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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 10, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE BOST 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.

### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND DR. TOMMIE L. LEWIS AS PASTOR OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH PRATT CITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to the extraordinary career of a faithful servant leader, the Reverend Dr. Tommie L. Lewis, as we celebrate his retirement as the senior pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pratt City after 42 years of service.

Throughout his life, Pastor T.L. Lewis has poured into his community

as both a faith leader and a public servant. After answering the call to ministry in 1973, he led several congregations before settling at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pratt City in 1982.

As Pastor, Dr. T.L. Lewis worked to expand Bethel's congregation and deepen its impact by establishing a new worship center in 1990, which included a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 1,800. He commissioned a family life center, which became the Bethel Community Learning Center that garnered thousands of State and Federal dollars to support community development and educational initiatives.

After a tornado destroyed these buildings in 2011, it was Pastor Lewis who rallied the community together and rebuilt a beautiful new sanctuary that was completed and consecrated on August 24, 2014.

On a personal note, I have been blessed to call Pastor Lewis a dear friend, a trusted spiritual leader, and a mentor. It is because of him that so much has changed in Pratt City and Birmingham, and we are eternally grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. T.L. Lewis on his retirement as senior pastor at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Pratt City after 42 years.

### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. GLENDA BASKIN GLOVER AS PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a trailblazing leader, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, as she retires after 11 years as president of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee.

The first woman to ever hold this position, Dr. Glover has spent her career breaking down barriers and shattering glass ceilings. A native of Memphis, Dr. Glover has had an accomplished career both in academia and in business. She is one of two African-American women nationwide to hold the combination of Ph.D., CPA, and J.D.

As president of Tennessee State University, Dr. Glover oversaw significant growth and further solidified TSU's status as one of America's premier HBCUs. Her efforts have earned her the role of vice chair of President Biden's HBCU board of advisers.

On a personal note, I know Dr. Glover as my sorority sister and as my mentor. Among her many affiliations, she is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and has served as immediate past international president. It was my mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, who mentored Dr. Glover in her ascension and was so proud of her when she became the international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the president of TSU.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, the first woman president of Tennessee State University.

I know that her retirement does not mean the end of her commitment to community service. I know it will allow her some much-needed rest and time to spend with her family and friends. We wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

### NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION FOUNDATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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 the incredible work of the National Community Action Foundation as they celebrate 60 years of community action.

Virtually every county throughout the country has a community action agency, which is an organization charged with fighting poverty at the local level. Today, I want to recognize

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some of the incredible work these agencies do at the local level to create opportunities for people to move from poverty to financial independence.

Community action agencies administer Federal funds from the community services block grant, which continues to be the only Federal program with the explicit and overarching goal of reducing poverty regardless of its cause.

The vast majority of CSBG funds, no less than 90 percent of each State's allotment, go directly to local agencies that can use these flexible funds to tailor a unique response to poverty in their communities.

Community action agencies are highly successful at leveraging their CSBG allotments to obtain a wide array of other public and private dollars, showing the immense benefits of supporting successful public-private partnerships. These agencies often help administer a wide array of programs, including Head Start, USDA food programs, LIHEAP, Federal homelessness programs, workforce funding, and much more.

For more than 60 years, the Community Action Network has inspired a spirit of hope. It has helped millions of people each year change their lives and has improved communities all across America.

I want to highlight one of the successful agencies in Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District: the Northern Tier Community Action Corporation.

Northern Tier Community Action has served a four-county region in my district since 1966, covering more than 3,000 square miles and serving thousands of individuals annually. They operate a highly successful Head Start program, providing education, health, nutrition, and social services to families with young children who otherwise may not be able to access these services in these rural communities.

Northern Tier also provides housing assistance to families facing imminent loss of their existing housing or who are currently homeless, and they help connect low-income individuals to everything from food to energy assistance.

While agencies like Northern Tier are successful at leveraging CSBG dollars, we can and must do more to make these dollars go even further. Unfortunately, the CSBG program has not been reauthorized in nearly three decades. The program, while successful, needs some modernization to allow agencies the ability to tap their full potential and better serve families and communities.

This program has a strong history of bipartisan support because of the great work it enables, which is why I continue to be a proud partner with my friend, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, on championing recent reauthorization efforts. Several provisions would make the program significantly stronger, including expanded eligibility and an increased authorization to make sure these funds can serve those

most in need. It is also critical that community action agencies maintain local control over planning and activities and avoid a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach.

I am also excited about the possibility of a new broadband navigator program within CSBG to respond to the broadband and digital needs of low-income families and communities.

It is time for Congress to renew our Nation's commitment to reducing poverty by reauthorizing the community services block grant program.

I am grateful for the National Community Action Foundation and the community action agencies across the country that serve those most in need every day.

#### DYLAN JUDE HARRELL COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today with immense pride to recognize DJH Kids, a remarkable nonprofit organization in my district. This exceptional group has successfully obtained a key permit for the proposed Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center in Ilwaco.

This community center honors the life of Dylan Jude Harrell, who was 4 years old when she was diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, a rare and incurable brain cancer, before passing away 20 months later.

This community center will strengthen the foundations of Ilwaco by addressing the childcare crisis working families are facing and bringing together folks for recreational activities and community-led events.

Community centers like this one are key at a time when the average cost of childcare in the U.S. has risen by 220 percent in the last 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the folks at DJH Kids and the entire team supporting the Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center. I am excited for what the future of Ilwaco has in store.

#### HONORING DEPUTY DREW KENNISON

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the remarkable resilience and dedication of Deputy Drew Kennison of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. With his 15-year tenure, Deputy Kennison embodies the essence of a public servant.

Just a year following an incident that led to the amputation of his left leg above the knee, Deputy Kennison made a return to patrol duty. His injury resulted from a duty-related accident where a falling tree branch trapped him in his patrol vehicle. It was the efforts of his fellow SWAT team members and emergency responders who saved his life in a moment that reflected the best of those who serve our community.

