforcement message, but now, under President Biden, we are dealing with rampant smash-and-grab situations, crimes, migrant crime due to our open borders, out-of-control violence in our streets, and gangs riding around on dirt bikes victimizing innocent citizens and small businesses.

We have a serious issue before us that has been created over the last 3 years. Therefore, as a society and as elected officials, we need to come together to correct course, or the American people must elect those that will make national security and public safety job one.

Mr. Speaker, under the past Trump administration, there was no invasion of Ukraine, there was peace in the Middle East, and there was less tension between China and Taiwan. As well, the terrorist state of Iran was defunded because of the strict sanctions on their oil exports.

However, today, Biden's weaknesses on the world stage have plunged the world into chaos. We are now dealing with the horrific invasion by Putin into Ukraine. The Middle East went from peace to chaos, with hostage taking, massive slaughters, and death. Additionally, many parts of our neighboring country, Mexico, have turned into gangland due to the border policies from this administration.

Further, our relationship with China is one of disrespect, not respect.

Plus, Iran is now enormously well funded and responsible for the bulk of terrorism that exists worldwide, from

Hezbollah to the Houthis to Hamas. Despite this, we have an administration that has an irrational affinity for gaining some sort of deal or agreement with the terrorist state of Iran.

In addition, perhaps what is worse, Mr. Speaker, there is no plan to take corrective action. Once again, it is just more of the same, and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are asking the American taxpayer to fund the results of the Biden administration's disastrous geopolitical policies.

As former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo put it, this is an America that is on its back foot. Our friends don't trust us, and our adversaries insufficiently fear us.

Mr. Speaker, I could not agree with him more.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

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

God of all creation, bend Your ear toward the Earth and hear the cries of Your people imprisoned by their adversaries, stolen from their lives and loved ones, and held captive by hatred.

There are countless men, women, and children across the globe who are victims of heartless cruelty, but on this day, we lift up those who remain held hostage in Gaza after 5 months, especially our own countrymen: Edan Alexander, Itai Chen, Sagui Dekel-Chen, Omer Neutra, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, and Keith Siegel.

Ever-present one, we pray the Acheinu with their loved ones and their communities, asking that You have mercy upon them and bring them out of their suffering to relief, from darkness to light, from subjugation to redemption, now, speedily, and soon.

And may the righteous memory of those who have died at the hand of their captors, be a powerful testimony to remember, that in atonement all the ends of the Earth will turn to You, O Lord, and bow before You.

O Lord, be not far from us. You are our strength and the deliverer of all those who endure the interminable wait for the return of these our brothers.

In Your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ALFORD 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 7454. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent Resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 992) "An Act to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Texas and New Mexico portions of the future Interstate-designated segments of the Port-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate Route 27, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 118th Congress:

The Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn) (Administrative Co-Chair).

The Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. Fischer) (Co-Chair).

The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Lankford) (Co-Chair).

The Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio).

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Graham).

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Wicker).

The Senator from Idaho (Mr. Risch).

The Senator from Utah (Mr. Romney).

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Ricketts).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

RECOGNIZING PENNSYLVANIA 4-H MEMBERS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pennsylvania 4-H members who received the Diamond Clover Award at the recent 4-H State Leadership Conference.

4-H is a youth development program under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program's main goal is to educate our Nation's youth on pivotal skills and responsibilities to develop them into outstanding citizens.

As chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, I am enlightened to see the work of USDA's programs paving the way for youth.

In total, there were 24 Diamond Clover Award winners from 13 counties across Pennsylvania. I am especially proud to say that out of those 13 counties, 3 of them are from my district, Pennsylvania 15.

Special congratulations to Hannah Trigg from Centre County, Phaedra Bower from Clinton County, and Crystal Clark from Potter Country.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all of them on their hard work and this recognition. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

U.S. MUST USE ITS LEVERAGE TO GET HUMANITARIAN AID INTO GAZA

(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, we cannot ignore the suffering happening in Gaza. Children are dying of malnutrition. There is no food, no clean water, no medicine, and over 2 million people are starving in desperate need of help.

The October 7 attack by Hamas against innocent Israeli civilians and the taking of hostages are horrific crimes, but I am horrified by Prime Minister Netanyahu's response. His government's actions against civilians in Gaza are intolerable and wrong.

U.S. law says no aid shall be furnished under the Foreign Assistance Act or the Arms Export Control Act to any country that: "... restricts, directly or indirectly, the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance."

Mr. Speaker, I would say to President Biden that if the Netanyahu government continues to keep humanitarian aid from entering Gaza at the scale required to meet the needs of the people of Gaza, then you must, Mr. President, use the full leverage of U.S. law to get the trucks rolling again. The lives of millions are counting on you.

BIDEN'S DISASTROUS BORDER POLICY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, President Biden is going to be in this Chamber in just a few hours. I am going to hope for a positive outcome on this in that up to this point the border policy that he and his administration have put in place has been disastrous.

Of late, he has been blaming Republicans for that, for not passing a really bad idea that has come out of the Senate. Well, we have taken responsibility. We passed H.R. 2 very early in this session and sent it over to the Senate where Mr. SCHUMER has ignored it.

I hope the President will call on Mr. SCHUMER and the Democratic Senators to take that bill up over there and have the really strong reform on border strengthening that we need.

If they don't, there are still eight actions right here the President could be doing: end catch and release, reinstate remain in Mexico, and six other ideas that actually were in place when President Trump was in charge that he rescinded on day one.

He could do this with the stroke of a pen, without Congress having to fight over a partisan deal about how to figure this out with legislation.

President Biden could do this. I hope that tonight instead of blaming Republicans, he will take action and use his pen to put these constitutional pieces back in place.

CELEBRATING BRIDGESTONE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Bridgestone, one of the largest industrial employers in Wilson County, North Carolina, is celebrating 50 years.

The facility manufactures passenger and light-truck tires. There are 1,900 employees at this site. The facility is rated number one globally in 19-inch tire production. It has received several certifications and awards, including the Rising Star in the North Carolina Department of Labor's Carolina Star Program and the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification PLUS.

Eastern North Carolina is most grateful to each of the hardworking team members at this essential facility.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Bridgestone on a job well done in reaching this remarkable milestone. I wish them a happy 50th anniversary.

ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, as someone who started my family with IVF, I understand how critical it is to so many families that want to have children.

I believe all life is precious.

Like many Americans, I am pro-life with exceptions for rape, incest, and the health and life of the mother.

For years, political opponents have misrepresented my view, but families in my district know where I stand.

Nothing is more pro-life than helping families have children, and I do not support Federal restrictions on IVF.

A recent court ruling prompted confusion about whether the Life At Conception Act bans IVF.

I am removing myself from the bill because it could create confusion about my support for the blessings of having children through IVF.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 431

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 431. I have been and always will be pro-life.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

MAUI 911 CALL CENTER

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, when things go wrong, when disaster strikes, the first call most of us will make is 911.

On August 8, 2023, dispatchers at Maui's 911 call center were the ones that answered over 4,500 callers as they called in about the wildfires that were tearing through the island.

Through it all, our Maui dispatchers were the first responders who answered the call. Many of them were desperately waiting to hear from their own loved ones, some of whom did not make it.

They operated under incredible stress, absorbing the panic and terror of the callers, providing comfort and direction. There is no doubt in my mind that on that fateful day they saved lives.

Last week, Maui's call center team received the 2023 Outstanding Call Center Award from the Next Gen 911 Institute. They are "Maui Strong," and they represent the very best of us.

All those who answer the call when we need them most deserve to be recognized for what they truly are—first responders. That is why I am proud to cosponsor the bipartisan 911 SAVES Act led by Representatives NORMA TORRES and BRIAN FITZPATRICK.

In honor of all of our dispatchers, it is our turn to answer the call and pass the 911 SAVES Act.

CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the White House is attempting to downplay the threat that the wide-open southern border presents to our national security. This follows the tragic death of Georgia nursing student, Laken Riley. Investigators say she was killed by an illegal immigrant who was paroled into this country in 2022.

The House Homeland Security Committee found that 600,000 nondetained criminal illegal aliens are in the country. Let me repeat that. We have more than 600,000 illegal immigrants with criminal convictions or pending charges in the United States.

In a 2021 memo, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas wrote to the staff: "The fact that an individual is a removable noncitizen should not alone be the basis of an enforcement action against them."

The Biden administration must end this deadly catch and release scheme. It is time to close the border so that overwhelmed border officials have the manpower to deport these criminals. American lives are depending on it.

ROBBINSVILLE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Robbinsville High School wrestling team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 1A team tournament title for the first time in the school's history.

The Robbinsville Black Knights defeated their opponent by 10 points, ending their opponent's 4-year winning streak.

Senior and four-time State champion Kage Williams was awarded Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament and broke the program win record with 169 career victories.

It was also a banner year for longtime coach, David Haney. Coach Haney has been with Robbinsville since 1978 and is now taking a well-deserved retirement after this season.

Each Black Knight on the team made important contributions to a historic State championship, all under the experienced leadership of Coach Haney.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Black Knights. They have made western North Carolina proud.

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF LAKEN RILEY

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

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I sadly rise today in support of H.R. 7511, the

Laken Riley Act, and to honor the namesake of this legislation.

Laken Hope Riley was a beautiful soul taken too soon from her loving family by an illegal migrant who was detained and then released back into our country in 2022.

As a young nursing student, Laken brought joy to everyone around her as she pursued her passion of helping people. She had so much potential and so much life to live. My prayers are with her family as they mourn the loss of her light in this world.

If not for our open borders and catch and release protocols, Laken, and many other innocent Americans who were murdered by illegal immigrants, would be alive today. It is time to secure our border and end these destructive policies now.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 7511 and to continue fighting to ensure no other family has to bury their child due to Biden's preventable crisis.

BULGARIA STANDS WITH DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on March 3, the Republic of Bulgaria celebrated National Day. Yesterday, with Co-Chairman BRAD SCHNEIDER, the Bulgarian Caucus hosted a reception recognizing 120 years of diplomatic relations with America. We appreciate Bulgarian Ambassador Georgi Panayotov.

On June 10, 1990, I observed, with the International Republican Institute, the first post-communist Bulgarian election. I was hosted by Professor Stefan Stoyanov, who was elected to the National Assembly and later reinstated Rotary Clubs across Bulgaria.

This is the 20th anniversary of Bulgarian admission to NATO. Now, Bulgaria has equaled American per capita aid to Ukraine in the war of dictators with rule of gun invading democracies with rule of law.

We welcome Sweden to NATO today, reinforcing peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

McCLAIN STANDS WITH THE FARMERS

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thankless few, the ones who wake up each morning at

the crack of dawn, rain or shine, and simply go to work. Those thankless few are our farmers.

We are great at thanking our first responders, nurses, firefighters, and police officers, as we should, but how often do we thank our farmers? American farmers are the backbone of this Nation, and we often take them for granted.

Regardless of the lack of gratitude we show them, the same farmers get up and do it over and over again, day after day, just to keep this country going.

I encourage everyone to stop and think about where their food comes from and give thanks to the relentless farmers who keep us fed.

Today, and every day, I say thank you to the farmers.

RECOGNIZING HEARTLAND HORSESHOEING SCHOOL

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Heartland Horseshoeing School in Lamar, Missouri, as our district's Small Business of the Month.

Chris and Kelly Gregory opened the school back in 1995 and have since been leaders in teaching the craft of horseshoeing and blacksmithing.

This school is more than just a business. It is a place where students from all over the world can learn a skill that has been very important for centuries.

The Gregorys' work is a reminder of how vital small business is to America. They are not just teaching a trade; they are keeping our heritage strong and helping our economy grow.

Their reach goes far beyond our district, Mr. Speaker. Their YouTube channel shares their knowledge with more than 220,000 subscribers.

Folks like the Gregorys show us what we can do when we achieve with hard work and passion the dreams that make us great in America.

Congratulations to Chris and Kelly Gregory. Their work is shaping the future of horseshoeing and showing the power of small businesses in America.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN ALDRICH

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a remarkable constituent from my hometown and also a great friend, Stephen Aldrich.

Steve is the business manager and financial secretary for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 269 and is renowned in our labor community as an outstanding leader.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his role within Local 269, Steve has been a strong supporter and constant advo-

cate of the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade itself for many years. In fact, I have been walking right alongside him in the parade for quite some time now.

With his advocacy, he has helped grow the committee, and he has worked to make the parade grow each and every year, which it has. Because of Steve's outstanding work, he was selected to lead the parade this year as our grand marshal of the 35th Annual Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly grateful for Steve, for his family, and all he has done over the years, not just as a Local 269 leader, but for all the work he has done for the parade and for his friends, as well, both professionally and personally.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Steve great success in this year's parade. I won't be walking alongside him this year; I will be walking behind him. That is the way it should be.

I thank Steve for all his work for the Bucks County community and the parade committee, as well.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERRY). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(b)(2) of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act (Public Law 117-140), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Dr. Masum Momaya, Gilberts, Illinois

LAKEN RILEY ACT

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1052, I call up the bill (H.R. 7511) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, 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 1052, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7511

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 "Laken Riley Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the Nation—

(1) mourns the devastating loss of Laken Riley and other victims of the Biden administration's open borders policies;

(2) honors the life and memory of Laken Riley and other victims of the Biden administration's open borders policies; and

(3) denounces the open-borders policies of President Joe Biden, "Border Czar" Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and other Biden administration officials.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Biden administration should not have released Laken Riley's alleged murderer into the United States;

(2) the Biden administration should have arrested and detained Laken Riley's alleged murderer after he was charged with crimes in New York, New York, and Athens, Georgia;

(3) President Biden should publicly denounce his administration's immigration policies that resulted in the murder of Laken Riley; and

(4) President Biden should prevent another murder like that of Laken Riley by ending the catch-and-release of illegal aliens, increasing immigration enforcement, detaining and removing criminal aliens, reinstating the Remain in Mexico policy, ending his abuse of parole authority, and securing the United States borders.

SEC. 3. DETENTION OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO COMMIT THEFT.

Section 236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking "or";

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the comma at the end and inserting ", or"; and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

“(E)(i) is inadmissible under paragraph (6)(A), (6)(C), or (7) of section 212(a), and

“(ii) is charged with, is arrested for, is convicted of, admits having committed, or admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of any burglary, theft, larceny, or shoplifting offense.”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(E), the terms ‘burglary’, ‘theft’, ‘larceny’, and ‘shoplifting’ have the meaning given such terms in the jurisdiction where the acts occurred.

“(3) DETAINER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue a detainer for an alien described in paragraph (1)(E) and, if the alien is not otherwise detained by Federal, State, or local officials, shall effectively and expeditiously take custody of the alien.”.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.

(a) INSPECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 235(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the detention and removal requirements under paragraphs (1) or (2) that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of

such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this paragraph to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this paragraph, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(b) APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF ALIENS.—Section 236 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226), as amended by this Act, is further amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking “or release”; and

(B) by striking “grant, revocation, or denial” and insert “revocation or denial”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging an action or decision by the Attorney General or Secretary of Homeland Security under this section to release any alien or grant bond or parole to any alien that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Attorney General or Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subsection to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subsection, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(c) PENALTIES.—Section 243 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the requirement to discontinue granting visas to citizens, subjects, nationals, and residents as described in subsection (d) that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of State on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subsection to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subsection, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(d) CERTAIN CLASSES OF ALIENS.—Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the limitation under subparagraph (A) that parole solely be granted on a case-by-case basis and solely for urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit, that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subparagraph to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subparagraph, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if

the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(e) DETENTION.—Section 241(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “During the removal period,” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—During the removal period,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ENFORCEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF A STATE.—The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of the detention requirement under subparagraph (A) that harms such State or its residents shall have standing to bring an action against the Secretary of Homeland Security on behalf of such State or the residents of such State in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of a civil action filed under this subparagraph to the greatest extent practicable. For purposes of this subparagraph, a State or its residents shall be considered to have been harmed if the State or its residents experience harm, including financial harm in excess of \$100.”

(f) LIMIT ON INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—Section 242(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1252(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) CERTAIN ACTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an action brought pursuant to section 235(b)(3), subsections (e) or (f) of section 236, or section 241(a)(2)(B).”

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 the Judiciary or their respective designees.

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 7511.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today, the House says the name “Laken Riley” through H.R. 7511, the Laken Riley Act.

On this day, 2 weeks ago, the life of a 22-year-old nursing student, Laken Riley, a beautiful and vibrant young woman, came to an abrupt and shocking end, a totally unnecessary end, when she was abducted from her morning run around Lake Herrick Trail on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens and brutally killed, beaten to death and to a state of disfigurement by a criminal alien whom Joe Biden and Alejandro Mayorkas were under legal obligation to detain.

Laken’s failure to return home alarmed her roommate, who called po-

lice. Police found her discarded body in the woods off the running trail, her skull crushed.

Last Friday, Laken’s parents laid their daughter to rest, their lives destroyed by the senseless and depraved actions of a criminal who should not have been here and the callous indifference of the President and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

A Venezuelan, Jose Ibarra illegally entered into our country across the southwest border in 2022. The Biden administration released him, just like millions of others, paroled him into the country to roam wherever he pleased, rather than detaining him as the law required.