Deputy Kennison remained positive and determined to return to service

throughout his recovery. His journey is a testament to his character and passion for service.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with my community in honoring his unwavering commitment to duty and wish him success as he works toward rejoining the SWAT team. Deputy Kennison embodies the best of southwest Washington and our law enforcement community, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his service and the inspiration he provides to us all.

#### HONORING DOUGLAS "BILL" SWARTZ ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a remarkable individual in my district, Mr. Douglas "Bill" Swartz, a distinguished World War II veteran who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Bill's service journey began in the Navy, where he achieved the prestigious rank of radioman first class while stationed on the USS *Clark Mills*. While serving on the USS *Clark Mills*, the vessel was struck by a torpedo in the Mediterranean and sank.

Remarkably, Bill survived this dire situation, being rescued by a British tug, and his service journey didn't end there. Bill's service took him to the USS *Kingsbury*, and from there to Hiroshima.

Following World War II, Bill met and married his beloved Nancy in 1947, and they were happily married for 68 years. During this period, Bill was called back to the Navy to serve in the Korean war as a seaplane tender in Japan.

After his Navy career, he worked for the Federal Home Loan Bank as a loan examiner.

In recognizing Bill Swartz today, we honor not only his personal journey but also the indomitable spirit and sacrifice of countless veterans who have selflessly served our Nation. Bill's story serves as an example of courage, resilience, and dedication to the principles we all hold dear as Americans.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT ALEC LANGEN

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Sergeant Alec Langen, who was a graduate of Washougal High School in my district and one of the five marines killed in the February 6 helicopter crash during a training flight near San Diego.

Sergeant Langen graduated from Washougal High School, where my son would attend high school, in 2018. He enlisted right out of high school.

Becoming a marine was a lifelong dream of his, allowing him to follow in the footsteps of his father.

He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in October 2022 and was a crew chief for the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter just like his dad. Over his career, he earned several decorations, including Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Good Conduct Medal, and many, many others.

Sergeant Langen's story serves as a reminder of the sacrifice our military members and their families face while they serve our Nation.

To his family and loved ones both in Washougal and across the country: I will never understand how deeply you feel his loss every day, but I assure you that Sergeant Alec Langen's sacrifice and example for our country will not be forgotten.

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IN RECOGNITION OF CAMRYN SATTLER

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Camryn Sattler, a standout athlete from Clinton High School.

This weekend, Camryn broke another school record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 20 seconds 34 microseconds, showcasing her exceptional talent and dedication.

Her coach, Tony Steen, praises her relentless work ethic and mental toughness, which have propelled her to success. However, Camryn's achievements are not hers alone. They reflect the collective effort of the entire River Queens team, who secured second place overall at the Assumption Invitational.

From sprinting to field events to relays, the Queens demonstrated their strength and versatility, inspiring us all with their potential for even greater success.

Mr. Speaker, let us applaud Camryn, her teammates, and their coaches for their outstanding achievements and continue to support and celebrate the success of our young athletes.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAXON ROBERTSON

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Iowa City High School student Jaxon Robertson's recent honorable-mention win for C-SPAN's 20th annual StudentCam competition.

Every year, C-SPAN invites middle and high schoolers to think critically about issues that affect their communities and the Nation. This year's theme was "Looking Forward while Considering the Past."

Robertson's 6-minute documentary, "Prescribing Change: America's Healthcare Crisis," skillfully examines the impact of underinsurance and lack of health coverage, highlighting healthcare accessibility, rural healthcare challenges, prescription costs, and chronic illness rates in the United States.

Robertson's proposed solutions include prioritizing preventative care and reforming the fee-for-service model.

As a doctor, rural healthcare issues are near and dear to my heart, which is why I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this incredible achievement and wishing Jaxon Robertson future success as he continues to examine complex issues that affect Iowans.

NATIONAL GOLD STAR SPOUSES DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Gold Star

Spouses Day, which was this past Friday, April 5, 2024.

In 2010, Congress designated April 5 as National Gold Star Spouses Day to pay tribute to the surviving husbands and wives of fallen servicemembers.

I recognize the Iowa family of Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Petty Officer First Class Joseph Adam McSween, who, along with his teammates, gave the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Iraqi Freedom in April of 2007 when their vehicle was struck by an enemy rocket.

Erin McSween is Adam's surviving Gold Star spouse and proud mother of two girls, Lilly and Gwyneth. Erin is a native of Jasper County, Iowa, and Gwyneth is currently a student at the University of Iowa, while Lilly attends the University of Western States.

Erin volunteers with several non-profits to advocate for Gold Star spouses and families. She is delighted to see Lilly and Gwyneth take on that advocacy to raise awareness of the unique needs of Gold Star children.

As a 24-year Army veteran, I will always fight for our servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

May God bless the family of Adam McSween. May God bless our servicemembers and veterans, and may God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF IOWA'S WOMEN'S WRESTLING TEAM

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the University of Iowa women's wrestling team, which finished the season strong at the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Tournament with 6 collegiate champions and 12 All-Americans, as well as the team title for the most points.

Despite only being inaugurated in 2021, Coach Chun and the entire athletics department have worked tirelessly to build up this program and make it among the most elite women's wrestling teams in the Nation. Because of these incredible efforts, six champion Hawkeyes will be representing their school at the Olympic trials set to take place at Penn State University next week. I also visited with the family of one of those wrestling champions, Lilly Luft, yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in celebrating these incredible Hawkeyes and wish them well as they work to secure a spot at the Olympics this summer. As always and forever, Go Hawkeyes.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the most successful internet affordability program in our Nation's history will soon run out of money unless Congress acts.

There are 23 million families who rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program in our country. If Congress doesn't reauthorize this funding, the

program will run out of money in a matter of weeks.

This is deeply concerning for thousands of our residents who depend on this program for internet access. In Michigan's 12th District alone, this program has benefited 110,000 households, reducing broadband costs in the district by \$52.1 million annually.

Losing this access would jeopardize the well-being and opportunities, Mr. Speaker, for an estimated 64 million Americans, especially our seasoned residents. That is why the program is so important and why I cosponsored the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act and I urge Speaker JOHNSON to bring this bill to the floor for a vote.