Jose Ibarra roamed to New York City. There, in August, NYPD arrested him for driving a scooter without a license with a child on board unprotected by a helmet, and an independent obligation arose for Homeland Security to detain Mr. Ibarra; namely, that he had committed an offense involving moral turpitude by endangering that child. However, NYPD released him and Homeland Security did nothing.

From New York City, Jose Ibarra roamed to join his brother Diego, another criminal illegal alien, in Athens, Georgia. Athens police arrested Diego in September for driving while intoxicated and without a license, also an offense involving moral turpitude which required detention by Homeland Security. However, Homeland Security again did nothing, and Diego, too, was promptly released.

In October, Jose and Diego joined forces to rip off the local Walmart, and it must have been quite something for them to be arrested for shoplifting in this day and age, but arrested they were. Then another basis in law arose for mandatory detention, specifically two or more criminal offenses, by each of them, involving separate criminal acts. Again, Homeland Security utterly disregarded Congress’ statutory command and did nothing. The Ibarra brothers were set free upon the community again.

In December, a final chance came to prevent Laken Riley’s fate. Athens police arrested Diego again for failure to appear for a fingerprintable offense. Why didn’t they arrest Jose? Who knows. Maybe they figured, what is the point? Homeland Security will just continue looking the other way. Even though Diego was also now an absconder, he was released again. The big bureaucratic Department of Homeland Security did nothing.

Secretary Mayorkas was asked whether Jose Ibarra should have been deported before he beat Laken Riley to death. He answered blandly that his agency works closely with law enforcement “to ensure individuals who pose a threat to public safety are made the highest priority for detention and removal,” which reminds me of the more than 30 times Secretary Mayorkas testified to Congress under oath that the border was secure.

What the Secretary omitted to explain was the law he laid down in September 2021, the memo to the Department of Homeland Security employees, where he instructed that the grounds specified by Congress for detention would never be the basis standing alone for any detention by Homeland Security; the law according to Alejandro Mayorkas.

Today, the Laken Riley Act presents two simple and straightforward amendments to law to break through the Biden administration's brazen, defiant, and reckless disregard for Laken Riley and all the other vulnerable Americans out there victimized already or soon to be victimized.

□ 1230

First, it specifies theft offenses as a ground mandating the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody criminal illegal aliens like Jose Ibarra and to issue a detainer request to local law enforcement.

How hard is that, Mr. Speaker? Shouldn't illegal aliens be required to be detained at the border in the first place? Shouldn't those who go on to engage in thievery in our country be detained and removed? Who could disagree with that?

If H.R. 7511 only added another detention mandate to the slew that Secretary Mayorkas is brazenly defying even today, then it would be an act of futility. It would be more statutory commands to an administration that is lawless, and it would do nothing to honor the life and memory of Laken Riley.

Therefore, the other essential element of this bill is to confer standing upon State attorneys general to bring civil actions against open-borders executive branch officials who refuse to enforce the Nation's immigration laws.

This provision comes from H.R. 7322, the SUE for Immigration Enforcement Act, introduced by CHIP ROY and me. It would empower States to hold Homeland Security accountable in Federal courts for flouting mandatory detention requirements, the limits of parole authority, and visa sanctions against countries that refuse to cooperate with repatriation of illegals removed from our country.

This responds to the Supreme Court's ruling of 2023 in *United States v. Texas* that States lack standing in such cases, and it follows the roadmap set forth in the Court's opinion in that case inviting Congress to cure the standing defect by specifically authorizing such suits in statute.

The provision confers standing upon a narrowly defined set of plaintiffs, the States, and it authorizes the judiciary to grant redress. As such, this legislation would ensure that harmful abuses of our immigration laws—in fact, those policies set forth by the Biden administration that are in direct conflict and contradiction with the plain meaning of our laws—will not go unchallenged.

H.R. 7511 also honors Laken Riley's life and those who mourn her loss as

well as all the other victims of the Biden border crisis.

No law passed by this body can bring back Laken or take away the pain suffered by her family and countless other victims of criminal alien crime. The Laken Riley Act, however, will ensure that illegal aliens who commit theft offenses, as Laken's alleged murderer did, cannot be shielded by the Biden administration's continued reckless and callous indifference.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to start by expressing my deepest condolences to Laken Riley's family. The pain of losing a child is something no parent should have to go through. The alleged perpetrator should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

By all accounts, Laken was a kind and gentle soul, beloved by everyone around her. May her memory be a blessing.

Unfortunately, instead of coming together to express our sorrow for Laken's tragic loss, the majority appears to be exploiting her death for yet another partisan political stunt.

Rather than approaching this tragic event in a thoughtful manner, Republicans appear to have just thrown together language from existing unrelated bills that target and scapegoat immigrants to score cheap political points in an election year, while doing nothing to address the situation at the border.

This approach is fundamentally unserious. As if to emphasize the point, the author of this legislation spent the weekend promoting anti-Semitic memes on Twitter.

At base, this bill is a rinse and repeat of the majority's unserious attempt to keep immigration in the news: pick a crime; paste it into a template bill with sweeping, unrealistic immigration consequences; and then require detention and deportation of certain immigrants merely accused of committing such a crime—no due process required—all so that you can demonize immigrants and sound tough without actually making this country safer.

The legislation before us today would subject to mandatory detention any undocumented immigrants merely arrested or charged with committing an act of theft, larceny, or shoplifting, along with those who are convicted or who admit to committing such acts.

Let's think about that. Someone who is arrested and who was never even charged with a crime is now going to be subject to mandatory immigration detention?

The case of Laken Riley is a tragedy, but as is often said, hard cases make bad law.

Under this bill, committing a misdemeanor shoplifting, or even committing no crime at all, can result in a DACA or TPS recipient, someone who may have been in this country for dec-

ades, being subject to mandatory detention.

Sadly, there are countless real-life examples of people getting arrested because of mistaken identity through erroneous witness identification, biographical similarities to perpetrators, and errors caused by faulty facial recognition technology.

In a markup we had in the Judiciary Committee last month, Mr. MASSIE discussed how mistaken identification can deprive someone of their constitutional rights. He noted very real concerns about racial disparities in the development of artificial intelligence and facial recognition tools. These tools have led to numerous erroneous arrests, mostly of people of color.

For example, just over a year ago, a Detroit woman was arrested for robbery and carjacking after she was improperly identified as the perpetrator by automatic facial recognition search. She was 8 months pregnant when she was arrested. After being held by the police for 11 hours, she was released on a \$100,000 bond. It took a month and two hearings for the case against her to be dismissed.

Under this bill, however, if this woman had been on DACA or TPS status, ICE would have been required to detain her upon release, and her U.S. citizen son would have been born in immigration detention even though she had committed no crime.

Mandatory detention of innocent people is not a reasonable or sensible policy choice. This is not where we should be focusing our limited enforcement resources.

It is important to remember that this bill would subject more people to mandatory detention at a time when Republicans refuse to give the Department of Homeland Security the resources it needs to carry out its policies.

The Biden administration is currently detaining 39,000 people a day. That is 5,000 more people than Congress has even provided funding for it to detain.

Congress has never appropriated, and no administration has ever requested, sufficient resources to detain all non-citizens who fall under the "mandatory detention" categories. Even former President Trump never tried to detain all migrants subject to mandatory detention.

House Republicans know this, but instead of facing that reality and providing the resources necessary to address weaknesses in the immigration system, they would prefer to demagogue the issue, and they bring us measures like this.

If that wasn't bad enough, this bill also purports to give State attorneys general standing to sue in court for perceived violations of certain sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act, hoping to convince the judicial branch to impose draconian immigration policy preferences that MAGA Republicans have failed to get through

the political branches of the Federal Government.

This bill simply declares that States have standing to sue so long as the State or its residents suffer almost any degree of harm, no matter how trivial, appearing only to exclude financial harms that are less than \$100.

We should note that this provision is almost certainly unconstitutional. Just declaring that there is standing does not make it so.

Just last year, the Supreme Court addressed the issue of States' standing to sue the Federal Government over immigration enforcement matters, which this bill appears to be a half-baked attempt to circumvent. In an 8-1 decision, the Court held that Texas and Louisiana lacked Article III standing to bring suit against the Federal Government over its alleged violation of some of the very same immigration statutes that this bill would purport to grant standing to the States to sue over.

In rejecting the States' standing argument, the Court noted, among other things, that lawsuits alleging insufficient arrests or prosecution run against the executive branch's Article II authority to enforce the law, which includes the discretion to determine enforcement priorities in the face of lack of resources and shifting public safety and public welfare needs.

This bill also goes directly against the Supreme Court's settled precedent in *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*, which explicitly states that a statutory right to sue does not constitute an injury for purposes of standing.

Be that as it may, settled precedent, much like responsible governance, doesn't seem to matter much to the majority. Time and again, Republicans have refused to engage in bipartisan immigration reform. At the behest of Donald Trump, Republicans dismissed out of hand a bipartisan Senate border bill that Senate Minority Leader McConnell called the strongest border bill in 30 years.

In October, the Biden administration sent Congress a supplemental funding request, which included an additional \$14 billion for border security. House Republicans refused to schedule a vote on this funding request, which would provide the Biden administration the resources it needs to secure the border and would provide additional support for communities receiving migrants.

Both these bills would have allowed the Biden administration to hire thousands more asylum officers and asylum and immigration judges, so asylum hearings happen in weeks, not years. This would help put an end to what my Republican colleagues refer to as catch and release.

That is the procedure in immigration law that has been used by every administration for decades. What they mean by that is you catch someone, but because of lack of resources, his court date is 3 years from then, so you have to release him pending the court date

because he has a credible claim to asylum. However, with the appropriation that the Biden administration had requested, it could be done in weeks, not years, and we wouldn't have the problem of the so-called catch and release.

All they can point to is H.R. 2, which last week had a grand total of 32 "yes" votes in the Senate when it was brought up for a vote.

Instead of rushing yet another partisan stunt to the floor, the majority should work with Democrats to pass bipartisan solutions to address the situation at the border. That would be a far better way to truly honor the lives of those we have tragically lost.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from North Carolina for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, just 2 weeks ago, at the hands of a violent illegal alien, we lost yet another American life, a beloved daughter, student, and Georgian. This has been heartbreaking for the family, our communities, and this Nation. That is why I stand before you today, Mr. Speaker, and rise in strong support of H.R. 7511, the Laken Riley Act.

Laken was an outstanding student at Augusta University's nursing school in Athens and was well on her way to a successful career in helping others and saving countless lives, all to be cut brutally short by a vicious criminal.

This should have never happened and cannot happen again in this Nation. In fact, this could have been prevented had the Senate passed H.R. 2 and secured our border.

It is the responsibility of Congress and this administration to make sure that every American can live in this country safely and that we are a law-abiding nation.

Not only is the suspect in Laken Riley's tragic death here illegally, but he also has a criminal record that includes shoplifting in Athens-Clarke County. Allowing this criminal to freely roam our communities was absolutely unacceptable.

H.R. 7511 would ensure illegal immigrants who commit theft are detained by ICE rather than released back into our communities. The bill would also allow States to sue the Federal Government for failing to enforce our border laws.

I am sick of President Biden and liberal officials across the country not enforcing current law. It is beyond me how anyone can support the sanctuary and catch and release policies that have attracted illegal aliens to those communities, just like the one responsible for taking Laken Riley's life.

In fact, the President has statutory authority to secure our border.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge a "yes" vote on this important legislation to protect our Nation.

Robin, our family, and I continue to join all of our fellow Georgians and

this Nation in praying for Laken's family and loved ones. She will not be forgotten.

□ 1245

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. IVEY), a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 7511, the House Republicans' unconstitutional attempt to violate the separation of powers doctrine.

While I take issue with many aspects of this bill, I am particularly concerned that this bill is a blatant effort to overturn the Supreme Court's 8-1 ruling in *United States v. Texas* and wrongly blame the Biden administration for three decades of border enforcement challenges.

In the Texas case, States sued the Department of Homeland Security about border enforcement. Justice Kavanaugh, a Trump appointee, writing for the 8-1 majority, stated that Texas did not have standing in its lawsuit against the Federal Government. He wrote:

The threshold question is whether the States have standing under Article III to maintain this suit. The answer is no.

This bill does not change the Supreme Court's clear ruling. Determining whether States can bring suit in this type of immigration case is a power that is vested in the Federal courts, not Congress.

Justice Kavanaugh also made clear that the discretion to arrest and detain aliens is a power granted to the executive branch and that:

Executive branch does not possess the resources necessary to arrest or remove all of the noncitizens covered by the Federal immigration laws.

That reality is not an anomaly. It is a constant.

Kavanaugh noted, in addition, that: "For the last 27 years . . . all five Presidential administrations have determined that resource constraints necessitated prioritization in making immigration arrests."

That means DHS cannot detain everybody, so the executive branch, not the States, have to make choices. Unfortunately, this bill would not give DHS the resources to change that.

Instead, House Republicans rely on political stunts, like impeaching Secretary Mayorkas, even though that won't fix the problem at the border. The bipartisan Senate bill that House Republicans refuse to even debate actually would help to address these problems, but the majority won't bring that bill to the floor for a vote. If the Republicans did, it would pass. That is because we all know we need more border agents and more judges to eliminate the backlog of immigration cases.

However, the Republicans are not proposing more resources or any legislation that might truly make a difference.

This bill was not a serious attempt to address the actual border security needs and, as such, I would urge my colleagues to oppose it.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK), the chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Laken Riley's death was foreordained the day that this administration took office and reversed the successful Trump policies that had finally secured our borders.

Since that day, just 3 years ago, more than 6 million illegal aliens have been allowed to enter our country, a population the size of the State of Missouri, our eighteenth largest State.

Very little is done to vet these millions of illegal migrants. We don't know how many terrorists or violent criminals are among them. Additionally, worse, this administration seems not to care.

However, we do know that the number of suspected terrorists that we are apprehending has skyrocketed and that violent international crime cartels and violent foreign gangs are now operating freely in our communities, often protected from deportation and detention by the Democrats' sanctuary laws.

One of these criminals is now accused of the brutal murder of Laken Riley. We do not know how many such monsters this President has allowed into our country, but we are slowly, painfully, and tragically finding out victim by victim.

In this case, the suspect was paroled into this country through a shocking abuse of power by this President. He was repeatedly arrested for theft and other crimes in sanctuary jurisdictions and was each time released back onto our streets.

The bill before us would require this administration to detain illegal aliens who commit theft, burglary, larceny, or shoplifting, something it simply refuses to do. It would also allow States to bring civil action against Federal officials who refuse to enforce these laws.

Today, the name on the bill is Laken Riley. Tomorrow, it will be another victim of these policies, another son or daughter or loved one, and it won't stop until this administration is stopped. That can only be done by the American people.

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker said that illegal aliens who committed crimes should be detained, and, indeed, they should. However, this bill says that illegal aliens who somebody thinks may have committed a crime should be detained mandatorily. That is un-American.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY).

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of the Laken Riley Act.

First, I want to express sincere condolences from everyone in the Seventh Congressional District to Laken Riley's family.

Then-candidate Biden promised in 2020 that we would have open borders, and we have seen the devastating consequences, and it is happening all over the country.

In January, a father of three daughters was killed by an illegal alien in my congressional district in northern Wisconsin. Once again, this illegal alien should have been deported by ICE agents when he was first convicted of drunk driving in 2023. Once again, the Biden administration chose not to deport him.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, this is hardly a surprise. In fact, in 2020, Joe Biden himself declared, I don't count drunk driving, when asked what crimes should merit the removal of illegal aliens. He is not alone.

As we all know, just a few short weeks ago, 150 Democrats in this Chamber voted against legislation to deport criminal aliens convicted of drunk driving. Mr. Speaker, the sad truth is that both Laken Riley and Steven Nasholm's deaths were preventable.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, our hearts do go out to the family of Laken Riley.

Now, we also must acknowledge that we can no longer take the feigned, empty words of sympathy from those across the aisle who refuse to do something meaningful to stop the onslaught that is happening in America today.

Let's think about this. You need to acknowledge you haven't done anything. You sent to us a foreign aid bill that you have claimed is a border security bill. It is no such thing.

However, let's face this fact, as well. Let's face the fact that the law requires detention already. The detention provisions of title 8 are civil in nature and not criminal in nature, and that is why there is already authority and mandates to hold people in custody when they haven't been convicted of various acts, such as drug distribution, prostitution, and other vices. This bill simply adds another criminal offense to a civil construct.

Let's admit that you don't want to stop that. Let's admit that you don't really want to secure the border. If you wanted to secure the border and if this administration wanted to secure the border, there is authority under title 8 right now to enact border closure procedures.

This administration has allowed people to come in running rampant. This administration should apologize to the family of the 11-year-old girl who was raped last week by a Guatemalan illegal alien who should never have been released from custody.

This happens over and over again. It is time now to stand up and say you support this bill, and you are going to begin to take action to bring the border under control.

If you want to talk about parole, we can go into a lengthy discussion about parole, but I am not going into a lengthy discussion.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Laken Riley is dead because of Joe Biden's policies. There are no words that I can say that will bring her back to life. There are no words that will bring back State Trooper Christopher Gadd. There are no words that will bring back 16-year-old Lizbeth Medina. There are no words that will bring back all those who have been brutally beaten, murdered, and damaged by illegals who were let out on parole.

However, for God's sake, pass the Laken Riley Act.

Also, President Biden, stop paroling illegals over and over again. Stop killing our Americans. Stop hurting our Americans.

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

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 7511, the Laken Riley Act, and our hearts do go out to her grieving family today.

This bill is in remembrance of Laken Riley, the 22-year-old nursing student who was tragically murdered in my home community of Athens, Georgia, by an illegal alien who should never have even been in the United States. After illegally entering the country, Laken's murderer was arrested by the NYPD in September of 2023 for acting in a manner to injure a minor and for committing a motor vehicle license violation.

Also, according to an Athens-Clarke County police report, this illegal alien went on to shoplift in Georgia the following month. Clearly, this illegal alien had a pattern of criminal history, one that started when he accepted Joe Biden's invitation to illegally enter our country and do so under an abuse of the parole system.

He should never have been allowed to reside in the United States illegally, and ICE should have immediately issued a detainer after he committed these crimes because, ultimately, if ICE had issued a detainer, this illegal alien would never have been in the United States to commit the horrific murder of Laken Riley.

We must enact changes now to protect communities across the country from facing additional avoidable tragedies. H.R. 7511 provides a commonsense solution to do just that. This legislation requires ICE to issue detainers and take custody of illegal aliens who commit crimes like theft, burglary, and larceny.

Additionally, the local jurisdiction, the Clarke County Sheriff's Office, would also have to recognize and act upon the ICE detainer. When you have a sanctuary city like the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government ignoring these detainers, it makes them a magnet for criminal illegal aliens.

Therefore, I call right now on Athens-Clarke County to publicly reject their sanctuary city policy. If they did, it would be a strong step in the right direction toward preventing our citizens from becoming future victims of violent crimes committed by illegal aliens.

Additionally, the Laken Riley Act contains within it Representative DAN BISHOP's own legislation that just passed out of the Judiciary Committee. It is called the Standing Up to the Executive branch for Immigration Enforcement Act. Hence, my friend, I want to recognize your part in making this legislation happen.

These important provisions that Representative BISHOP authored give State attorneys general standing to bring suit against DHS Secretary Mayorkas, Secretary of State Blinken, and Attorney General Garland for violating certain immigration laws that harm the State or its respective citizens. Representative BISHOP's legislation also allows for appropriate injunctive relief and expedites the disposition of such civil actions.

This important legislation is critical. As a cosponsor, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support the Laken Riley Act. After all, one of the most formidable ways that Congress can deliver justice to the Laken Riley family is by passing this legislation.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO).

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, Laken Riley's future was taken away from her and she from her family because an illegal immigrant in the State of New York was arrested and released, my home State.

My colleague across the aisle knows this full well. Because of policies put in place by this administration, embraced by governors like Kathy Hochul in States like New York, we have surrendered our southern border and made our communities less safe.

It is important to move on this piece of legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to support the Laken Riley Act, but I also ask my colleagues, espe-

cially those from New York, to take serious the challenge that has been made worse and communities less safe because of cashless bail, catch and release, and sanctuary city policies in the State of New York.

I ask them to join me in calling on Governor Kathy Hochul—instead of talking about it—to take action to rescind cashless bail, reform catch and release, and end sanctuary city policies to make safe the people and communities in the State of New York.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from North Carolina for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is so important that we have this debate on the floor and that we pass the Laken Riley Act.

It would be more significant if later tonight in this very Chamber Joe Biden joined us and said that he was going to finally take action, using the same pen that on day one when he became President he used to undo all of those actions that were securing our border if he would say he is going to reverse those actions.

He can work to restore the remain in Mexico protocol, getting us back to a functioning asylum process. He could take direct action with his own pen, no act of Congress, to end catch and release, so that when people come here by the millions as they have, they are not just allowed to go into the interior of our country where we don't even know where they are going.

Governors can't tell you how many people have come into their States illegally, where they are showing up. You see it in cities where they are showing up and they are shutting down schools and gymnasiums to house people.

This is out of control and Joe Biden created the mess. He could solve it, but short of Joe Biden solving it, the House has taken multiple actions to address it.

This Republican House came together last year to pass H.R. 2, a bill designed to actually secure America's border. We took all of those necessary actions, whether the President wants to or not, doing the things that it takes, working with our Border Patrol agents to secure America's border so that we don't have what we have seen, at least 8 million people that have come across illegally.

When you look at some of the devastating consequences, Laken Riley is just one example. I pray for her and I pray for her family. No family should have to go through what Laken Riley's family is still grieving with today, but, unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this is not even an isolated incident.

It is happening over and over again in communities all across America ever since Joe Biden opened our southern border, allowing millions of people

to come in. You are seeing countries emptying out prisons to send people here. People on the terrorist watch list, over 140 that we know of on the terrorist watch list, that have been detained. How many that we don't know of that haven't been caught that are here in America planning to do us harm because Joe Biden opened the southern border?

There is serious negative consequences to those actions that Joe Biden took. When you think about Kenner, Louisiana, a community in my backyard, part of which I represent in my district, just days ago a 14-year-old girl was raped by someone here illegally.

You saw just recently where a 2-year-old was murdered by someone here illegally. How many more communities are going to have to suffer? How many more families are going to have to be victims before Joe Biden admits this problem and then works with us to solve it?

They tried passing a bill in the Senate that actually makes it worse, that codifies things like catch and release, and that gives over a billion dollars of your taxpayer money to fund lawyers for people here illegally.

Yes, that was in the Senate bill that even the Senate didn't pass after all of that hoopla about a bipartisan coalescence. They didn't even pass that bill once they read it.

The House did pass a bill to solve this problem. Today, we are coming together to pass another bill here with the Laken Riley Act to solve this problem, but the worst part of it is, this problem should have never happened if Joe Biden didn't take the steps he took with the pen to open the southern border. He could close it himself. He chooses not to.

We came together and said, then we will close it, Mr. President, and issued veto threats on those bills. He wants an open border, but does he want the consequences to?

Will he look those families in the eye and tell them enough is enough and apologize to them? He could do that tonight from that podium. I sure hope he does, but in the meantime what he really needs to do is work with us to end this madness, to secure America's border, and get back to a functioning, legal system of immigration in America like every other country has so that we don't see this endless flow that is devastating communities all across America.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass the Laken Riley Act and, hopefully, there will be no more examples like Laken Riley in the future.

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

Mr. Speaker, Mr. SCALISE and the other Republicans are not serious about solving the problem we all talk about. Mr. SCALISE says the solution is H.R. 2, a bill so serious it received 32 votes in the United States Senate, a body with 49 Republican Senators.

If the Republicans were sincere and serious about solving this problem, they would vote for the \$14 billion that the President has requested to hire more Border Patrol people and more judges so that asylum decisions can be made in weeks and not years, and he wouldn't have the problem of catch and release.

If Republicans were serious, they wouldn't have tanked the Senate bill developed in negotiations with principally Senator LANKFORD, who is considered the second-most conservative Senator in the Senate, and that bill was going to be agreed to until President Trump decided—former President Trump and hopefully never again President Trump—decided that he would rather have an issue for the campaign than solve the problem, so he told the Republicans to tank the bill that they had just written.

Let's talk about hypocrisy. That is what we are hearing in this Chamber. That is what we hear all the time from a Republican Party that loves the rhetoric, that loves to use the victimhood of people like Laken Riley for political purposes, but this is a Republican Party that does not want to solve this problem, will not take any serious step to solve this problem, and is trying to create a fraud on the American people by pretending that it cares about this problem.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS), who represents Athens, Georgia.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative BISHOP for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have introduced the Laken Riley Act, and I urge you to join me in voting to pass this bill today.

As Joe Biden comes to the Capitol tonight to defend his atrocious record, the House is voting to rebuke him for the open border policies that led directly to Laken Riley's murder.

Enough is enough. The President and the DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas have released millions of illegal aliens into this country and they refuse to secure our border and keep Americans safe.

Unfortunately, the man who murdered Laken was among those millions. Despite committing several crimes in multiple jurisdictions, he was allowed to roam free in America before brutally murdering Ms. Riley on the campus of the University of Georgia on February 22.

Mr. Speaker, Laken was only 22 years old, a nursing student. She had her whole life and a bright future ahead of her. This young woman was an exemplary daughter, sister, and friend. She was cherished by so many people for her loving nature and her servant's heart. She would be with us today if elected leaders who took an oath to preserve our Constitution and faithfully execute our laws had kept their word, but they didn't.

While we can't bring Laken back, we must now turn our focus to doing everything we can to prevent this from happening to another American.

The Laken Riley Act is a key piece in our fight to restore the rule of law and get criminal illegal aliens off our street. This legislation will give Immigration and Customs Enforcement more tools. It will add theft to the list of crimes for which the agency must detain and deport an illegal alien.

This is crucial. Many people who commit petty crimes go on to commit worse crimes. Laken's murderer, Jose Antonio Ibarra, is a prime example of this. Ibarra was cited for shoplifting in Athens, Georgia, just prior to murdering Laken, but under current law, ICE would not have been required to pick up Ibarra, even if local law enforcement had reported him.

Let's change that.

Let's also give States the legal recourse when the Federal Government fails to enforce immigration law. The Laken Riley Act does that. States will be able to sue the Federal Government for injunctive relief when illegals released into this country harm our people.

Lastly, the bill condemns the President's border policies and calls on him to end catch and release, reinstate remain in Mexico, and secure the borders of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, today we act on behalf of those who are no longer with us because of Joe Biden's policies. I thank my colleagues for rallying alongside me to highlight Laken Riley's life these past 2 weeks. Let's continue to pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss and resolve to continue fighting for the American people against the lawlessness created by this administration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on the Laken Riley Act, and when it passes, I also urge my colleagues in the Senate to take this up immediately.

Let's ensure justice for Laken Riley.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close as well, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to close where I began, by expressing my deepest condolences to the family of Laken Riley. I only wish that we were debating a bill worthy of her name. Instead, we have the latest Republican press release, a bill that serves as an excuse to target and demonize immigrants while making our country no safer. I hope that my Republican colleagues will change course and choose to work with Democrats and with the administration in a constructive manner that improves our immigration system and makes our border more secure.

Until then, I must urge Members to oppose this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

H.R. 7511 is but the latest effort by Republicans to do something about the harm that confronts our Nation from an uncontrolled border by the determined action of President Biden and Democrats.

H.R. 2 is an extensive bill with many provisions and extensive reform. Democrats have ignored it. This bill is exceedingly simple and straightforward. Democrats attack it. The excuses for doing nothing never end.

The only answers offered by Democrats are to spend more money processing more aliens faster into the country, making the problem worse, and yet they always deflect blame to someone else for the calamitous results of their policies.

This bill is very straightforward. The objection that a thief should not be deported until after a conviction leaves Americans to be victimized for all the time that would have gone by until a conviction. It is not required under the law.

The distinction between the point the gentleman from New York made about Mr. MASSIE's bill concerning the use of facial recognition technology, that is about American citizens. The people involved here have no right to be in this country. They are not supposed to be here.

They also object that the standing change, that the conferral of standing on State attorneys general is unconstitutional, will not work, but it is Justice Kavanaugh in the opinion of the Court in *United States v. Texas* who said:

For example, Congress might specifically authorize suits against the executive branch by a defined set of plaintiffs who have suffered concrete harms by executive under-enforcement and specifically authorize the judiciary to enter appropriate orders requiring additional arrests or prosecutions by the executive branch.

This bill takes that invitation from the Court to act. It is far past the time for President Biden to act. He will not act. Let's act in this United States Congress.

We have the chance to give States the ability to fight back. We have the chance to recognize Laken Riley's story as a tragedy. There need not be other tragedies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" on the Laken Riley Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7511, the Laken Riley Act.

For the third time in three months, House Republicans are bringing their repackaged partisan talking points to the floor and reviling America's immigrant communities. H.R. 7511 is another bill that undermines constitutional due process and politicizes a tragedy. The murder of Laken Riley is tragic, and it should not be exploited by Republicans looking to use it to pass their harmful legislation.

This bill would compel the Department of Homeland Security to take into custody all non-citizens who have been arrested for theft. No conviction is required, and no additional resources are provided to the Department to carry out this mandate. As I've said before, in America, you are innocent until proven guilty. This has been the law of the land for hundreds of years. This bill is another poorly written slippery slope that undermines the rights of all people legally present in the United States.

Laken Riley's murder is a tragedy. She was a 22-year-old college student who should still be alive today. Republicans are using this horrible event as a political ploy, when they should be coming to the table to find meaningful, bipartisan solutions to fix our broken immigration system. Until then, their dangerous and partisan ploys ring hollow.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 1052, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

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

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

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

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 7511; and

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3843.

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

LAKEN RILEY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 7511) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 251, nays 170, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 66]

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| Cammack | Moskowitz | Rodgers (WA) |
| Gosar | Obornolte | Schiff |
| Grijalva | Pallone | Valadao |
| Kim (NJ) | Porter | |

□ 1401

Messrs. BLUMENAUER, ROBERT GARCIA of California, CLYBURN, Mses. MOORE of Wisconsin, and CHU changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. GALLEGO, VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, GROTHMAN, SORENSEN, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. DELUZIO 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.

Stated for:

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was delayed for this vote while in a classified hearing

for the Energy & Commerce Committee. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 66, H.R. 7511.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 66.

ACTION FOR DENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3843) to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize grants to address dental workforce needs on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 32, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]

YEAS—391

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Adams | Chavez-DeRemer | Fleischmann |
| Aderholt | Cherfilus- | Fletcher |
| Aguilar | McCormick | Flood |
| Alford | Chu | Foster |
| Allen | Ciscomani | Foushee |
| Allred | Clark (MA) | Fox |
| Amo | Clarke (NY) | Frankel, Lois |
| Amodoi | Cleaver | Franklin, Scott |
| Armstrong | Clyburn | Frost |
| Arrington | Cohen | Fry |
| Auchincloss | Cole | Fulcher |
| Babin | Collins | Gallagher |
| Bacon | Comer | Gallego |
| Baird | Connolly | Garamendi |
| Balderson | Correa | Garbarino |
| Balint | Costa | García (IL) |
| Banks | Courtney | García (TX) |
| Barr | Craig | García, Mike |
| Barragán | Crawford | García, Robert |
| Bean (FL) | Crenshaw | Gimenez |
| Beatty | Crockett | Golden (ME) |
| Bentz | Crow | Goldman (NY) |
| Bera | Cuellar | Gomez |
| Bergman | Curtis | Gonzales, Tony |
| Beyer | D'Esposito | Gonzalez, |
| Bice | Dauids (KS) | Vicente |
| Bilirakis | Davis (IL) | Gooden (TX) |
| Bishop (GA) | Davis (NC) | Gottheimer |
| Bishop (NC) | De La Cruz | Graves (LA) |
| Blumenauer | Dean (PA) | Graves (MO) |
| Blunt Rochester | DeGette | Green (TN) |
| Bonamici | DeLauro | Green, Al (TX) |
| Bost | DelBene | Griffith |
| Bowman | Deluzio | Grothman |
| Boyle (PA) | DeSaulnier | Guest |
| Brown | DesJarlais | Guthrie |
| Brownley | Diaz-Balart | Hageman |
| Buchanan | Dingell | Harder (CA) |
| Buchshon | Doggett | Harris |
| Budzinski | Duarte | Harshbarger |
| Burgess | Duncan | Hayes |
| Bush | Dunn (FL) | Higgins (LA) |
| Calvert | Edwards | Hill |
| Caraveo | Ellzey | Himes |
| Carbajal | Emmer | Hinson |
| Cárdenas | Escobar | Horsford |
| Carey | Eshoo | Houchin |
| Carl | Españillat | Houlahan |
| Carson | Estes | Hoyer |
| Carter (GA) | Evans | Hoyle (OR) |
| Carter (LA) | Ezell | Hudson |
| Carter (TX) | Fallon | Huffman |
| Cartwright | Feenstra | Huizenga |
| Casar | Ferguson | Hunt |
| Case | Finstad | Issa |
| Casten | Fischbach | Ivey |
| Castor (FL) | Fitzgerald | Jackson (IL) |
| Castro (TX) | Fitzpatrick | Jackson (NC) |