Access to internet is a necessity for our communities; not a luxury. From education to employment to scheduling healthcare appointments to access to health services, everyone deserves affordable internet access.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot let this crucial resource expire and leave our residents disconnected.

DISABILITY JUSTICE

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, disability rights are human rights. Everyone in our country and around the world, including people living with disabilities, deserves to lead a fulfilling life with dignity.

I am committed to dismantling the barriers and injustices our neighbors with disabilities face to ensure our country is living up to our values of equity and equal rights for all people.

Our neighbors with disabilities cannot receive the quality healthcare they need and deserve when medical facilities lack accessible equipment like examination tables, weight scales, dental chairs, and radiology devices. I can't even imagine.

This is why I joined my sister in service, Congresswoman AYANNA PRESSLEY, in urging the Justice Department to address this issue and help the disabled community access equitable healthcare. I am so grateful for her leadership and partnership.

Please know that studies have shown that women with disabilities have a higher risk of dying from breast cancer and cervical cancer but are less likely than able-bodied women to receive mammograms and other tests to diagnose those conditions because of the lack of access to equipment.

Mr. Speaker, we must address this injustice with the urgency it deserves.

RECOGNIZING EID AL-FITR

Ms. TLAIB. Today, Mr. Speaker, is Eid Al-Fitr, an end to the holy month of Ramadan.

Eid Mubarak to all my fellow Muslims in Michigan's 12th Congressional District, across the country, and the world. May Allah accept our fasts and deeds of the past month and forgive us for our shortcomings.

Mr. Speaker, this Eid is not the same for the Muslim communities that our Members represent. Gaza is on their minds and hearts today as they witness

the starvation and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians continue.

The images of children in Gaza celebrating Eid on top of the rubble of their homes, schools, and masjids that no longer stand brings them to tears.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please listen to them. Listen to our fellow Americans of the Muslim faith when they urge my colleagues to not just pray, but also demand a permanent cease-fire.

Mr. Speaker, saving lives should not be controversial.

#### HOUSING CRISIS

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, no one can disagree that we are facing a housing crisis in our country.

Today, the average renter now pays over 30 percent of their income toward rent, and 78 percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. In metro Detroit alone, there are three extremely low-income renter households for each unit that is both affordable and available.

Our investments in public housing have long been insufficient. The Detroit Housing Commission needs hundreds of millions of dollars in capital improvements, but they only have \$12 million annually to spend.

I introduced the Public Housing for the 21st Century Act to ensure that public housing developers have access to the latest, best practices using local policy tools and financing.

When it comes to homeownership, after the 2008 financial crisis, Michigan experienced the largest decrease in Black homeownership compared to any other State in the country. The Black homeownership rates in Wayne and Oakland counties in my district dropped more than 10 percentage points. This is a crisis that must be addressed.

This is Fair Housing Month. I am urging my colleagues to please support the largest investment in funding for HUD's affordable housing and homelessness programs for the next fiscal year.

#### CELEBRATING PAGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Page Memorial Hospital.

For the last century, Page Memorial Hospital has dedicated their resources to serving residents of Page County and beyond. This year, Page Memorial was named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. As a critical access hospital, they provide a wide range of services that are vital to maintaining good health and inspiring overall wellness across Virginia's Sixth District.

In 2014, the hospital moved into a new 67,700-square-foot replacement facility, which features private inpatient

rooms, an expanded emergency department and greatly enhanced transitional care program for patients who require additional nursing and rehabilitation care after being discharged from the hospital.

The hospital also has a state-of-the-art outpatient rehab center, which brings all of the physical, occupational, and speech therapy services together to provide patients with better coordination of care while increasing patient safety.

I am so grateful to have them serving Page County and all the folks across Virginia's Sixth District. I thank Page Memorial Hospital for 100 years of care, and I wish them the best and most successful 100 more years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING SALEM HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Salem High School forensics team for making history by winning its 18th consecutive State championship. The team dominated the class 4 field with a 40-17 win over the runner up.

These champions include senior Kade Lakin who led the team with his third straight Serious Duo championship this year with sophomore Bella Poarch. Along with Poarch, Salem had several first-time State champions, including Lebron Parsell in Extemporaneous Speaking, Claire Rawlins in Impromptu Speaking, Noah Lovern Storytelling, Charlie Bain in Humorous, and eighth grader Tara Farrokhpoor in Prose.

Since 2004, Salem has won 99 individual event championships in forensics. Coach Mark Ingerson has done an incredible job of driving home the importance of teamwork amongst the students, and his leadership has bolstered the team's success.

I congratulate the participants, parents, coaches, and staff for this incredible win and making this milestone possible.

#### CONGRATULATING KATE COLLINS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WAYNESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB TEAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the remarkable students of the Kate Collins Middle School and Waynesboro High School beta clubs for their outstanding achievements in winning first place at the Virginia Beta Convention in Hampton.

The young Virginians from Kate Collins Middle School showcased their exceptional talent and skills, with Preston Stacy winning first place in Accessory Design, and Emma Loyacano securing second place in Onsite Art Drawing. The team of Parker Newton, Archer Craft, Asher Shepherd, and Sophia Williams earned second place in Musicology.

I also want to celebrate Waynesboro High School's beta club, returning triumphantly to the State convention for the first time since 2019.

The Quiz Bowl team, made up of Jacob Hostetter, Tac Shepherd, Josh Short, and Colton Redifer showed un-

paralleled academic prowess, earning first place and being crowned State champions.

I wish them the best of luck as they advance to the National Beta Club Convention in Savannah, Georgia.

Please join me in congratulating these remarkable students and their advisers for their exceptional achievements.

#### CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S SWIM AND DIVE TEAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School men's swimming and diving teams from Virginia's Sixth Congressional District for their remarkable win at the Virginia High School League Class 2 championship.

Their victory, by a significant margin of 238 points, underscores their hard work, dedication, and team unity.

These champions include Avery Thompson, Ashton Meadows, Landon Cairns; and Kees VanGerven and Connor Wilkes also won four individual State titles.

The victory is a testament to the support of coaches, parents, and the community, reflecting the values of perseverance and teamwork we hold dear.

I congratulate the Glenvar men's swim and dive team on their championship win, it is an inspiring achievement for athletes and all constituents across Virginia's Sixth District.

#### HOLDING SECRETARY MAYORKAS ACCOUNTABLE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a matter of grave constitutional importance. The Senate holds the solemn duty to conduct the impeachment trial of the Department of Homeland Security's Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for high crimes and misdemeanors, a charge the House has clearly laid out.

Our decision to impeach Secretary Mayorkas is not one we have taken lightly. For nearly a year, the House Committee on Homeland Security has meticulously uncovered the depths of the border crisis. The findings are unequivocal: Secretary Mayorkas has willfully disregarded the laws of the United States, betraying the trust of the American people and the very Constitution he swore to uphold.

He has not only refused to comply with the law but has also made a mockery of our separation of powers, attacking the very foundation of our constitutional order.

As the House managers deliver the articles in the next few weeks, I remain hopeful that the Senate will take up this matter with the seriousness it deserves for the sake of our Constitution, our security, and our American principles.

#### SUPPORTING ISRAEL

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the United States was the

first country to recognize the newly declared State of Israel nearly 76 years ago, merely 11 minutes after its creation.

I am also proud that, within 11 days of Hamas' barbaric attack on Israel that started this current war, President Joe Biden landed in Tel Aviv, sending two carrier strike groups and becoming the first U.S. President to ever visit Israel during a time of war.

On October 7, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Hamas launched thousands of rockets at cities across Israel, sending millions of Israelis into bomb shelters and safe rooms while providing cover for a swarming army of Hamas terrorists who invaded the country and launched a genocidal attack, brutally murdering more than 1,200 people, wounding more than 3,000 others, and taking more than 250 hostages back into Gaza.

In the 6 months since Hamas started this war, Israel has been fighting for its existence on many fronts, facing attacks and threats from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and Iran.

It is more than just the mortars, rockets, missiles, and drones threatening Israel. Israel's enemies have two key strategies in their campaign to destroy and delegitimize the Jewish state: One, distort the truth with canards and libelous accusations against Israel and the Jewish people; and two, isolate Israel in global forums and in the world of public opinion.

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South Africa is perversely accusing Israel of genocide in the International Criminal Court of Justice. Of course, when you lift the veil of this grotesque distortion of the truth, you see that Iran is also behind South Africa's actions, just like Iran finances and fuels Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis.

Meanwhile, in cities around the world as well as here in the United States, anti-Israel protests are replete with calls for the elimination of the Jewish state, most clearly manifest in the chant "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free."

And look no further than the rally just last Friday in Dearborn, Michigan, where the crowd chanted not only "death to Israel," but "death to America."

I am grateful for the leadership and moral clarity of the Biden administration as well as the mayor of Dearborn when they roundly condemned this hateful rhetoric.

Israel's enemies, from Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran, to groups here in the United States like SJP, AMP, and JVP are doing everything they can to demonize, delegitimize, and ultimately destroy the only Jewish state on Earth.

But let's be clear: The war Hamas started on October 7 is not just a war against Israel. Iran's vision is not just the destruction of Israel, but the conquest of the entire Muslim world and the defeat of the West. The Houthis are not launching rockets at just Israeli

ships in the Red Sea. They are targeting global commerce in general. In this war, Israel's allies must do everything we can to fight the lies and ensure Israel and the Israeli people know that they are not alone.

This is why I traveled to Israel with Jewish lay leaders from Chicago in February and last month traveled with several of my colleagues from here in Congress.

This is why I oppose the Republican resolution we are considering this week. The text of this resolution plays loose with the truth, and the intent is not to help Israel, but to win political points and further weaken the bipartisan support Israel has long enjoyed in this body.

Don't take my word for it. This is how Axios described the resolution: "It is the latest in a series of Israel-related wedge votes House Republicans have held since Hamas' October 7 attack."

If my Republican colleagues want to help our ally and protect our national security, we shouldn't be debating this partisan resolution. Instead, we should be voting on the essential funding bill to help Israel fight its war against our common enemies, as well as ensuring Ukraine defeats Russia, and Taiwan remains secure.

The Senate passed this bill 2 months ago. The House should have passed it in February as well. It is as shameful as it is dangerous that we still have not voted on this desperately needed assistance yet today.

Mr. Speaker, Iran understands that diminishing the bipartisan support for Israel in Congress only hurts our ally and advances our enemies' agenda.

Why are Republicans so willing to play into the hands of Iran and Israel's other enemies? The U.S.-Israel relationship is being tested. Congress is being tested. It is up to us here today to pass this test.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution and instead vote for the essential funding bill coming over from the Senate.

#### HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO AND ORANGE COUNTY CITIZEN, DICK HIGGINS

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

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero and Orange County citizen, Dick Higgins.

Born in Magnum, Oklahoma, Dick served his Nation for 20 years in the Navy before settling in Orange County. Dick was stationed on Ford Island as a radioman during the Pearl Harbor attack, and his efforts that day helped sailors and marines get to land and out of the burning water.

His loved ones remember him for his humility and his love of country.

At 102, Dick was the last living member of the Orange County's Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

On behalf of Orange County residents, I am honored to recognize Dick

Higgins' service and sacrifice on the floor of the House of Representatives. May we always cherish and honor his memory.

OBSERVING BLACK APRIL AND THE FALL OF SAIGON

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a very solemn occasion that has great significance for my constituents.

I am proud to represent Orange County's little Saigon, the largest population of Vietnamese anywhere outside Vietnam itself.

Each year, the community observes Black April, a time to reflect upon the tragic fall of Saigon, remember the lives lost to Communism, and recommit ourselves to the struggle for freedom.

As co-chairs of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, I am proud to join Congressman LOU CORREA to introduce a resolution commemorating Black April and honoring the lives lost.

I am also introducing a resolution to ensure that those who fought for freedom in Vietnam are always remembered by proposing a bill to rename the U.S. Post Office in Westminster, where a large portion of my Vietnamese constituents reside, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office.