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jackson (TX) | Miller-Meeks | Sessions |
| Jackson Lee | Mills | Sewell |
| Jacobs | Molinaro | Sherman |
| James | Moolenaar | Sherrill |
| Jayapal | Mooney | Simpson |
| Jeffries | Moore (UT) | Slotkin |
| Johnson (GA) | Moore (WI) | Smith (MO) |
| Johnson (LA) | Moran | Smith (NE) |
| Johnson (SD) | Morelle | Smith (NJ) |
| Joyce (OH) | Moskowitz | Smith (WA) |
| Joyce (PA) | Moulton | Smucker |
| Kamlager-Dove | Mrvan | Sorensen |
| Kaptur | Mullin | Soto |
| Kean (NJ) | Murphy | Spanberger |
| Keating | Nadler | Spartz |
| Kelly (IL) | Napolitano | Stansbury |
| Kelly (MS) | Neal | Stanton |
| Kelly (PA) | Neguse | Staubert |
| Khanna | Nehls | Steel |
| Kiggans (VA) | Newhouse | Stefanik |
| Kildee | Nickel | Steil |
| Kiley | Norcross | Stevens |
| Kilmer | Norman | Strickland |
| Kim (CA) | Nunn (IA) | Strong |
| Krishnamoorthi | Obernalte | Suozzi |
| Kuster | Ocasio-Cortez | Swalwell |
| Kustoff | Omar | Sykes |
| LaHood | Owens | Takano |
| LaLota | Pallone | Tenney |
| LaMalfa | Palmer | Thanedar |
| Lamborn | Panetta | Thompson (CA) |
| Landsman | Pappas | Thompson (MS) |
| Langworthy | Pascrell | Thompson (PA) |
| Larsen (WA) | Payne | Timmons |
| Larson (CT) | Pelosi | Titus |
| Latta | Peltola | Tlaib |
| LaTurner | Pence | Tokuda |
| Lawler | Perez | Tonko |
| Lee (CA) | Peters | Torres (CA) |
| Lee (FL) | Pettersen | Torres (NY) |
| Lee (NV) | Pfluger | Trahan |
| Lee (PA) | Phillips | Trone |
| Leger Fernandez | Pingree | Turner |
| Letlow | Pocan | Underwood |
| Levin | Posey | Van Drew |
| Lieu | Pressley | Van Dуйne |
| Lofgren | Quigley | Van Orden |
| Lucas | Ramirez | Vargas |
| Luetkemeyer | Raskin | Vasquez |
| Luttrell | Reschenthaler | Veasey |
| Lynch | Rodgers (WA) | Velázquez |
| Mace | Rogers (AL) | Wagner |
| Magaziner | Rogers (KY) | Walberg |
| Malliotakis | Rose | Walt |
| Comer | Ross | Wasserman |
| Garamendi | Rouzer | Schultz |
| Correa | Ruiz | Waters |
| Costa | Manning | Watson Coleman |
| García (IL) | Matsui | Webster (FL) |
| García (TX) | McBath | Wenstrup |
| García, Mike | McCaul | Westerman |
| García, Robert | McCain | Wexton |
| Gimenez | McClellan | Wild |
| Golden (ME) | McCollum | Williams (GA) |
| Goldman (NY) | McGarvey | Williams (NY) |
| Gomez | McGovern | Williams (TX) |
| Gonzales, Tony | McHenry | Wilson (FL) |
| Gonzalez, | Meeks | Wilson (SC) |
| Vicente | Menendez | Wittman |
| Gooden (TX) | Meng | Womack |
| Gottheimer | Meuser | Yakym |
| Graves (LA) | Mfume | Zinke |
| Graves (MO) | Miller (IL) | |
| Green (TN) | Miller (OH) | |
| Green, Al (TX) | Miller (WV) | |

NAYS—32

| | | |
|----------|------------|------------|
| Biggs | Donalds | McCormick |
| Boebert | Gaetz | Moore (AL) |
| Brecheen | Good (VA) | Ogles |
| Burchett | Hern | Perry |
| Burlison | Jordan | Rosendale |
| Cammack | Lesko | Roy |
| Cline | Loudermilk | Self |
| Cloyd | Luna | Steube |
| Cloud | Massie | Tiffany |
| Crane | Mast | Weber (TX) |
| Davidson | McClintock | |

NOT VOTING—9

| | | |
|---------|-------------|---------|
| Buck | Greene (GA) | Porter |
| Gosar | Grijalva | Schiff |
| Granger | Kim (NJ) | Valadao |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1410

Mr. CRANE changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). Pursuant to House Resolution 1052 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2799.

Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) kindly take the chair.

□ 1415

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2799) to make reforms to the capital markets of the United States, and for other purposes, with Mr. MURPHY (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 5, printed in part B of House Report 118-407, offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) had been postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 118-407 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 1 by Mr. LAWLER of New York.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma.

Amendment No. 4 by Mrs. WAGNER of Missouri.

Amendment No. 5 by Mr. SHERMAN of California.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic votes in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 1, printed in part B of House Report 118-407, offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.
The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 278, noes 146, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 68]

AYES—278

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aderholt | Fry | Miller (WV) |
| Alford | Fulcher | Miller-Meeks |
| Allen | Gaetz | Mills |
| Allred | Gallagher | Molinaro |
| Armstrong | Gallego | Moolenaar |
| Arrington | Garbarino | Mooney |
| Auchincloss | Garcia, Mike | Moore (AL) |
| Babin | Gimenez | Moore (UT) |
| Bacon | Goldman (NY) | Morelle |
| Baird | Gonzales, Tony | Moskowitz |
| Balderson | Good (VA) | Moulton |
| Banks | Gooden (TX) | Moylan |
| Barr | Gottheimer | Mrvan |
| Bean (FL) | Graves (LA) | Murphy |
| Bentz | Graves (MO) | Nehls |
| Bera | Green (TN) | Newhouse |
| Bergman | Greene (GA) | Nickel |
| Beyer | Griffith | Norman |
| Bice | Grothman | Nunn (IA) |
| Biggs | Guest | Oberholte |
| Bilirakis | Guthrie | Ogles |
| Bishop (NC) | Hageman | Owens |
| Boebert | Harder (CA) | Palmer |
| Bost | Harris | Panetta |
| Brecheen | Harshbarger | Pappas |
| Buchanan | Hern | Peltola |
| Buchson | Higgins (LA) | Pence |
| Burchett | Hill | Perez |
| Burgess | Himes | Perry |
| Burlison | Hinson | Peters |
| Calvert | Houchin | Petterson |
| Cammack | Houlahan | Pfleger |
| Caraveo | Hudson | Phillips |
| Carbajal | Huizenga | Posey |
| Cardenas | Hunt | Quigley |
| Carey | Issa | Reschenthaler |
| Carl | Jackson (TX) | Rodgers (WA) |
| Carter (GA) | James | Rogers (AL) |
| Carter (TX) | Johnson (SD) | Rogers (KY) |
| Case | Jordan | Rose |
| Casten | Joyce (OH) | Rosendale |
| Chavez-DeRemer | Joyce (PA) | Rouzer |
| Chu | Kean (NJ) | Roy |
| Ciscomani | Kelly (MS) | Ryan |
| Cline | Kelly (PA) | Salazar |
| Cloud | Kiggans (VA) | Salinas |
| Clyde | Kiley | Scalise |
| Cole | Kilmer | Schneider |
| Collins | Kim (CA) | Scholten |
| Comer | Kuster | Schrier |
| Correa | Kustoff | Schweikert |
| Costa | LaHood | Scott, Austin |
| Crane | LaLota | Scott, David |
| Crawford | LaMalfa | Self |
| Crow | Lamborn | Sessions |
| Cuellar | Landsman | Sherrill |
| Curtis | Langworthy | Simpson |
| D'Esposito | Larsen (WA) | Slotkin |
| Davidson | Latta | Smith (MO) |
| Davis (NC) | LaTurner | Smith (NE) |
| De La Cruz | Lawler | Smith (NJ) |
| DelBene | Lee (FL) | Smucker |
| DesJarlais | Lee (NV) | Soto |
| Diaz-Balart | Lesko | Spanberger |
| Donalds | Letlow | Spartz |
| Duarte | Loudermilk | Stanton |
| Duncan | Lucas | Staubert |
| Dunn (FL) | Luetkemeyer | Steel |
| Edwards | Luna | Stefanik |
| Ellzey | Luttrell | Steil |
| Emmer | Mace | Steube |
| Eshoo | Magaziner | Stevens |
| Estes | Malliotakis | Strong |
| Ezell | Maloy | Suozi |
| Fallon | Mann | Swalwell |
| Feenstra | Manning | Tenney |
| Ferguson | Massie | Thompson (CA) |
| Finstad | Mast | Thompson (PA) |
| Fischbach | Matsui | Tiffany |
| Fitzgerald | McCaul | Timmons |
| Fitzpatrick | McClain | Torres (NY) |
| Fleischmann | McClintock | Turner |
| Fletcher | McCormick | Van Drew |
| Flood | McHenry | Van Dwyne |
| Foster | Meeks | Van Orden |
| Foxx | Meuser | Vargas |
| Franklin, Scott | Miller (IL) | Vasquez |
| | Miller (OH) | |

Wagner
Walberg
Waltz
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)

Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)

Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 269, noes 153, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 69]

AYES—269

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Adams | Garcia, Robert | Ocasio-Cortez | Alford | Gallego | Morelle |
| Aguilar | Golden (ME) | Omar | Allen | Garbarino | Moskowitz |
| Amo | Gomez | Pallone | Allred | Garcia, Mike | Moulton |
| Balint | Gonzalez, | Pascrell | Amo | Gimenez | Moylan |
| Barragan | Vicente | Payne | Amodei | Goldman (NY) | Murphy |
| Beatty | Green, Al (TX) | Pelosi | Armstrong | Gonzales, Tony | Nehls |
| Bishop (GA) | Hayes | Pingree | Arrington | Gonzalez, | Newhouse |
| Blumenauer | Horsford | Plaskett | Auchincloss | Vicente | Nickel |
| Blunt Rochester | Hoyer | Pocan | Babin | Good (VA) | Norman |
| Bonamici | Hoyle (OR) | Pressley | Bacon | Gooden (TX) | Nunn (IA) |
| Bowman | Huffman | Raskin | Baird | Gottheimer | Oberholte |
| Boyle (PA) | Ivey | Ross | Balderson | Graves (LA) | Ogles |
| Brown | Jackson (IL) | Ruiz | Banks | Graves (MO) | Owens |
| Brownley | Jackson (NC) | Ruppersberger | Barr | Green (TN) | Palmer |
| Budzinski | Jackson Lee | Sablan | Bean (FL) | Greene (GA) | Pappas |
| Bush | Jacobs | Sánchez | Bentz | Griffith | Peltola |
| Carson | Jayapal | Sarbanes | Bera | Grothman | Pence |
| Carter (LA) | Jeffries | Scanlon | Bergman | Guest | Perez |
| Cartwright | Johnson (GA) | Schakowsky | Beyer | Guthrie | Perry |
| Casar | Kamllager-Dove | Scott (VA) | Bice | Hageman | Peters |
| Castor (FL) | Kaptur | Sewell | Biggs | Harder (CA) | Petterson |
| Castro (TX) | Keating | Sherman | Bilirakis | Harris | Pfleger |
| Cerfilius- | Kelly (IL) | Smith (WA) | Bishop (NC) | Harshbarger | Phillips |
| McCormick | Khanna | Smith (MA) | Boebert | Hern | Posey |
| Clark (MA) | Kildee | Sorensen | Bost | Higgins (LA) | Quigley |
| Clarke (NY) | Krishnamoorthi | Stansbury | Boyle (PA) | Hill | Reschenthaler |
| Cleaver | Larson (CT) | Strickland | Brownley | Himes | Rodgers (WA) |
| Clyburn | Lee (CA) | Sykes | Buchanan | Hinson | Rogers (AL) |
| Cohen | Lee (PA) | Takano | Buchson | Houchin | Rogers (KY) |
| Connolly | Leger Fernandez | Thanedar | Burchett | Houlahan | Rose |
| Courtney | Levin | Thompson (MS) | Burgess | Hudson | Rosendale |
| Craig | Lieu | Titus | Burlison | Huizenga | Rouzer |
| Crockett | Lofgren | Tlaib | Calvert | Hunt | Roy |
| Davis (IL) | Lynch | Tokuda | Cammack | Issa | Rutherford |
| Dean (PA) | McBath | Tonko | Caraveo | James | Ryan |
| DeGette | McClellan | Torres (CA) | Carey | Johnson (SD) | Salazar |
| DeLauro | McCollum | Trahan | Carl | Jordan | Sánchez |
| Deluzio | McGarvey | Trone | Carter (GA) | Joyce (OH) | Scalise |
| DeSaulnier | McGovern | Underwood | Carter (TX) | Joyce (PA) | Scholten |
| Dingell | Menendez | Veasey | Case | Kaptur | Schrier |
| Doggett | Meng | Velázquez | Chavez-DeRemer | Kean (NJ) | Schweikert |
| Escobar | Mfume | Wasserman | Ciscomani | Kelly (MS) | Scott, Austin |
| Españillat | Moore (WI) | Schultz | Clark (MA) | Kelly (PA) | Scott, David |
| Evans | Mullin | Waters | Cline | Kildee | Self |
| Foushee | Nadler | Watson Coleman | Cloud | Kiley | Sessions |
| Frankel, Lois | Napolitano | Wexton | Clyde | Kilmer | Sherman |
| Frost | Neal | Wild | Cole | Kim (CA) | Sherrill |
| Garamendi | Neguse | Williams (GA) | Collins | Kuster | Simpson |
| Garcia (IL) | Norcross | Wilson (FL) | Comer | Kustoff | Slotkin |
| Garcia (TX) | Norton | | Costa | LaHood | Smith (MO) |
| | | | Crane | LaLota | Smith (NE) |
| | | | Crenshaw | LaMalfa | Smith (NJ) |
| | | | Crow | Lamborn | Smucker |
| | | | Cuellar | Landsman | Soto |
| | | | Curtis | Langworthy | Spanberger |
| | | | D'Esposito | Larsen (WA) | Spartz |
| | | | Davidson | Latta | Staubert |
| | | | Davis (NC) | LaTurner | Steel |
| | | | De La Cruz | Lawler | Stefanik |
| | | | DelBene | Lee (FL) | Steil |
| | | | DesJarlais | Lee (NV) | Steube |
| | | | Diaz-Balart | Lesko | Strickland |
| | | | Donalds | Letlow | Strong |
| | | | Duarte | Loudermilk | Suozi |
| | | | Duncan | Lucas | Swalwell |
| | | | Dunn (FL) | Luetkemeyer | Tenney |
| | | | Edwards | Luna | Thompson (PA) |
| | | | Ellzey | Luttrell | Tiffany |
| | | | Emmer | Mace | Timmons |
| | | | Eshoo | Malliotakis | Torres (CA) |
| | | | Estes | Maloy | Torres (NY) |
| | | | Ezell | Mann | Trahan |
| | | | Fallon | Mast | Turner |
| | | | Feenstra | McCaul | Van Drew |
| | | | Ferguson | McClain | Van Orden |
| | | | Finstad | McClintock | Vasquez |
| | | | Fischbach | McCormick | Wagner |
| | | | Fitzgerald | McHenry | Walberg |
| | | | Fitzpatrick | Meeks | Waltz |
| | | | Fleischmann | Meuser | Weber (TX) |
| | | | Fletcher | Miller (IL) | Weber (FL) |
| | | | Flood | Miller (OH) | Wenstrup |
| | | | Foster | Miller (WV) | Westerman |
| | | | Foxx | Miller-Meeks | Williams (NY) |
| | | | Franklin, Scott | Molinaro | Williams (TX) |
| | | | Fry | Moolenaar | Wilson (SC) |
| | | | Fulcher | Mooney | Wittman |
| | | | Gaetz | Moore (AL) | Womack |
| | | | Gallagher | Moore (UT) | Yakym |
| | | | | Moore (WI) | Zinke |
| | | | | Moran | |

NOT VOTING—13

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1416

So the amendment was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. HUIZENGA
The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 2, printed in part B of House Report 118-407, offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENGA), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.
The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.
A recorded vote was ordered.
The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

NOES—153

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adams | Garcia, Robert | Ocasio-Cortez |
| Aderholt | Golden (ME) | Omar |
| Aguilar | Gomez | Pallone |
| Balint | Green, Al (TX) | Panetta |
| Barragan | Hayes | Pascarell |
| Beatty | Horsford | Payne |
| Bishop (GA) | Hoyer | Pelosi |
| Blumenauer | Hoyle (OR) | Pingree |
| Blunt Rochester | Huffman | Plaskett |
| Bonamici | Ivey | Pocan |
| Bowman | Jackson (IL) | Pressley |
| Brown | Jackson (NC) | Ramirez |
| Budzinski | Jackson Lee | Raskin |
| Bush | Jacobs | Ross |
| Carbajal | Jayapal | Ruiz |
| Carson | Jeffries | Ruppersberger |
| Carter (LA) | Johnson (GA) | Sablan |
| Cartwright | Kamlager-Dove | Salinas |
| Casar | Keating | Sarbanes |
| Casten | Kelly (IL) | Scanlon |
| Castor (FL) | Khanna | Schakowsky |
| Castro (TX) | Kiggans (VA) | Schneider |
| Cherfilus- | Krishnamoorthi | Scott (VA) |
| McCormick | Larsen (WA) | Scott (VA) |
| Chu | Larson (CT) | Sewell |
| Clarke (NY) | Lee (CA) | Smith (WA) |
| Cleaver | Lee (PA) | Sorensen |
| Clyburn | Leger Fernandez | Stansbury |
| Cohen | Levin | Stanton |
| Connolly | Lieu | Stevens |
| Correa | Lofgren | Sykes |
| Courtney | Lynch | Takano |
| Craig | Magaziner | Thanedar |
| Crawford | Manning | Thompson (CA) |
| Crockett | Massie | Thompson (MS) |
| Davis (IL) | Matsui | Titus |
| Dean (PA) | McBath | Tlaib |
| DeGette | McClellan | Tokuda |
| DeLauro | McCollum | Tonko |
| Deluzio | McGarvey | Trone |
| DeSaulnier | McGovern | Underwood |
| Dingell | Menendez | Vargas |
| Doggett | Meng | Veasey |
| Escobar | Mfume | Velázquez |
| Espallat | Mrvan | Wasserman |
| Evans | Mullin | Schultz |
| Foushee | Nadler | Waters |
| Frankel, Lois | Napolitano | Watson Coleman |
| Frost | Neal | Wexton |
| Garamendi | Neguse | Wild |
| Garcia (IL) | Norcross | Williams (GA) |
| Garcia (TX) | Norton | Wilson (FL) |