With these two actions, Congress will stand in solidarity with the Vietnamese community, showcase our resolve against Communism and tyranny, and reaffirm our commitment to freedom and democracy.

APRIL 15 IS TAX DAY

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, April 15 is tax day, and this year American taxpayers are getting one of the worst deals they have ever gotten.

Despite its promises not to increase taxes on those making less than \$400,000 a year, the Biden administration has undertaken an outright assault on taxpayers.

The \$400,000 pledge is detached from reality at best, with reports showing that 63 percent of new audits have been on those earning less than \$200,000 a year.

This shouldn't surprise us. After all, the administration rammed through its \$80 billion plan to hire 87,000 new IRS agents to target American taxpayers with the flood of new audits.

They also unveiled plans to jack up burdensome and confusing reporting requirements for people using digital payment platforms like Venmo. They have repeatedly delayed this plan, and I have legislation, the SNOOP Act to stop it permanently.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong tax fighter, I came to Congress to ensure low taxes and responsible government that works for Americans.

I urge the administration to join me in that work and end its war on American taxpayers.

#### REMEMBERING THE MASS SHOOTING AT OLD NATIONAL BANK IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Kentucky (Mr. MCGARVEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago today in Louisville, Kentucky, it was a crisp, bright Monday morning. The Easter sun had silently set the night before on blooming dogwoods and azaleas, and a new day had sounded in with only the squeaking of school brakes interrupting the birds chirping to signal the changing of the seasons. The perfect spring awakening to welcome families back to school from spring break, while ushering the rest of us into work with a sense of rebirth and renewal.

Louisville is lucky to be blessed with such scenes of beauty on an annual basis. The sounds, sights, and smells are familiar and wonderful. Instinctively, we know that antihistamines are coming out of our bathroom cabinets and the Derby is right around the corner. Spring is when Kentucky's natural beauty, pageantry, and home-grown hospitality are on display for the world to see. This is why it was so shocking. You never think it is going to happen in your community; that no one could do this, but this is why we truly did not think it was possible—not in Louisville, not now.

But on April 10, 2023, a lone gunman with an assault rifle walked into the Old National Bank on Main Street in Louisville, Kentucky, and opened fire on his colleagues. Spring's ritual beauty was shattered by the unfamiliar booms of an AR-15, the acrid smell of smoke, sirens, and screams.

Five people were killed—Josh Barrick, Deana Eckert, Jim Tutt, Juliana Farmer, and my friend, Tommy Elliott. These five innocent lives were taken from us far too soon.

Josh was a loving husband and young father; Juliana Farmer was expecting another grandchild; Deana Eckert was known for her generosity and her compassion; Jim Tutt was a community leader; and Tommy Elliott, who was a longtime friend of ours, loved life, people, jokes, and stories. All will be missed.

Eight others were wounded in the shooting, including LMPD Officer Nick Wilt, who took an AR-15 round to the head as he selflessly ran toward the gunman and saved lives. Miraculously, he survived.

On the same day, just blocks away at Jefferson Community and Technical College, Chea'von Moore lost his life at 24 years old, and another woman who was caught in the cross fire between classes miraculously survived. Our thoughts are with them, their family, and their loved ones, as well.

It has been 1 year since we lost Tommy, Josh, Juliana, Jim, Deana, and Chea'von. They have been missed at milestones such as birthdays, graduations, and holidays, and every moment in between.

We will never forget them. Their memories live on in all of us who remember and love them.

As we honor those we lost, our community remains so grateful to every

first responder who arrived on the scene that morning and leaped into action. They saved lives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Louisville Fire Department, the FBI, EMS, and the UofL Hospital trauma team. I thank them for their incredible service to our community on April 10, 2023, every day before, and every day since.

I stand here today not just as a Member of Congress, but as a lifelong Louisvillian whose community joined the long list of cities touched by senseless, preventable gun violence.

It is not just mass shootings that rock communities; everyday gun violence in Louisville and across our country has taken far too many lives too soon. Gun violence is now the leading cause of death in children. Children.

There is so much more we can and must do, like combating the root causes of crime and expanding mental health services as well as pushing commonsense gun reforms like universal background checks, extreme risk protection orders, and banning assault weapons.

Last year, days after the Old National Bank shooting, I stood on the steps of the Capitol with other members of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force and asked the majority to bring gun safety legislation to the floor. I am here today asking again for my colleagues across the aisle to work with us like they have before to make our communities safer.

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Reflecting on what this day means to me and our community, I am reminded of how strong Louisvillians are.

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Friends, neighbors, and loved ones came together to support one another through an unimaginably tough time.

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

The gentleman is no longer recognized.

□ 1045

#### HOW MANY MORE

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the question, how many more Americans must die before President Joe Biden reverses the 60-plus policies he put in place that led to our border being wide open?

We know that under sections 1182 and 1225 of title 8 of immigration law, the President has the authority to secure the border and use his discretion to implement policies. Sadly, the President has used his discretion instead to completely dismantle our southern border, allowing for dangerous gang members,

criminals, smugglers, and illegal immigrants to enter.

Right now, the President can end catch and release. He can reinstate remain in Mexico. He can make changes to asylum and parole. He can expedite removal of individuals. He can shut down the border altogether. He can cut off funding to nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental partners, that are basically allowing people to travel all around our country.

Again, sadly, President Biden used these authorities instead, to dismantle the policies of President Trump.

As a result, we have seen so many Americans being killed. Illegal immigrants have come over our border.

I will read some of the headlines. This is just from this year alone.

“Illegal immigrant from El Salvador charged with murder in shootout that killed 2-year-old boy, injured teen mom.”

“Venezuelan illegal immigrant charged with sexual assault against 14-year-old in Virginia.”

“ICE confirms Georgia student murder suspect entered U.S. illegally, was previously arrested in NYC.”

“Five-time deported illegal alien accused of killing 10-year-old boy walking home from school.”

“Honduran illegal migrant arrested for rape of girl, 14, stabbing man during knife-point robbery.”

“Illegal migrant charged in Michigan woman's killing was deported under Trump but snuck back in: ICE.”

“Illegal migrant deported 8 times with 11 arrests now charged with murder in Ohio.”

These are just some of the victims of President Biden's open border policy.

If we go into last year, we can talk more about an illegal immigrant who had an outstanding warrant for attempted strangulation. He approached a car and shot a woman seven times because she wouldn't hang up the phone when he asked her to.

An illegal immigrant was charged with sadistically murdering a 16-year-old Texas high schooler, stabbing her to death and dumping her body in the bathtub. Her body was discovered by her mother.

An illegal alien released by the Biden administration was arrested for raping an 11-year-old girl, strangling her to death after knocking on the door of her home.

An illegal who entered our country under the Biden administration was charged with driving a minivan into a schoolbus full of children, flipping the bus and killing an 11-year-old boy.

An illegal alien repeatedly stabbed and mutilated individuals and then dumped them in a field in Daytona Beach, Florida.

An illegal immigrant was arrested for murdering a 57-year-old, a mother of three and a grandmother of four, in Texas.

This is a 5-minute speech, and I am only allowed 5 minutes, or else I could go on and on.

Again, I will ask, how many more murders of Americans, whether it be by stabbing, drunk driving, shooting, or fantanyl, will it take before the President reverses his dangerous policies at our southern border or the Senate takes up our legislation, H.R. 2, the Border Security Act, which would require him to take action at the border?

Giving the President a little more discretion, as the Senate has suggested, is not going to resolve the issue because the President is not using the discretion he currently has. We need to require him to take these actions to reinstate the commonsense policies of the previous administration that were working and stop this President from giving parole to individuals who are dangerous gang members wreaking havoc in cities like mine in New York.

#### DOOMSDAY CLOCK IS TICKING

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the Doomsday Clock is set at 90 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been. We should heed its warning.

We are inching dangerously close to nuclear war and must do everything we can to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe. Russia has threatened to use tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine. Iran is closer to developing the nuclear bomb. North Korea is increasing its nuclear arsenal. The risks of miscalculation and rapid escalation are exacerbating these threats.

The nuclear arms race needs to stop. We can and must turn back the Doomsday Clock. We need to work with Russia and China to collectively reduce our stockpiles, increase transparency, reduce the risk of miscalculation, and avoid a dangerous arms race. Nuclear negotiation has always been part of the United States' history, and we must do that again.

First, let's revive a version of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that Richard Nixon negotiated to cap the arms race by limiting homeland missile defenses. This will reduce pressure on the United States, China, and Russia to build more nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, President George W. Bush withdrew from the treaty in 2002. We need to negotiate to reenter.

Second, we must reenter the Treaty on Open Skies that was first proposed under Dwight Eisenhower and signed by President George H.W. Bush. Open Skies authorizes treaty parties, including the United States, to conduct unarmed flights that provide opportunities to monitor others' nuclear capabilities. Donald Trump withdrew from this treaty in 2020 that Republican Presidents had negotiated. We need to get back in.

Third, we should restore the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and expand it to include China. This was Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev's achievement, yet Donald

Trump withdrew from this treaty in 2019. We need to get back in.

Fourth, we need to resume implementation of the New START Treaty negotiated under President Barack Obama to limit the number of deployed strategic nuclear warheads. Putin suspended New START in 2023, ripping up the last remaining nuclear treaty with the United States. He did this because of our support of Ukraine. We need to pass funding for Ukraine to defend its sovereignty, end the war justly, and renegotiate New START with Russia and China.

Lastly, we must negotiate with Russia to agree that both of our countries will adopt a no-first-use policy. We would be joining China and India, which already have this posture, unlike Russia and the United States. Adopting a no-first-use policy only if Russia agrees as well would clarify that our nuclear weapons are for deterrence and avoid unintentionally escalating a crisis.

Maintaining the nuclear triad as a deterrent should not bankrupt us. We must cut the costs of modernization that are excessive and going to defense contractor lobbyists. The Air Force's new Sentinel ICBM program is already 37 percent over budget, costing taxpayers \$132 billion. That is money that could be going to feed our kids in school, to help pay for college or vocational education, or to pay for childcare.

I call on my colleagues in Washington to help avoid a global catastrophe and a nuclear arms race, to look to previous Presidents like Eisenhower, Reagan, Bush, Obama, and Clinton and negotiator-statesmen to reduce the risk of nuclear war.

We must stop this arms race. We must take our weapons off hair-trigger alert. We must spend our tax dollars here at home, where Americans most need it. We must ensure diplomacy prevails, not nuclear war.

As Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev said: "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

#### COMMENDING COLONEL TREVOR HOUGH

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

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and commend the exemplary bravery and selfless intervention of Colonel Trevor Hough.

On Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Black Mountain, North Carolina, a pursuit unfolded involving a suspect for a series of bank robberies. The situation then escalated, as the suspect crashed on Interstate 240 after driving on the wrong side of the road, ending a high-speed pursuit. The immediate and fearless actions of Colonel Hough began after the crash when the suspect attempted to hijack an elderly woman's vehicle on the interstate as she was stopped by the traffic.

Colonel Hough, a dedicated United States Army veteran with an impressive nearly 30-year service record, stepped in. Without hesitation, Colonel Hough ran toward the unfolding danger to intervene and protect the innocent victim of the carjacking.

As the suspect attempted to steal the car, Colonel Hough managed to pull the suspect from the vehicle while two other veterans put the victim's car in park and tended to the victim herself.

With incredible bravery, Colonel Hough overpowered and immobilized the suspect on the ground. Together with the two other veterans, they restrained the suspect until law enforcement arrived.

Colonel Hough's military training proved invaluable in this critical moment. His quick thinking and decisive actions not only prevented a potential tragedy but also ensured the safety of others while on the interstate.

Colonel Hough's heroism did not end there. He remained vigilant, assessed the situation, and displayed remarkable composure in the face of potential danger to himself.

In recounting the incident, Colonel Hough shared that he noticed the suspect reaching behind his back, suggesting he may have had a weapon. Understanding the gravity of the situation, Colonel Hough acted with unwavering resolve, maintaining control until law enforcement could take over.

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we acknowledge the exemplary bravery of Colonel Trevor Hough. His selfless actions exemplify the highest ideals of duty, honor, and service to others.