NOT VOTING—15

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Brecheen | Granger | Porter |
| Buck | Grijalva | Radewagen |
| Cárdenas | Jackson (TX) | Schiff |
| González-Colón | Kim (NJ) | Valadao |
| Gosar | Mills | Van Duyne |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1420

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. LUCAS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 3, printed in part B of House Report 118-407, offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 301, noes 125, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 70]

AYES—301

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aderholt | Fulcher | Miller-Meeks |
| Alford | Gaetz | Mills |
| Allen | Gallagher | Molinaro |
| Amodei | Gallego | Moolenaar |
| Armstrong | Garbarino | Mooney |
| Arrington | Garcia, Mike | Moore (AL) |
| Auchincloss | Gimenez | Moore (UT) |
| Babin | Goldman (NY) | Moore (WI) |
| Bacon | Gonzales, Tony | Moran |
| Baird | Gonzalez, | Morelle |
| Balderson | Vicente | Moskowitz |
| Banks | Good (VA) | Moulton |
| Barr | Gooden (TX) | Moylan |
| Barragan | Gottheimer | Mrvan |
| Bean (FL) | Graves (LA) | Murphy |
| Bentz | Graves (MO) | Neguse |
| Bera | Green (TN) | Nehls |
| Bergman | Greene (GA) | Newhouse |
| Beyer | Griffith | Nickel |
| Bice | Grothman | Norcross |
| Biggs | Guest | Norman |
| Billrakis | Guthrie | Nunn (IA) |
| Bishop (NC) | Hageman | Obernolte |
| Boebert | Harder (CA) | Ogles |
| Bost | Harris | Owens |
| Boyle (PA) | Harshbarger | Palmer |
| Brecheen | Hayes | Panetta |
| Buchanan | Hern | Pappas |
| Bucshon | Higgins (LA) | Pascarell |
| Budzinski | Hill | Peltola |
| Burchett | Himes | Pence |
| Burgess | Hinson | Perez |
| Burlison | Horsford | Perry |
| Calvert | Houchin | Peters |
| Cammack | Houlihan | Petersen |
| Caraveo | Hudson | Pfluger |
| Carbajal | Huizenga | Phillips |
| Cárdenas | Hunt | Posey |
| Cádenas | Issa | Quigley |
| Carey | Jackson (NC) | Reschenthaler |
| Carl | Jackson (TX) | Rodgers (WA) |
| Carter (GA) | James | Rogers (AL) |
| Carter (TX) | Johnson (SD) | Rogers (KY) |
| Case | Jordan | Rose |
| Casten | Joyce (OH) | Rosendale |
| Chavez-DeRemer | Joyce (PA) | Rouzer |
| Chu | Kaptur | Roy |
| Ciscomani | Kean (NJ) | Ruppersberger |
| Cline | Keating | Rutherford |
| Cloud | Kelly (MS) | Ryan |
| Clyde | Kelly (PA) | Salinas |
| Cole | Kiggans (VA) | Sánchez |
| Collins | Kiley | Scalise |
| Comer | Kilmer | Schneider |
| Connolly | Kim (CA) | Scholten |
| Correa | Kuster | Schrier |
| Costa | Kustoff | Schweikert |
| Courtney | LaHood | Scott, Austin |
| Craig | LaLota | Scott, David |
| Crane | LaMalfa | Self |
| Crawford | Lamborn | Sessions |
| Crenshaw | Landsman | Sherrill |
| Crow | Langworthy | Simpson |
| Cuellar | Larson (CT) | Slotkin |
| Curtis | Latta | Smith (MO) |
| D'Esposito | LaTurner | Smith (NE) |
| Daids (KS) | Lawler | Smith (NJ) |
| Davidson | Lee (FL) | Smucker |
| Davis (NC) | Lee (NV) | Soto |
| De La Cruz | Lesko | Spanberger |
| Dean (PA) | Letlow | Spartz |
| DelBene | Loudermilk | Stanton |
| DesJarlais | Lucas | Stauber |
| Diaz-Balart | Luetkemeyer | Steel |
| Donalds | Luna | Stefanik |
| Duarte | Luttrell | Steil |
| Duncan | Mace | Steube |
| Dunn (FL) | Malliotakis | Strickland |
| Edwards | Maloy | Strong |
| Eilzey | Mann | Suozi |
| Emmer | Manning | Swalwell |
| Estes | Massie | Tenney |
| Ezell | Mast | Thompson (CA) |
| Fallon | Matsui | Thompson (PA) |
| Feenstra | McBath | Tiffany |
| Ferguson | McCaul | Timmons |
| Finstad | McClain | Torres (NY) |
| Fischbach | McClintock | Turner |
| Fitzgerald | McClintock | Van Drew |
| Fitzpatrick | McCormick | Van Duyne |
| Fleischmann | McHenry | Van Orden |
| Fletcher | Meeke | Vargas |
| Flood | Menendez | Vasquez |
| Foster | Meuser | Wagner |
| Fox | Miller (IL) | Walberg |
| Franklin, Scott | Miller (OH) | Waltz |
| Fry | Miller (WV) | |

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| Wasserman | Westerman | Wilson (SC) |
| Schultz | Wexton | Wittman |
| Weber (TX) | Wild | Womack |
| Webster (FL) | Williams (NY) | Yakym |
| Wenstrup | Williams (TX) | Zinke |

NOES—125

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adams | Garamendi | Ocasio-Cortez |
| Aguilar | Garcia (IL) | Omar |
| Allred | Garcia (TX) | Pallone |
| Amo | Garcia, Robert | Payne |
| Balint | Golden (ME) | Pelosi |
| Beatty | Gomez | Pingree |
| Bishop (GA) | Green, Al (TX) | Plaskett |
| Blumenauer | Hoyer | Pocan |
| Blunt Rochester | Hoyle (OR) | Pressley |
| Bonamici | Huffman | Ramirez |
| Bowman | Ivey | Raskin |
| Brown | Jackson (IL) | Ross |
| Brownley | Jackson Lee | Ruiz |
| Bush | Jacobs | Sablan |
| Carson | Jayapal | Sarbanes |
| Carter (LA) | Jeffries | Scanlon |
| Cartwright | Johnson (GA) | Schakowsky |
| Casar | Kamlager-Dove | Scott (VA) |
| Castor (FL) | Kelly (IL) | Sewell |
| Castro (TX) | Khanna | Sherman |
| Cherfilus- | Kildee | Smith (WA) |
| McCormick | Krishnamoorthi | Sorensen |
| Clark (MA) | Larsen (WA) | Stansbury |
| Clarke (NY) | Lee (CA) | Stevens |
| Cleaver | Lee (PA) | Sykes |
| Clyburn | Leger Fernandez | Takano |
| Cohen | Levin | Thanedar |
| Crockett | Lieu | Thompson (MS) |
| Davis (IL) | Lofgren | Titus |
| DeGette | Lynch | Tlaib |
| DeLauro | Magaziner | Tokuda |
| Deluzio | McClellan | Tonko |
| DeSaulnier | McCollum | Torres (CA) |
| Dingell | McGarvey | Trahan |
| Doggett | McGovern | Trone |
| Escobar | Meng | Underwood |
| Eshoo | Mfume | Veasey |
| Espallat | Mullin | Velázquez |
| Evans | Nadler | Waters |
| Foushee | Napolitano | Watson Coleman |
| Frankel, Lois | Neal | Williams (GA) |
| Frost | Norton | Wilson (FL) |

NOT VOTING—11

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Buck | Grijalva | Salazar |
| González-Colón | Kim (NJ) | Schiff |
| Gosar | Porter | Valadao |
| Granger | Radewagen | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1425

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MRS. WAGNER

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 4, printed in part B of House Report 118-407 offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 270, noes 154, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 71]

AYES—270

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aderholt | Garcia, Mike | Moskowitz |
| Alford | Gimenez | Moulton |
| Allen | Gonzales, Tony | Moylan |
| Allred | Gonzalez, | Mrvan |
| Amodei | Vicente | Murphy |
| Armstrong | Good (VA) | Neguse |
| Arrington | Good (TX) | Nehls |
| Auchincloss | Gottheimer | Newhouse |
| Babin | Graves (LA) | Nickel |
| Bacon | Graves (MO) | Norman |
| Baird | Green (TN) | Nunn (IA) |
| Balderson | Greene (GA) | Obernolte |
| Banks | Griffith | Ogles |
| Barr | Grothman | Owens |
| Barragán | Guest | Palmer |
| Bean (FL) | Guthrie | Panetta |
| Bentz | Hageman | Pappas |
| Bera | Harder (CA) | Peltola |
| Bergman | Harris | Pence |
| Bice | Harshbarger | Perry |
| Biggs | Hern | Peters |
| Bilirakis | Higgins (LA) | Petterson |
| Bishop (NC) | Hill | Pfluger |
| Boebert | Himes | Phillips |
| Bost | Hinson | Posey |
| Brecheen | Horsford | Quigley |
| Buchanan | Houchin | Reschenthaler |
| Bucshon | Houlahan | Rodgers (WA) |
| Burchett | Hudson | Rogers (AL) |
| Burgess | Huizenga | Rogers (KY) |
| Burlison | Issa | Rose |
| Calvert | Jackson (TX) | Rosendale |
| Cammack | James | Rouzer |
| Caraveo | Johnson (SD) | Roy |
| Carey | Jordan | Rutherford |
| Carl | Joyce (OH) | Ryan |
| Carter (GA) | Joyce (PA) | Salazar |
| Carter (TX) | Kaptur | Scalise |
| Case | Kean (NJ) | Schneider |
| Casten | Kelly (MS) | Scholten |
| Chavez-DeRemer | Kelly (PA) | Schweikert |
| Ciscomani | Kiggans (VA) | Scott, Austin |
| Cline | Kiley | Scott, David |
| Cloud | Kim (CA) | Self |
| Clyde | Kuster | Sessions |
| Cole | Kustoff | Sherrill |
| Collins | LaHood | Simpson |
| Comer | LaLota | Smith (MO) |
| Correa | LaMalfa | Smith (NE) |
| Costa | Lamborn | Smith (NJ) |
| Courtney | Landsman | Smucker |
| Crane | Langworthy | Soto |
| Crawford | Larson (CT) | Spanberger |
| Crenshaw | Latta | Spartz |
| Crow | LaTurner | Stanton |
| Cuellar | Lawler | Stauber |
| Curtis | Lee (FL) | Steel |
| D'Esposito | Lee (NV) | Stefanik |
| Davidson | Letlow | Loudermilk |
| Davis (NC) | Loudermilk | Steil |
| De La Cruz | Lucas | Steube |
| DesJarlais | Luetkemeyer | Strickland |
| Diaz-Balart | Luna | Strong |
| Donalds | Luttrell | Suozzi |
| Duarte | Mace | Swalwell |
| Duncan | Malliotakis | Tenney |
| Dunn (FL) | Maloy | Thompson (PA) |
| Edwards | Mann | Tiffany |
| Ellzey | Manning | Timmons |
| Emmer | Massie | Turner |
| Estes | Mast | Van Drew |
| Ezell | McCauley | Van Duyn |
| Fallon | McClain | Van Orden |
| Feenstra | McClintock | Vargas |
| Ferguson | McCormick | Vasquez |
| Finstad | McHenry | Wagner |
| Fischbach | Meeks | Walberg |
| Fitzgerald | Meuser | Waltz |
| Fitzpatrick | Miller (IL) | Weber (TX) |
| Fleischmann | Miller (OH) | Webster (FL) |
| Fletcher | Miller (WV) | Wenstrup |
| Flood | Miller-Meeks | Westerman |
| Foster | Mills | Wild |
| Fox | Molinaro | Williams (NY) |
| Franklin, Scott | Moolenaar | Williams (TX) |
| Fry | Mooney | Wilson (SC) |
| Fulcher | Moore (AL) | Wittman |
| Gaetz | Moore (UT) | Womack |
| Gallagher | Moore (WI) | Yakym |
| Gallego | Moran | Zinke |
| Garbarino | Morelle | |

NOES—154

| | | |
|---------|--------|-----------------|
| Adams | Balint | Bishop (GA) |
| Aguilar | Beatty | Blumenauer |
| Amo | Beyer | Blunt Rochester |

[Roll No. 72]

AYES—203

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bonamici | Gomez | Payne | Adams | Garcia, Robert | Pappas |
| Bowman | Green, Al (TX) | Pelosi | Aguilar | Golden (ME) | Pascarell |
| Boyle (PA) | Hayes | Perez | Allred | Goldman (NY) | Payne |
| Brown | Hoyer | Pingree | Amo | Gomez | Pelosi |
| Brownley | Hoyle (OR) | Plaskett | Balint | Gonzalez, | Peltola |
| Budzinski | Huffman | Pocan | Barragán | Vicente | Peters |
| Bush | Ivey | Pressley | Beatty | Gottheimer | Petterson |
| Carbajal | Jackson (IL) | Ramirez | Bera | Green, Al (TX) | Phillips |
| Cardenas | Jackson (NC) | Raskin | Beyer | Harder (CA) | Pingree |
| Carson | Jackson Lee | Ross | Bishop (GA) | Hayes | Plaskett |
| Carter (LA) | Jacobs | Ruiz | Blumenauer | Himes | Pocan |
| Cartwright | Jayapal | Ruppersberger | Blunt Rochester | Horsford | Pressley |
| Casar | Jeffries | Sablan | Bonamici | Hoyer | Quigley |
| Castor (FL) | Johnson (GA) | Salinas | Bowman | Hoyle (OR) | Ramirez |
| Castro (TX) | Kamlager-Dove | Sánchez | Boyle (PA) | Huffman | Raskin |
| Cherfilus- | Keating | Sarbanes | Brown | Ivey | Ross |
| McCormick | Kelly (IL) | Scanlon | Brownley | Jackson (IL) | Ruiz |
| Chu | Khanna | Schakowsky | Budzinski | Jackson (NC) | Ruppersberger |
| Clark (MA) | Kildee | Schrier | Bush | Jackson Lee | Ryan |
| Clarke (NY) | Kilmer | Scott (VA) | Caraveo | Jacobs | Sablan |
| Cleaver | Krishnamoorthi | Sewell | Carbajal | Jayapal | Sablan |
| Clyburn | Larsen (WA) | Sherman | Cardenas | Jeffries | Salinas |
| Cohen | Lee (CA) | Slotkin | Carson | Johnson (GA) | Sánchez |
| Connolly | Lee (PA) | Smith (WA) | Carter (LA) | Kamlager-Dove | Sarbanes |
| Craig | Leger Fernandez | Sorensen | Cartwright | Kaptur | Scanlon |
| Crockett | Levin | Stansbury | Casar | Keating | Schakowsky |
| Davids (KS) | Lieu | Stevens | Case | Khanna | Schneider |
| Davis (IL) | Lofgren | Sykes | Casten | Kildee | Scholten |
| Dean (PA) | Lynch | Takano | Castor (FL) | Kilmer | Scott (VA) |
| DeGette | Magaziner | Thanedar | Castro (TX) | Krishnamoorthi | Scott, David |
| DeLauro | Matsui | Thompson (CA) | Cherfilus- | Kuster | Sewell |
| DelBene | McBath | Thompson (MS) | McCormick | Landsman | Sherman |
| Deluzio | McClellan | Titus | Chu | Larsen (WA) | Sherrill |
| DeSaulnier | McCollum | Tlaib | Clark (MA) | Larson (CT) | Slotkin |
| Dingell | McGarvey | Tokuda | Clarke (NY) | Lee (CA) | Smith (WA) |
| Doggett | McGovern | Tonko | Cleaver | Lee (PA) | Sorensen |
| Escobar | Menendez | Torres (CA) | Clyburn | Leger Fernandez | Soto |
| Eshoo | Meng | Trahan | Cohen | Levin | Spanberger |
| Españillat | Mfume | Trone | Connolly | Lieu | Stanton |
| Evans | Mullin | Underwood | Correa | Lofgren | Stevens |
| Foushee | Nadler | Veasey | Costa | Lynch | Strickland |
| Frankel, Lois | Napolitano | Velázquez | Courtney | Magaziner | Suozi |
| Frost | Norcross | Wasserman | Crockett | Manning | Swalwell |
| Garamendi | Norton | Schultz | Crow | Matsui | Sykes |
| Garcia (IL) | Ocasio-Cortez | Waters | Cuellar | McBath | Thanedar |
| Garcia (TX) | Omar | Watson Coleman | Davids (KS) | McClellan | Thompson (CA) |
| Garcia, Robert | Pallone | Wexton | Davis (IL) | McCollum | Thompson (MS) |
| Golden (ME) | Pascarell | Williams (GA) | Davis (NC) | McGarvey | Titus |
| Goldman (NY) | | Wilson (FL) | Dean (PA) | McGovern | Tlaib |
| | | | DeGette | Meeks | Tokuda |
| | | | DeLauro | Menendez | Tonko |
| | | | DelBene | Meng | Torres (CA) |
| | | | Deluzio | Mfume | Torres (NY) |
| | | | DeSaulnier | Moore (WI) | Trahan |
| | | | Dingell | Morelle | Trone |
| | | | Doggett | Moskowitz | Underwood |
| | | | Escobar | Mrvan | Vargas |
| | | | Eshoo | Mullin | Vasquez |
| | | | Españillat | Nadler | Veasey |
| | | | Evans | Napolitano | Velázquez |
| | | | Fletcher | Neal | Wasserman |
| | | | Foster | Neguse | Wasserman |
| | | | Foushee | Nickel | Schultz |
| | | | Frankel, Lois | Norcross | Waters |
| | | | Frost | Norton | Watson Coleman |
| | | | Gallego | Ocasio-Cortez | Wexton |
| | | | Garamendi | Omar | Wild |
| | | | Garcia (IL) | Pallone | Williams (GA) |
| | | | Garcia (TX) | Panetta | Wilson (FL) |