This Nation is indebted to individuals like Colonel Hough, whose commitment to the well-being of his fellow citizens reflects the strength and character that make America great.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Colonel Hough and all those who stand ready to act in the face of danger, embodying the spirit of service that defines the American people.

May this congressional recognition serve as a testament to the courage and the selflessness exhibited by Colonel Trevor Hough. We thank him for his service. We pray that his continued health and commitment to this country will endure, as it definitely will.

#### CONGRATULATING REVEREND DR. DONALD RIBEIRO

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Reverend Dr. Donald Ribeiro from Ormondsville, North Carolina, on his well-earned retirement.

Reverend Ribeiro, with his wife, Karen, has fiercely led as pastor of Ormondsville Original Free Will Baptist Church. For more than 40 years, Dr. Ribeiro has kept his promise to



God to give back to the community, and I know he will continue to serve even in his retirement.

For every call Dr. Ribeiro has taken, for every person he has counseled, just trying to help them get through the difficult times in life, for every person he has reached out to to bring them closer to God, we are grateful. His dedication to saving lives, both physically and spiritually, has touched many families in eastern North Carolina and around the world.

Indeed, life is about relationships, and the most important relationship, as Dr. Ribeiro reminds us, is with the Lord.

RECOGNIZING DR. JACK BAGWELL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jack Bagwell, who was named North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges President of the Year.

Over his past 5 years as president of the College of Albermarle, Dr. Bagwell has prioritized fostering deep connections and community among students and faculty alike.

Dr. Bagwell received this award for his exceptional leadership qualities, steadfast commitment to the community college mission, and achievements in furthering higher education within North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, we are extremely proud of Dr. Bagwell's accomplishments. I couldn't be more thrilled, and it is fantastic to see others across the State are taking notice.

Congratulations to Dr. Bagwell for making northeastern North Carolina extremely proud.

RECOGNIZING ZAMAREYA JONES

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize North Carolina Player of the Year, Zam Jones, who is living proof that you can never underestimate the power of eastern North Carolina.

Jones is one of only four North Carolina players to make the ESPN Top 60 and is ranked number 17 in the country.

Five-star guard Zam Jones will play college basketball in the ACC at North Carolina State University.

Jones led North Pitt High School to victory in the 2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Women's Basketball Championship.

Recently, she helped the East clinch a tight victory over the West in the McDonald's All-American game.

Mr. Speaker, Zam is a shining example of excellence in the East.

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#### NPR RADIO IS BIASED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in the D.C. newsroom for National Public Radio, which is a central hub for NPR's coverage of political news, it just came

out that they have amongst their staff 87 registered Democrats in editorial positions and zero Republicans—87-0.

Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak was amazing at 56 games in a row, and Pete Rose in the seventies had 44 games in a row—87-0.

Should it matter what the political makeup of people are in these positions? You know, not really, I guess, in any real sense.

We are not talking reality in Washington, D.C., are we? We are not talking about a nonbiased media that covers this place, that covers what politicians do and the slant that people are going to hear when they are out there in their cars, their homes, or wherever, picking this up in the various forms of media.

What do we know about NPR? It receives funding from the taxpayer and tries at the same time to claim to be objective. It receives this funding via the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which the CBP receives about \$525 million of taxpayer dollars—about 50 percent of their funding. The other half comes from corporate donations, the same corporations that Democrats love to say evil things about, but oftentimes these days are doing bad things. It is pretty hard to figure out where they are coming from.

What we have seen in recent years in reporting is a strong bias against Republicans and conservatives coming out of NPR and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting when they cover the political front here.

The bias against anything that is not a far-left view is clear. In fact, the bias of NPR is so clear that even a left-leaning editor in their organization—which is where this came out—is raising the alarm about the clear and consistent bias. This person is very concerned about it and is now being dismissed.

NPR has already issued many statements and articles dismissing the critique, including this morning, without any admission by NPR or acknowledgment of any wrongdoing or bias, and certainly they have no intent to reform or even reflect upon what this looks like and sounds like.

Let us remember that NPR embraced the Russiagate conspiracy theory without question, and they dismissed the Hunter Biden laptop story without proper scrutiny.

All these things have been proven otherwise, haven't they?

They also have NPR actively working to dismiss and attack information about the true origins of the COVID-19 virus as well as the early treatments that could have probably helped or saved many lives. They dismissed ivermectin and other treatments, instead, calling it "horse paste" when as recently as 2015, it won a Nobel Prize for the amazing work that has been done with ivermectin.

In the last decade, NPR's own audience has shrunk and become more intensely leftwing, gradually pushing out conservative listeners with nonstop

ideological programming, bias in reporting, and injecting far-left ideas into previously nonpolitical programs.

So it is not just that quirky little radio station you hear in a musty bookstore or at a used record store or something like that. It has taken a really hard twist to the left.

They claim to be neutral in a public platform to consider all things and consider all perspectives, but unfortunately, it isn't that way anymore.

They are desperately burning up their own credibility to try and keep up with the demands of the far left and its ranks that continue to shift farther and farther left.

That is what this person from their organization came out and said, for 25 years they have lost the American people with this shift. It is pretty sad.

So perhaps instead of calling it National Public Radio it should be called national progressive radio, the term Democrats on the far left use for themselves, although I have never really seen where the word "progress" fits in with some of the programs and ideals coming from the so-called progressives.

NPR being funded by taxpayer dollars is a serious betrayal of the public trust. The American taxpayer should no longer be subsidizing this propaganda which fails to even pretend to be unbiased anymore and is appealing to a smaller and smaller group of people, unfortunately. It is too bad because the idealism of it years ago when it was created looked a heck of a lot different and was indeed something everybody could find enjoyment in.

#### 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. FLEISCHMANN) at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, only You can speak into the crisis that has descended upon the Middle East. Only Your peace can cure the warring madness that has erupted in this land so many call holy.

Let the hatred that has severed the region, intensifying the profound animosity between Israel and Palestine, and in turn swallowing up the cities of Gaza, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, and Ashkelon to name but a few, be supplanted by acts of mercy and overcome by deeds of justice.