NOT VOTING—13

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Buck | Hunt | Schiff |
| González-Colón | Kim (NJ) | Torres (NY) |
| Gosar | Lesko | Valadao |
| Granger | Porter | |
| Grijalva | Radewagen | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1428

Mrs. HAYES changed her vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the amendment was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN
The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 5, printed in part B of House Report 118-407 offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.
The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED NOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.
The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 203, noes 223, not voting 11, as follows:

NOES—223

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Aderholt | Burchett | DesJarlais |
| Alford | Burgess | Diaz-Balart |
| Allen | Burlison | Donalds |
| Amodei | Calvert | Duarte |
| Armstrong | Cammack | Duncan |
| Arrington | Carey | Dunn (FL) |
| Auchincloss | Carl | Edwards |
| Babin | Carter (GA) | Ellzey |
| Bacon | Carter (TX) | Emmer |
| Baird | Chavez-DeRemer | Estes |
| Balderson | Ciscomani | Ezell |
| Banks | Cline | Fallon |
| Barr | Cloud | Feenstra |
| Bean (FL) | Clyde | Ferguson |
| Bentz | Cole | Finstad |
| Bergman | Collins | Fischbach |
| Bice | Comer | Fitzgerald |
| Biggs | Craig | Fitzpatrick |
| Bilirakis | Crane | Fleischmann |
| Bishop (NC) | Crawford | Flood |
| Boebert | Crenshaw | Fox |
| Bost | Curtis | Franklin, Scott |
| Brecheen | D'Esposito | Fry |
| Buchanan | Davidson | Fulcher |
| Bucshon | De La Cruz | Gaetz |

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| Gallagher | Lee (NV) | Rogers (KY) |
| Garbarino | Lesko | Rose |
| Garcia, Mike | Letlow | Rosendale |
| Gimenez | Loudermilk | Rouzer |
| Gonzales, Tony | Lucas | Roy |
| Good (VA) | Luetkemeyer | Rutherford |
| Gooden (TX) | Luna | Salazar |
| Graves (LA) | Luttrell | Scalise |
| Graves (MO) | Mace | Schrier |
| Green (TN) | Malliotakis | Schweikert |
| Greene (GA) | Maloy | Scott, Austin |
| Griffith | Mann | Self |
| Grothman | Massie | Sessions |
| Guest | Mast | Simpson |
| Guthrie | McCaul | Smith (MO) |
| Hageman | McClain | Smith (NE) |
| Harris | McClintock | Smith (NJ) |
| Harshbarger | McCormick | Smucker |
| Hern | McHenry | Spartz |
| Higgins (LA) | Meuser | Stauber |
| Hill | Miller (IL) | Steel |
| Hinson | Miller (OH) | Stefanik |
| Houchin | Miller (WV) | Steil |
| Houlahan | Miller-Meeks | Steube |
| Hudson | Mills | Strong |
| Huizenga | Molinaro | Takano |
| Hunt | Moolenaar | Takano |
| Issa | Mooney | Tenney |
| Jackson (TX) | Moore (AL) | Thompson (PA) |
| James | Moore (UT) | Tiffany |
| Johnson (SD) | Moran | Timmons |
| Jordan | Moulton | Turner |
| Joyce (OH) | Moylan | Van Drew |
| Joyce (PA) | Murphy | Van Dwyne |
| Kean (NJ) | Nehls | Van Orden |
| Kelly (MS) | Newhouse | Wagner |
| Kelly (PA) | Norman | Walberg |
| Kiggans (VA) | Nunn (IA) | Waltz |
| Kiley | Obernalte | Weber (TX) |
| Kim (CA) | Ogles | Webster (FL) |
| Kustoff | Owens | Wenstrup |
| LaHood | Palmer | Westerman |
| LaLota | Pence | Williams (NY) |
| LaMalfa | Perez | Williams (TX) |
| Lamborn | Perry | Wilson (SC) |
| Langworthy | Pfleger | Wittman |
| Latta | Posey | Womack |
| LaTurner | Reschenthaler | Yakym |
| Lawler | Rodgers (WA) | Zinke |
| Lee (FL) | Rogers (AL) | |

NOT VOTING—11

| | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| Buck | Grijalva | Radewagen |
| González-Colón | Kelly (IL) | Schiff |
| Gosar | Kim (NJ) | Valadao |
| Granger | Porter | |

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Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. TURNER, and Ms. SALAZAR changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Chair, I was unable to be present to cast my votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall 66, “yea” on rollcall 67, “nay” on rollcall 68, “nay” on rollcall 69, “nay” on rollcall 70, “nay” on rollcall 71, and “yea” on rollcall 72.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Chair, due to a family emergency, I was not present for today’s votes on H.R. 7511 and H.R. 3843, as well as the amendments to H.R. 2799. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 66, “yea” on rollcall No. 67, “yea” on rollcall No. 68, “yea” on rollcall No. 69, “yea” on rollcall No. 70, “yea” on rollcall No. 71, and “nay” on rollcall No. 72.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Chair, due to events in California, I will unfortunately be unable to cast my vote for legislation considered on the House floor today. Had I been able to be present, I would have voted according to the following: “no” on rollcall No. 66, Passage of H.R. 7511—Laken Riley Act, “yea” on rollcall No. 67, H.R. 3843—Action for Dental Health

Act of 2023, “no” on rollcall No. 68, Lawler #1 Amendment on H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act, “no” on rollcall No. 69, Huizenga #2 Amendment on H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act, “no” on rollcall No. 70, Lucas #3 Amendment on H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act, “no” on rollcall No. 71, Wagner #4 Amendment on H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act, and “yea” on rollcall No. 72, Sherman #5 Amendment on H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY) having assumed the chair, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2799) to make reforms to the capital markets of the United States, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ERADICATING NARCOTIC DRUGS AND FORMULATING EFFECTIVE NEW TOOLS TO ADDRESS NATIONAL YEARLY LOSSES OF LIFE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (S. 206) to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DHS BIODETECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARBARINO). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 6174) to improve the biodetection functions of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MISCOMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take note of the fact that some of us on the Energy and Commerce Committee were in executive session on a very important national security matter, and we were told that the first vote this evening was going to be held for us for a few minutes so we could get down here and vote.

Unfortunately, that did not happen. I was upset by it. It was obviously a miscommunication from the floor. However, I do want everyone to understand that those of us who were not able to vote on that first matter this evening did so because of the executive session on national security, and it was through no fault of our own that we missed that first vote.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF 6542.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 6542.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman’s request is granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. After consultation among the Speaker and the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent, the Chair announces that, when the two Houses meet tonight in joint session to hear an address by the President of the United States, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those immediately to his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House. Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly enforced. Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor. The cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of purporting to reserve seats prior to the joint session by placement of placards or personal items will not be allowed. Chamber Security may remove these items from the seats. Members may reserve their seats only by physical presence following the security sweep of the Chamber.

All Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in still photography or audio or video recording in the Chamber. Taking unofficial photographs detracts from the dignity of the proceedings and presents security and privacy challenges for the House.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of receiving in joint session the President of the United States.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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PRESIDENT

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 8 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Ms. Kathleen Joyce, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The joint session will come to order.

The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK);

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HUDSON);

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER);

The gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE);

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCLAIN);

The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE);

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER);

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU);

The gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE);

The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE);

The gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD);

The gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. ESCOBAR);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Mrs. TRAHAN); and

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber:

The Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER);

The Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN);

The Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY);

The Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW);

The Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR);

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER);

The Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN);

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL);

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE);

The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO);

The Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO); and

The Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST).

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Hersey Kyota, the Ambassador of the Republic of Palau.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 9 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, the Honorable William P. McFarland, announced the President of the United States.

The President of the United States, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and stood at the Clerk's desk.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

The PRESIDENT. Good evening. Good evening.

If I were smart, I would go home now.

Mr. Speaker, Madam Vice President, Members of Congress, my fellow Americans, in January 1941, Franklin Roosevelt came to this Chamber to speak to the Nation, and he said: "I address you . . . at a moment unprecedented in the history of the Union."

Hitler was on the march. War was raging in Europe. President Roosevelt's purpose was to wake up Congress and alert the American people that this was no ordinary time. Freedom and democracy were under assault in the world.

Tonight, I come to this same Chamber to address the Nation. Now, it is we

who face an unprecedented moment in the history of the Union, and, yes, my purpose tonight is to wake up the Congress and alert the American people that this is no ordinary moment, either.

Not since President Lincoln and the Civil War have freedom and democracy been under assault at home as they are today. What makes our moment rare is that freedom and democracy are under attack both at home and overseas at the very same time.

Overseas, Putin of Russia is on the march, invading Ukraine and sowing chaos throughout Europe and beyond. If anybody in this room thinks Putin will stop at Ukraine, I assure you, he will not. But Ukraine can stop Putin.

Ukraine can stop Putin if we stand with Ukraine and provide the weapons that it needs to defend itself. That is all. That is all Ukraine is asking. They are not asking for American soldiers. In fact, there are no American soldiers at war in Ukraine, and I am determined to keep it that way. But, now, assistance to Ukraine is being blocked by those who want to walk away from our world leadership.

It wasn't long ago when a Republican President named Ronald Reagan thundered: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Now, my predecessor, a former Republican President, tells Putin: Do whatever the hell you want.

That is a quote. The former President actually said that, bowing down to a Russian leader.

I think it is outrageous, it is dangerous, and it is unacceptable.

America is a founding member of NATO, the military alliance of democratic nations created after World War II to prevent war and keep the peace, and today, we have made NATO stronger than ever. We welcomed Finland to the alliance last year, and, just this morning, Sweden officially joined, and their Minister is here tonight.

Stand up.

Welcome. Welcome. Welcome. Welcome.

And they know how to fight.

Mr. Prime Minister, welcome to NATO, the strongest military alliance the world has ever seen.

I say this to Congress: We have to stand up to Putin. Send me a bipartisan national security bill. History is literally watching. History is watching.

If the United States walks away, it will put Ukraine at risk. Europe is at risk. The free world will be at risk, emboldening others to do what they wish to do us harm.

My message to President Putin, whom I have known for a long time, is simple. We will not walk away. We will not bow down. I will not bow down. In a literal sense, history is watching.

History is watching, just like history watched 3 years ago on January 6th.

Insurrectionists stormed this very Capitol and placed a dagger to the throat of American democracy.

Many of you were here on that darkest of days.

We all saw with our own eyes the insurrectionists were not patriots.

They had come to stop the peaceful transfer of power and to overturn the will of the people.

January 6th and the lies about the 2020 election, and the plots to steal the election, posed the gravest threat to U.S. democracy since the Civil War.

But they failed. America stood strong and democracy prevailed.

We must be honest, the threat to democracy must be defended.

My predecessor and some of you here seek to bury the truth about January 6th.

I will not do that.

This is a moment to speak the truth and bury the lies.

Here is the simple truth: You can't love your country only when you win.

As I have done ever since being elected to office, I ask all of you, without regard to party, to join together and defend democracy.

Remember your oath of office to defend against all threats foreign and domestic.

Respect free and fair elections. Restore trust in our institutions. And make clear, political violence has absolutely no place, no place in America. Zero place.

Again, it is not hyperbole to suggest history is watching. We are watching. Your children and grandchildren will read about this day and what we do.

History is watching another assault on freedom. Joining us tonight is Latorya Beasley, a social worker from Birmingham, Alabama. Fourteen months ago, she and her husband welcomed a baby girl thanks to the miracle of IVF.

She scheduled treatments to have that second child, but the Alabama Supreme Court shut down IVF treatments across the State, unleashed by a Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. She was told her dream would have to wait.

What her family has gone through should never have happened. Unless Congress acts, it could happen again.

Tonight, let's stand up for families like hers. To my friends across the aisle, don't keep us waiting any longer. Guarantee the right to IVF. Guarantee it nationwide.

Like most Americans, I believe *Roe v. Wade* got it right. I thank Vice President HARRIS for being an incredible leader, defending reproductive freedom and so much more.

My predecessor came to office determined to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned. He is the reason it was overturned, and he brags about it.

Look at the chaos that has resulted.

Joining us tonight is Kate Cox, a wife and mother from Dallas. When she became pregnant again, the fetus had a fatal condition. Her doctors told Kate that her own life and her ability to have children in the future were at risk if she didn't act.

Because Texas law banned her ability to act, Kate and her husband had to leave the State to get what she needed.

What her family has gone through should never have happened as well, but it is happening to so many others.

There are State laws banning the freedom to choose, criminalizing doctors, and forcing survivors of rape and incest to leave their States to get the treatment they need.

Many of you in this Chamber and my predecessor are promising to pass a national ban on reproductive freedom. My God, what freedoms will you take away?

In its decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court majority wrote the following—and with all due respect, Justices—“Women are not without electoral or political power.” You are about to realize just how much you were wrong about that.

Clearly, those bragging about overturning *Roe v. Wade* have no clue about the power of women, but they found out when reproductive freedom was on the ballot. We won in 2022, 2023, and we will win again in 2024.

If you, the American people, send me a Congress that supports the right to choose, I promise you I will restore *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land again.

America cannot go back. I am here tonight to show the way forward because I know how far we have come.

Four years ago next week, before I came to office, the country was hit by the worst pandemic and the worst economic crisis in a century.

Remember the fear; record job losses. Remember the spikes in crime and the murder rate; a raging virus that took more than 1 million American lives of loved ones and millions left behind; a mental health crisis of isolation and loneliness.

A President, my predecessor, failed the most basic Presidential duty that he owes to American people, the duty to care.

I think that is unforgivable. I came to office determined to get us through one of the toughest periods in the Nation's history. We have. It doesn't make news, but in thousands of cities and towns, the American people are writing the greatest comeback story never told.

So let's tell the story here and now. America's comeback is building a future of American possibilities, building an economy from the middle out and the bottom up, not the top down, investing in all America, in all Americans to make sure everyone has a fair shot and we leave no one behind.

The pandemic no longer controls our lives. The vaccine that saved us from COVID are now being used to beat cancer. Turning setback into comeback. That is what America does.

That is what America does. I inherited an economy that was on the brink. Now our economy is literally the envy of the world: 15 million new jobs in just 3 years, a record; unemployment at 50-year lows; a record 16 million Ameri-

cans are starting small businesses and each one is a literal act of hope.

With historic job growth and small business growth for Black and Hispanics and Asian Americans; 800,000 new manufacturing jobs in America and counting.

Where is it written we can't be the manufacturing capital of the world? We are. We will.

More people have health insurance today than ever before. The racial wealth gap is as small as it has been in 20 years. Wages keep going up, and inflation keeps coming down. Inflation has dropped from 9 percent to 3 percent, the lowest in the world, and trending lower. The landing is and will be soft.

And now, instead of importing foreign products and exporting American jobs, we are exporting American products and creating American jobs—right here in America, where they belong.

It takes time, but the American people are beginning to feel it. Consumer studies show consumer confidence is soaring. Buy American has been the law of the land since the 1930s. Past administrations, including my predecessor, including some Democrats as well in the past, failed to buy American. Not anymore.

On my watch, Federal projects that you fund, like helping build American roads, bridges, and highways, will be made with American products and built by American workers, creating good-paying American jobs.

Thanks to our Chips and Science Act, the United States is investing more in research and development than ever before. During the pandemic, a shortage of semiconductor chips drove up the price of everything from cell phones to automobiles. And by the way, we invented those chips right here in America.

Well, instead of having to import them, private companies are now investing billions of dollars to build new chip factories here in America, creating tens of thousands of jobs, many of those jobs paying \$100,000 a year and don't require a college degree.

In fact, my policies have attracted \$650 billion in private-sector investments in clean energy and advanced manufacturing, creating tens of thousands of jobs here in America.

Thanks to our bipartisan infrastructure law, 46,000 new projects have been announced all across your communities.

By the way, I notice some of you who strongly voted against it are there cheering on that money coming in. I like it. I am with you. I am with you. If any of you don't want that money in your district, just let me know.

We are modernizing our roads and bridges, ports and airports, and public transit systems; removing poisonous lead pipes so every child can drink clean water without risk of brain damage; providing affordable, high-speed internet for every American, no matter where you live, urban, suburban, and

rural communities in red States and blue States; record investments in Tribal communities.

Because of my investments in family farms, led by my Secretary of Agriculture, who knows more about this than anybody I know, those farms are better able to stay in the family, so their children and grandchildren won't have to leave home to make a living. It is transformative.

A great comeback story is Belvidere, Illinois, home to an auto plant for nearly 60 years. Before I came to office, the plant was on its way to shutting down. Thousands of workers feared for their livelihoods. Hope was fading.

Then, I was elected to office, and we raised Belvidere repeatedly with the auto company, knowing unions would make all the difference. The UAW worked like hell to keep the plant open and get these jobs back, and together, we succeeded.

Instead of an auto factory shutting down, an auto factory is reopening, and a new state-of-the-art battery factory is being built to power those cars. To the folks in Belvidere, I say: Instead of your town being left behind, your community is moving forward again because instead of watching auto jobs in the future go overseas, 4,000 union jobs with higher wages are building the future in Belvidere, right here in America.

Here tonight is UAW president Shawn Fain, a great friend and great labor leader.

Shawn, where are you? Shawn, stand up.

And Dawn Simms, a third-generation UAW worker at Belvidere—Shawn, I was proud to be the first President to stand on the picket line.

Today, Dawn has a good job in her hometown, providing stability for her family and pride and dignity as well, showing once again Wall Street didn't build America. They are not bad guys. They didn't build it, though. The middle class built the country, and unions built the middle class.

I say to the American people, when America gets knocked down, we get back up. We keep going. That is America. That is you, the American people. It is because of you America is coming back. It is because of you our future is brighter. It is because of you that tonight we can proudly say the state of our Union is strong and getting stronger.

Tonight, I want to talk about the future of possibilities that we can build together, a future where the days of trickle-down economics are over and the wealthy and biggest corporations no longer get all the tax breaks.

By the way, I understand corporations. I come from a State that has more corporations invested than every one of your States in the United States combined, and I represented them for 36 years. I am not anticorporation, but I grew up in a home where trickle-down economics didn't put much on my dad's kitchen table.

That is why I am determined to turn things around, so the middle class does well. When they do well, the poor have a way up, and the wealthy still do very well. We all do well.

There is more to do to make sure you are feeling the benefits of all we are doing.

Americans pay more for prescription drugs than anywhere in the world. It is wrong, and I am ending it. With a law that I proposed and signed—not one of you Republican buddies voted for it—we finally beat Big Pharma. Instead of paying \$400 a month or thereabouts for insulin, seniors with diabetes—and it only costs \$10 to make—they only have to pay \$35 a month now. And they will still make a healthy profit.

And what to do next? I want to cap the cost of insulin at \$35 a month for every American who needs it—everyone.

For years, people have talked about it, but finally, we got it done and gave Medicare the power to negotiate lower prices on prescription drugs, just like the VA is able to do for veterans.

That is not just saving seniors money. It is saving taxpayers money.

We cut the Federal deficit by \$160 billion because Medicare will no longer have to pay those exorbitant prices to Big Pharma.

This year, Medicare is negotiating lower prices for some of the costliest drugs on the market that treat everything from heart disease to arthritis.

It is now time to go further and give Medicare the power to negotiate lower prices for 500 different drugs over the next decade.

They are making a lot of money, guys, and they will still be extremely profitable.

That will not only save lives, it will save taxpayers another \$200 billion.

Starting next year, the same law caps total prescription drug costs for seniors on Medicare at \$2,000 a year, even for expensive cancer drugs that cost \$10,000, \$12,000, \$15,000. Now, I want to cap prescription drug costs at \$2,000 a year for everyone.

Folks, I am going to get in trouble for saying it, but if you want to get in Air Force One with me and fly to Toronto, Berlin, Moscow—I mean—excuse me—well, even Moscow, probably—and bring your prescription with you, I promise you, I will get it for you for 40 percent the cost you are paying now—same company, same drug, same place.

Folks, the Affordable Care Act, the old ObamaCare, is still a very big deal. Over 100 million of you can no longer be denied health insurance because of preexisting conditions, but my predecessor and many in this Chamber want to take those prescription drugs away by repealing the Affordable Care Act. I am not going to let that happen.

We stopped you 50 times before, and we will stop you again. In fact, I am not only protecting it, I am expanding it.

We enacted tax credits of \$800 per person per year to reduce healthcare

costs for millions of working families. That tax credit expires next year. I want to make that savings permanent.

To state the obvious, women are more than half our population, but research on women's health has always been underfunded. That is why we are launching the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, led by Jill, doing an incredible job as First Lady.

So, pass my plan for \$12 billion to transform women's health research and benefit millions of lives all across America.

I know the cost of housing is so important to you. If inflation keeps coming down, mortgage rates will come down as well, and the Fed acknowledges that, but I am not waiting.

I want to provide an annual tax credit that will give Americans \$400 a month for the next 2 years as mortgage rates come down to put toward their mortgages when they buy their first home or trade up for a little more space—just for 2 years.

My administration is also eliminating title insurance on federally backed mortgages. When you refinance your home, you can save \$1,000 or more as a consequence.

For millions of renters, we are cracking down on big landlords who break antitrust laws by price-fixing and driving up rents.

We have cut red tape so more builders can get Federal financing, which is already helping build a record 1.7 million new housing units nationwide.

Now, pass my plan to build and renovate 2 million affordable homes and bring those rents down.

To remain the strongest economy in the world, we need to have the best education system in the world. I, like I suspect all of you, want to give a child—every child—a good start by providing access to preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds.

I think I pointed out last year that children coming from broken homes where there are no books, they are not read to, not spoken to very often, and start school, kindergarten, or first grade having heard a million fewer words spoken.

Studies show that children who go to preschool are nearly 50 percent more likely to finish school and go on to earn a 2- or 4-year degree, no matter what their background is.

I met, a year and a half ago, with the leaders of the Business Roundtable. They were mad. They were angry. Well, they were discussing why I wanted to spend money on education. I pointed out to them, as Vice President, I met with over—I think it was 182 of those folks. Don't hold me to the exact number. And I asked them what they need most as CEOs, and you have had the same experience on both sides of the aisle. They say a better educated workforce, right? So, I looked at them, and I say: I come from Delaware. DuPont used to be the eighth largest corporation in the world. And every new enterprise they bought, they educated the

workforce to that enterprise, but none of you do that anymore. Why are you angry with me for providing you the opportunity for the best educated workforce in the world?

They all looked at me and said: I think you are right.

I want to expand high-quality tutoring and summer learning to see that every child learns to read by third grade.

I am also connecting local businesses and high schools so students get hands-on experience and a path to good-paying jobs, whether or not they go to college.

I want to make sure that college is more affordable. Let's continue increasing the Pell grants to working and middle-class families and increase record investments in HBCUs and minority-serving institutions, including Hispanic institutions.

When I was told I couldn't universally just change the way in which you dealt with student loans, I fixed two student loan programs that already existed to reduce the burden of student debt for nearly 4 million Americans, including nurses, firefighters, and others in public service like Keenan Jones, a public school educator from Minnesota who is here with us tonight.

Keenan, where are you? Keenan, thank you.

He has educated hundreds of students so they can go to college. Now, he is able to help, after debt forgiveness, to get his own daughter to college.

Folks, look, such relief is good for the economy because folks are now able to buy a home, start a business, start a family.

While we are at it, I want to give public school teachers a raise.

By the way, the first couple years, we cut the deficit.

Now, let me speak to the question of fundamental fairness for all Americans. I have been delivering real results in fiscally responsible ways. We have already cut the Federal deficit over a trillion dollars. I signed a bipartisan deal to cut another trillion dollars in the next decade.

It is my goal to cut the Federal deficit another \$3 trillion by making big corporations and the very wealthy finally begin to pay their fair share.

Look, I am a capitalist. If you want to make or can make millions and millions of bucks, that is great. Just pay your fair share in taxes.

A fair tax code is how we invest in things that make this country great: healthcare, education, defense, and so much more, but here is the deal. The last administration enacted a \$2 trillion tax cut that overwhelmingly benefited the top 1 percent, the very wealthy, the biggest corporations, and exploded the Federal deficit.

They added more to the national debt than in any other Presidential term in American history. Check the numbers.

For folks at home, does anybody really think the tax code is fair? Do you really think the wealthy and big

corporations need another \$2 trillion in tax breaks?

I sure don't. I am going to keep fighting like hell to make it fair. Under my plan, nobody earning less than \$400,000 will pay an additional penny in taxes. Nobody. Not one penny. And they haven't yet.

In fact, the child tax credit I passed during the pandemic cut taxes for millions of working families and cut child poverty in half. Restore that child tax credit. No child should go hungry in this country.

The way to make the tax code fair is to make big corporations and the very wealthy begin to pay their fair share.

Remember in 2020, 55 of the biggest companies in America made \$40 billion and paid zero in Federal income taxes—zero.

Not anymore.

Thanks to the law I wrote and signed, big companies have to pay a minimum of 15 percent. But that is still less than working people pay in Federal taxes. It is time to raise the corporate minimum tax to at least 21 percent so every big corporation finally begins to pay their fair share.

I also want to end tax breaks for Big Pharma, Big Oil, private jets, and massive executive pay when it is only supposed to be a million dollars that can be deducted. They can pay them 20 million if they want but deduct a million.

End it now.

You know, there are 1,000 billionaires in America. Do you know what the average Federal tax is for those billionaires? No? They are making great sacrifices—8.2 percent. That is far less than the vast majority of Americans pay.

No billionaire should pay a lower Federal tax rate than a teacher, a sanitation worker, or a nurse.

I propose the minimum tax for billionaires of 25 percent—just 25 percent. Do you know what that would raise? That would raise \$500 billion over the next 10 years.

And imagine what that could do for America. Imagine a future with affordable childcare so millions of families can get the care they need to go to work to help grow the economy.

Imagine a future with paid leave because no one should have to choose between working and taking care of their sick family member.

Imagine a future with home care and elder care and people living with disabilities so they can stay in their homes and family caregivers can finally get the pay they deserve.

Tonight, let's all agree once again to stand up for seniors.

Many of my friends on the other side of the aisle want to put Social Security on the chopping block. If anyone here tries to cut Social Security and Medicare or raise the retirement age, I will stop you.

The working people who built this country pay more into Social Security than millionaires and billionaires do. It is not fair.

We have two ways to go. Republicans can cut Social Security and give more tax breaks to the wealthy—that is the proposal.

Oh, no? You guys don't want another \$2 trillion tax cut? I kind of thought that is what your plan was. Well, that is good to hear. You are not going to cut another \$2 trillion for the super wealthy? That is good to hear.

I will protect and strengthen Social Security and make the wealthy pay their fair share.

Look, too many corporations raise prices to pad their profits, charging more and more for less and less. That is why we are cracking down on corporations engaging in price gouging and deceptive pricing from food to healthcare to housing.

In fact, the snack companies think you won't notice if they change the size of the bag and put a hell of a lot fewer—same size bag, put fewer chips in it. No, I am not joking. It is called shrinkflation. Pass BOBBY CASEY's bill and stop this. I really mean it.

You probably all saw that commercial on Snickers bars, and you get charged the same amount, and you got about—I don't know—10 percent fewer Snickers in it.

Look, I am also getting rid of junk fees, those hidden fees at the end of your bills that are there without your knowledge. My administration announced we are cutting credit card late fees from \$32 to \$8.

The banks and credit card companies are allowed to charge what it costs them to instigate the collection, and that is a hell of a lot more like \$8 than 30-something dollars. They don't like it. The credit card companies don't like it, but I am saving American families \$20 billion a year with all the junk fees I am eliminating.

Folks at home, that is why the banks are so mad. It is \$20 billion in profit.

I am not stopping there. My administration has proposed rules to make cable, travel, utilities, and online ticket sellers tell you the total price up front so there are no surprises.

It matters. It matters. And so does this.

In November, my team began serious negotiations with a bipartisan group of Senators. The result was a bipartisan bill with the toughest set of border security reforms we have ever seen.

Oh, you don't think so? Oh, you don't like that bill, huh, that conservatives got together and said it was a good bill? I will be darned. That is amazing.

That bipartisan bill would hire 1,500 more security agents and officers, 100 more immigration judges to help tackle the backlog of 2 million cases, 4,300 more asylum officers and new policies so they can resolve cases in 6 months instead of 6 years now.

What do you get? 100 more high-tech drug detection machines to significantly increase the ability to screen and stop vehicles smuggling fentanyl into America that is killing thousands of children.

This bill would save lives and bring order to the border. It would also give me and any new President new emergency authority to temporarily shut down the border when the number of migrants at the border is overwhelming.

The Border Patrol union has endorsed this bill. The Federal Chamber of Commerce—yeah, yeah, you are saying no. Look at the facts. I know you know how to read.

I believe that given the opportunity a majority of the House and Senate would endorse the bill, as well—the majority right now. But, unfortunately, politics has derailed this bill so far.

I am told my predecessor called Members of Congress and the Senate to demand they block the bill. He feels it would be a political win for me and a political loss for him.

It is not about him. It is not about me.

It would be a winner.

Laken Riley, an innocent young woman who was killed by an illegal—that is right—but how many thousands of people are being killed by legals? To her parents I say, my heart goes out to you, having lost children myself. I understand.

But, look, if we change the dynamic at the border—people pay these smugglers 8,000 bucks to get across the border because they know if they get by—if they get by and let into the country it is 6 to 8 years before they have a hearing, and it is worth taking the chance for \$8,000. But if it is only 6 weeks, the idea is it is highly unlikely that people will pay that money and come all that way knowing that they will be able to be kicked out quickly.

Folks, I would respectfully suggest to my Republican friends, you owe it to the American people. Get this bill done. We need to act now.

If my predecessor is watching, instead of playing politics and pressuring Members of Congress to block the bill, join me in telling Congress to pass it.

We can do it together.

Here is what I will not do: I will not demonize immigrants by saying they poison the blood of our country. I will not separate families. I will not ban people because of their faith.

Unlike my predecessor, on my first day in office, I introduced a comprehensive bill to fix our immigration system. Take a look at it. It has all these and more: Secure the border, provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, and so much more.

Unlike my predecessor, I know who we are as Americans. We are the only Nation in the world with a heart and soul that draws from old and new; home to Native Americans whose ancestors have been here for thousands of years; home to people from every place on Earth.

Some came freely; some came in chains; some came when famine struck, like my ancestral family from Ireland; some to flee persecution; some to chase

dreams that are impossible anywhere but here in America. That is America. We all come from somewhere, but we are all Americans.

Folks, we have a simple choice. We can fight about fixing the border or we can fix it. I am ready to fix it. Send me the border bill now.

A transformational moment in history happened 59 years ago today in Selma, Alabama. Hundreds of foot soldiers for justice marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, named after the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, to claim their fundamental right to vote. They were beaten. They were bloodied and left for dead. Our late friend and former colleague John Lewis was on that march. We miss him.

Joining us tonight are other marchers, both on the gallery and on the floor, including Bettie Mae Fikes, known as the Voice of Selma. The daughter of gospel singers and preachers, she sang songs of prayer and protest on that Bloody Sunday to help shake the Nation's conscience. Five months later, the Voting Rights Act passed and was signed into law.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Fifty-nine years later, there are forces taking us back in time: Voter suppression, election subversion, unlimited dark money, extreme gerrymandering.

John Lewis was a great friend to many of us here, but if you truly want to honor him and all the heroes that marched with him, then it is time to do more than talk. Pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

Stop the denying another core value of America: our diversity across American life.

Banning books, it is wrong. Instead of erasing history, let's make history.

I want to protect fundamental rights. Pass the Equality Act. My message to transgender Americans: I have your back.

Pass the PRO Act for workers' rights. Raise the Federal minimum wage, because every worker has a right to a decent living, more than 7 bucks an hour.

We are also making history by confronting the climate crisis, not denying it. I don't think any of you think there is no longer a climate crisis. At least I hope you don't.

I am taking the most significant action ever on climate in the history of the world. I am cutting our carbon emissions in half by 2030; creating tens of thousands of clean energy jobs, like the IBEW workers building and installing 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations; conserving 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030; and taking action on environmental justice for fenceline communities smothered by the legacy of pollution.

And patterned after the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps, I launched the Climate Corps to put 20,000 young people to work at the forefront of our clean energy future. I will triple that number in a decade.

To state the obvious, all Americans deserve the freedom to be safe, and America is safer today than when I took office.

The year before I took office, murder rates went up 30 percent. Thirty percent they went up, the biggest increase in history. That was then.

Now, through my American Rescue Plan, which every Republican voted against, I might add, we made the largest investment in public safety ever.

Last year, the murder rate saw the sharpest decrease in history, and violent crime fell to one of its lowest levels in more than 50 years.

But we have more to do. Help cities invest in more community police officers, more mental health workers, and more community violence intervention. Give communities the tools to crack down on gun crime, retail crime, and carjacking.

Keep building public trust, as I have been doing by taking executive action on police reform and calling for it to be the law of the land, directing my Cabinet to review the Federal classification of marijuana and expunging thousands of convictions for mere possession, because no one should be jailed for simply using or have it on their record.

To take on crimes of domestic violence, I am ramping up the Federal enforcement of the Violence Against Women Act that I proudly wrote when I was a Senator, so we can finally end the scourge against women in America.

There are other kinds of violence I want to stop. With us tonight is Jasmine, whose 9-year-old sister Jackie was murdered with 21 classmates and teachers in an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Very soon after that happened, Jill and I went to Uvalde for a couple days. We spent hours and hours with each of the families. We heard their message so everyone in this room, in this Chamber, could hear the same message, the constant refrain. I was there for hours meeting with every family. They said: Do something. Do something.

Well, I did do something by establishing the first-ever Office of Gun Violence Prevention in the White House with the Vice President leading the charge.

Thank you for doing that.

Meanwhile, my predecessor told the NRA he is proud he did nothing on guns when he was President.

After another school shooting in Iowa recently, when asked what to do about it, he said just "get over it." There is his quote, just "get over it."

I say: Stop it, stop it, stop it, stop it.

I am proud we beat the NRA when I signed the most significant gun safety law in nearly 30 years because of this Congress. We now must beat the NRA again.

I am demanding a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

Pass universal background checks.

I taught the Second Amendment for 12 years, and none of this violates the Second Amendment or vilifies responsible gun owners.

As we manage challenges at home, we are also managing crises abroad, including the Middle East. I know the last 5 months have been gut-wrenching for so many people, for the Israeli people, the Palestinian people, and so many here in America.

This crisis began on October 7 with a massacre by the terrorist group called Hamas, as you all know. 1,200 innocent people, women and girls, men and boys, slaughtered, many after enduring sexual violence. It was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust, and 250 hostages taken.

Here in this Chamber tonight are families whose loved ones are still being held by Hamas. I pledge to all the families that we will not rest until we bring every one of your loved ones home.

We will also work around the clock to bring home Evan and Paul, Americans being unjustly detained by the Russians and others around the world.

Israel has a right to go after Hamas. Hamas could end this conflict by releasing hostages. Laying down arms could end it, releasing the hostages, laying down arms, and surrendering those responsible for October 7.

Israel has an added burden because Hamas hides and operates among the civilian population like cowards—under hospitals, daycare centers, and all the like. Israel also has a fundamental responsibility, though, to protect innocent civilians in Gaza.

This war has taken a greater toll on innocent civilians than all previous wars in Gaza combined. More than 30,000 Palestinians have been killed, most of whom are not Hamas. Thousands and thousands are innocent women and children—girls and boys also orphaned.

Nearly 2 million more Palestinians are under bombardment or displacement—homes destroyed, neighbors in rubble, cities in ruin. Families are without food, water, medicine. It is heartbreaking.

I have been working nonstop to establish an immediate cease-fire that would last for 6 weeks to get all the prisoners released, all the hostages released, to get the hostages home and ease the intolerable and humanitarian crisis and build toward something more enduring.

The United States is leading international efforts to get more humanitarian assistance into Gaza. Tonight, I am directing the U.S. military to lead an emergency mission to establish a temporary pier in the Mediterranean on the coast of Gaza that can receive large shipments carrying food, water, medicine, and temporary shelters.

No U.S. boots will be on the ground.

A temporary pier will enable a massive increase in the amount of humanitarian assistance getting into Gaza every day, and Israel must do its part. Israel must allow more aid into Gaza and ensure humanitarian workers aren't caught in the crossfire. They are announcing they are going to have a crossing in northern Gaza.

To the leadership of Israel, I say this: Humanitarian assistance cannot be a secondary consideration or a bargaining chip. Protecting and saving innocent lives has to be a priority.

As we look to the future, the only real solution to the situation is a two-state solution over time.

I say this as a lifelong supporter of Israel my entire career. No one has a stronger record with Israel than I do. I challenge any of you here. I am the only American President to visit Israel in wartime.

There is no other path that guarantees Israel's security and democracy. There is no other path that guarantees that Palestinians can live with peace and dignity. And there is no other path that guarantees peace between Israel and all of its neighbors, including Saudi Arabia, with whom I am talking.

Creating stability in the Middle East also means containing the threat posed by Iran. That is why I built a coalition of more than a dozen countries to defend international shipping and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea.

I have ordered strikes to degrade the Houthi capabilities and defend U.S. forces in the region.

As Commander in Chief, I will not hesitate to direct further measures to protect our people and our military personnel.

For years, I have heard many of my Republican and Democratic friends say that China is on the rise and America is falling behind. They have got it backward. I have been saying it for over 4 years, even when I wasn't President: America is rising. We have the best economy in the world. Since I have come to office, our GDP is up, and our trade deficit with China is down to the lowest point in over a decade.

We are standing up against China's unfair economic practices. We are standing up for peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. I have revitalized our partnership and alliance in the Pacific: India, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Pacific Islands.

I have made sure that the most advanced American technologies can't be used in China, not allowing to trade them there.

Frankly, for all his tough talk on China, it never occurred to my predecessor to do any of that.

I want competition with China, not conflict, and we are in a stronger position to win the competition for the 21st century against China or anyone else, for that matter—than at any time as well.

Here at home, I have signed over 400 bipartisan bills, but there is more to do to pass my Unity Agenda.

Strengthen penalties on fentanyl trafficking—you don't want to do that?

Pass bipartisan privacy legislation to protect our children online; harness the promise of AI and protect us from its peril; ban AI voice impersonations and more; and keep our one truly sacred obligation, to train and equip those we send into harm's way and care

for them and their families when they come home and when they don't.

That is why, with the strong support and help of Denis and the VA, I signed the PACT Act, one of the most significant laws ever, helping millions of veterans exposed to toxins who now are battling more than 100 different cancers.

Many of them don't come home, but we owe them and their families support.

We owe it to ourselves to keep supporting our new health research agency called ARPA-H and remind us that we can do big things like end cancer as we know it—and we will.

Let me close with this—I know you don't want to hear any more, Lindsey, but I have to say a few more things.

I know it may not look like it, but I have been around a while. When you get to be my age, certain things become clearer than ever. I know the American story. Again and again, I have seen the contest between competing forces and the battle for the soul of our Nation, between those who want to pull America back to the past and those who want to move America into the future.

My lifetime has taught me to embrace freedom and democracy, a future based on core values that defined America—honesty, decency, dignity, equality, to respect everyone, to give everyone a fair shot, to give hate no safe harbor.

Now, other people my age see it differently—the American story of resentment, revenge, and retribution. That is not me.

I was born amid World War II when America stood for freedom in the world. I grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Claymont, Delaware, among working-class people who built this country.

I watched in horror as two of my heroes, like many of you did, Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy, were assassinated, and their legacies inspired me to pursue a career in service.

I left a law firm and became a public defender because my city of Wilmington was the only city in America occupied by the National Guard after Dr. King was assassinated because of the riots, and I became a county councilman, almost by accident.

I got elected to the United States Senate, when I had no intention of running, at age 29, then Vice President to our first Black President, now President to the first woman Vice President.

In my career, I have been told I was too young. By the way, they didn't let me on the Senate elevators for votes sometimes—not a joke. And I have been told I am too old.

Whether young or old, I have always known what endures. Our North Star.

The very idea of America, that we are all created equal and deserve to be treated equally throughout our lives, we have never fully lived up to that idea, but we have never walked away from it either. And I won't walk away from it now.

I am optimistic. I really am. I am optimistic, Nancy.

My fellow Americans, the issue facing our Nation isn't how old we are. It is how old are our ideas? Hate, anger, revenge, retribution are the oldest of ideas, but you can't lead America with ancient ideas that only take us back. To lead America, the land of possibilities, you need a vision for the future and what can and should be done.

Tonight, you have heard mine. I see a future where we defend democracy. You don't diminish it.

I see a future where we restore the right to choose and protect other freedoms, not take them away.

I see a future where the middle class finally has a fair shot, and the wealthy have to pay their fair share in taxes.

I see a future where we save the planet from the climate crisis and our country from gun violence.

Above all, I see a future for all Americans. I see a country for all Americans. And I will always be President for all Americans because I believe in America. I believe in you, the American people.

You are the reason I have never been more optimistic about our future than I am now, so let's build the future together.

Let's remember who we are. We are the United States of America, and there is nothing—nothing beyond our capacity when we act together.

God bless you all, and may God protect our troops.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.
(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 10 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m., the President of the United States, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The members of the President's Cabinet;

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT SESSION DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint session of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 7454. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 8, 2024, at 9 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-3323. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-12] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3324. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-12] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3325. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Cleanup Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-09] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3326. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-08] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3327. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes) [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-22-06] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3328. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program [EPA-I-OLEM-ORCR-23-02] received February 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3329. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for application — FY24 Guidelines for Technical Assistance to Existing and Potential Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Recipients [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-24-01] received February 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3330. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Guidelines for Brownfield Cleanup Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-15] received February 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3331. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes) [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-14] received February 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3332. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's request for applications — FY24 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants [EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-23-08] received February 15, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 6316. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-413). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 6277. A bill to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to improve such Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-414). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 83. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (Rept. 118-415). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2925. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-416). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VAN ORDEN (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 7576. A bill to amend section 6323 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the rate at which military leave accrues for members of the Reserve and the National Guard from 15 days to 30 days per year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

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

H.R. 7577. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat energy efficient kegs as efficient commercial building property for purposes of the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 7578. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of technologies available to increase the security and resiliency of the communications networks of Taiwan, including through the development of redundancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 7579. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to establish goals for the use of diverse investment advisers, brokers, and dealers in investment management agreements related to the Board of Governors unusual and exigent circumstances authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 7580. A bill to provide for the effective use of immigration detainers to enhance public safety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FOXX, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BANKS, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 7581. A bill to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 7582. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien found to have been unlawfully present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. PETERS, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ROSS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 7583. A bill to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in manufacturing positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. CLINE, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. MACE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NORMAN, Ms.

GREENE of Georgia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 7584. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide cost estimates for legislation reported by the Committee on Appropriations of each House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 7585. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the promulgation of cybersecurity and digital service regulations relating to the use of EBT cards under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MILLS (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 7586. A bill to establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. PELTOLA (for herself and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 7587. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to categorical exclusions of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 7588. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, to reassess certain food ingredients used in the preparation of meat, poultry, and egg products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.J. Res. 118. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to temporarily fill vacancies in the House of Representatives to further the continuity of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the recognition of March 10, 2024, as "Abortion Provider Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H. Res. 1065. A resolution denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H. Res. 1066. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Mahmood Habibi, a

United States citizen, who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of United States citizens by the Taliban; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

ML-89. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 90, affirming this chamber's commitment to supporting an extension of the Affordable Connectivity Program, recognizing that this program provide Michigan citizens state wide with access to affordable broadband services; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 7576.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 14
Article I, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend section 6323 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the rate at which military leave accrues for members of the Reserve and the National Guard from 15 days to 30 days per year, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 7577.

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

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would amend the tax code to treat energy efficient kegs and keg property as efficient commercial building property for purposes of the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 7578.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of technologies available to increase the security and resiliency of the communications networks of Taiwan, including through the development of redundancies, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 7579.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Financial Services

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 7580.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Enhancing public safety through the use of immigration detainees

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 7581.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Increasing data on attacks against law enforcement.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 7582.

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

Article I, Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien found to have been unlawfully present in the United States

By Ms. DELBENE:

H.R. 7583.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: manufacturing jobs for veterans

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 7584.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To improve the transparency of the appropriations process

By Mr. KIM of New Jersey:

H.R. 7585.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Food security

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 7586.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft.

By Mrs. PELTOLA:

H.R. 7587.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 3, and clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to categorical exclusions of the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 7588.

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

Clauses 3 and 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, to reassess certain food ingredients used in the preparation of meat, poultry, and egg products, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KILMER:

H.J. Res. 118.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Congressional continuity.

H.R. 17: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 33: Mr. SARBANES.

H.R. 40: Ms. WESTON.

H.R. 472: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 592: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 594: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. MRVAN.

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H.R. 620: Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 743: Mr. OGLES.

H.R. 795: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 798: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 830: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 871: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 920: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1002: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1015: Mr. ZINKE and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 1092: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1097: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 1139: Mr. HILL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. MACE, Mr. COLE, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1191: Mr. D'ESPOSITO and Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 1220: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1222: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 1330: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 1359: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1477: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 1507: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 1639: Mr. NEGUSE and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1694: Mr. MCCORMICK and Mr. BUCHSHON.

H.R. 1763: Ms. MCCLELLAN.

H.R. 1787: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 2407: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 2410: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 2413: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER and Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 2439: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 2468: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 2537: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2620: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2630: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 2768: Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 2905: Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 2955: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 3005: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 3012: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.

H.R. 3037: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 3333: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 3396: Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 3413: Mr. WALTZ, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 3416: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3433: Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. BUSH, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. DESJARLAIS.

H.R. 3478: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 3479: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. YAKYM.

H.R. 3481: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 3493: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 3539: Ms. SALINAS and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3624: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 3638: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 3933: Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 3951: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 3998: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 4148: Mr. MRVAN and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 4175: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 4184: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.

H.R. 4391: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 4424: Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 4444: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 4534: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 4541: Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 4769: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 4893: Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. CHU, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. PRESSLEY.

H.R. 4978: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 5029: Ms. PEREZ.

H.R. 5182: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 5212: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. AMO, and Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 5254: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 5361: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 5532: Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 5538: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 5564: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 5566: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5644: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 5646: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 5785: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 5789: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 5819: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 5825: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 5840: Mr. BALDERSON and Mr. BOST.

H.R. 5851: Ms. TITUS and Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 6033: Mr. KILMER and Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 6049: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.

H.R. 6111: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 6203: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 6348: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 6349: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 6379: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 6417: Ms. PORTER and Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 6466: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 6538: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 6600: Ms. KUSTER, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 6628: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 6688: Mr. ARMSTRONG and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 6720: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 6745: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 6748: Mr. BACON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 6762: Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 6802: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 6810: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 6929: Mr. TRONE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. CASAR.

H.R. 6939: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 6941: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 6942: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 6943: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 6946: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 6951: Mr. KILEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. AMODEI, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 6961: Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. FROST, Mr. LIEU, Ms. PORTER, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 7040: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 7046: Mr. BENTZ.

H.R. 7056: Ms. BUDZINSKI.

H.R. 7075: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 7084: Ms. PETERSEN.

H.R. 7101: Ms. HAGEMAN.

H.R. 7109: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.

H.R. 7127: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 7138: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 7148: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 7149: Mr. CISCOMANI and Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 7158: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 7183: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 7208: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7227: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 7239: Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 7246: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 7255: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 7288: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 7343: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. OGLES.

H.R. 7355: Mr. HORSFORD and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 7378: Mr. NORCROSS.
 H.R. 7382: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.
 H.R. 7397: Ms. LEE of California.
 H.R. 7398: Mr. TRONE and Mr. SOTO.
 H.R. 7448: Ms. PORTER.
 H.R. 7450: Mr. LOUDERMILK.
 H.R. 7471: Mr. BENTZ.
 H.R. 7488: Mr. LEVIN.
 H.R. 7504: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.
 H.R. 7505: Mr. CRANE.
 H.R. 7511: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. BARR, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. MILLS, Mr. JAMES, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. CLINE, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 7513: Mr. MANN and Mr. LATURNER.
 H.R. 7514: Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 7529: Ms. MCCLELLAN.
 H.R. 7546: Mr. HORSFORD.
 H.R. 7551: Mr. PERRY.
 H.R. 7558: Ms. MCCLELLAN.
 H.R. 7568: Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
 H.R. 7574: Mr. JAMES.
 H.J. Res. 111: Ms. FOXX.
 H. Con. Res. 13: Mrs. CAMMACK and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.
 H. Con. Res. 36: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
 H. Con. Res. 82: Mr. COSTA, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. PORTER, Mr. PANETTA, and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
 H. Res. 99: Mr. BOWMAN.
 H. Res. 146: Mr. HUDSON.
 H. Res. 152: Mr. PAPPAS.
 H. Res. 160: Mr. BOWMAN.

H. Res. 219: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
 H. Res. 709: Mr. VAN DREW.
 H. Res. 904: Mr. BOWMAN.
 H. Res. 929: Mr. CÁRDENAS.
 H. Res. 1063: Mr. PHILLIPS.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H.R. 431: Mrs. STEEL.
 H.R. 6542: Mr. BABIN.