Touch the hearts of each offender, that all would be purified of their thirst for vengeance. Speak into the souls of all aggressors, that they would renounce their prejudice.

Abide with the countless victims of violent attacks, with the innocents held hostage in the crossfire of escalating hostilities. Grant comfort and sanctuary to those who have fled their homes in fear. Receive the refugees into the safety of Your welcoming embrace. Make way in the desert that the hungry would receive food.

Let all Christians, Muslims, and Jews put away anger, wrath, malice, and slander. May each find a renewed spirit of forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that all bear the image of You, our Creator.

For the sake of Your kingdom, may each of us, politician and patriot, voter or victim, be agents of Your purpose, that Your peace and justice would, once again, rule this land.

In the redemption of Your 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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.

RECOGNIZING CLARION ROBOTICS

(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 two robotics teams from North Clarion High School which is located in Clarion County.

The Western Pennsylvania Robotics championships took place in March at the PennWest Clarion University. During this competition, two teams, the Ineffable Inventors and the Ambiguous Case, finished in first and second place, respectively.

The Ineffable Inventors, who were the champions of the event, also earned the Amaze Award, which is given to the most consistent high-performing and competitive robot.

The Ambiguous Case, finishing in second place, received the Excellence Award, which is given to overall excellence in robotic performance.

Both of these teams will be advancing to the world championships, which will be held at the end of April in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I enjoy seeing our youth engaging in these competitions to develop important computer science skills that will help them in their future endeavors.

I wish both teams the best of luck as they advance to the world championships.

RECOGNIZING CHAMPION OF THE WEEK RIYA HEGDE

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Riya Hegde as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Riya is an extraordinary student from the Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, who has taken it upon herself to break down barriers and pave the way for the next generation of female coders.

She recently founded Python Pals, which strives to teach young girls and women about the computer coding program Python. This group not only teaches invaluable coding skills but will also instill confidence and courage in her peers to pursue a career in coding.

As a member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, we often talk about the "missing million," the 1 million STEM workers from diverse gender, racial, and geographic backgrounds that we need to fill our Nation's open jobs in the STEM fields.

Programs like Riya's are critical to filling the missing million by creating safe, supportive spaces for girls to learn how to code, so they have the skills they need to pursue careers in STEM and showing how Ohio's 13th Congressional District is leading the way.

Riya's initiative shows strength and courage by challenging stereotypes and opening doors for girls who may have once felt excluded from a career path once dominated by men.

I thank Riya for using her voice to uplift and encourage women and girls in Ohio's 13th District to pursue their interest in STEM. She has proved age is no barrier in making a significant impact in the world around us.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Riya on being named Ohio's 13th District Champion of the Week.

DANGEROUS HATRED

(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, in a dangerous event yesterday in Michigan, anti-Israel activists shouted, "death to America" and

"death to Israel," repeating the Iranian regime chants.

This event was in recognition of Al-Quds Day to advocate for the mass murder of the people of Israel. It reinforced that, 6 months ago, Iranian puppet Hamas invaded Israel, murdering over 1,200 Israeli civilians.

Incredibly, in America, a rally speaker hatefully spouted: "So when these fools ask us if Israel has the right to exist . . . the chant 'death to Israel' has become the most logical chant."

When attacks come to America to disrupt elections, voting on election day must be in person, while including military ballots that are mailed in.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We do not need new laws for the border. We need to enforce the existing laws. Biden shamefully has opened the borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

CONGRATULATING NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(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, I rise today to congratulate the North High School boys basketball team for their remarkable accomplishment of winning back-to-back Massachusetts Division 1 State championships. I want to recognize Principal Sam FanFan, Coach Pettway, and all the players on their historic run.

Last year, they were the first public school team from my home city of Worcester to win a Division 1 State championship.

North High forward Carl-Hens Beliard graduated that year and went on to Salem State University to continue his academic and athletic career. Tragically, Carl-Hens lost his life to senseless gun violence last fall. It was heartbreaking for the North High community and the entire city of Worcester.

The team dedicated this season to Carl-Hens and emerged more determined than ever. On March 17, the Polar Bears went to the State championship and won their 45th straight game to cap off a perfect 24-0 season.

Mr. Speaker, the talent, work ethic, and resilience of this team has made all of Worcester proud.

RESTORING ACCOUNTABILITY AND FAIRNESS TO THE IRS APPEALS PROCESS

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, as the IRS' tax filing deadline quickly approaches, safeguarding the rights of

taxpayers across our Nation is top of mind for me and for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate for H.R. 6332, the Strengthen Taxpayer Rights Act of 2023.

At the heart of this bill, it is a simple, yet powerful principle: Taxpayers have a right to a fair and impartial appeals process.

H.R. 6332 restores accountability and fairness to the appeals process by ensuring that taxpayers have a say in who does and who does not get to participate in their own appeals conference before the IRS' Independent Office of Appeals.

In passing the Strengthen Taxpayer Rights Act, we should send a clear message: The rights of taxpayers are non-negotiable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand with me and recommit to fairness, justice, and the fundamental rights of every taxpayer.

#### AUGUST FIRES ON MAUI

(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, after the fires last August struck the island of Maui, one of the first people to approach me in this Chamber was my colleague and now friend, Congressman DOUG LAMALFA.

Few districts have experienced the tragedy of wildfires like California's First, and prior to the Maui fires, the Camp fire held the record as the deadliest American wildfire of the last century.

This past recess, I participated in a bipartisan exchange with Congressman LAMALFA. I went to the town of Paradise. I learned of the challenges and opportunities in recovery. I saw the rebuilding of schools and homes that had burned, and I left feeling hopeful.

Congressman LAMALFA also joined me in Lahaina, attending the dedication of the new temporary school, even breaking in the new basketball court, playing ball with our Governor. I must add neither of them will be quitting their day jobs.

The gentleman walked with us through Lahaina, met with our community, and answered their many, many questions. There is a definite comfort knowing that, while the road ahead for our communities is long, we aren't on it alone.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have a trusted partner and friend in Congressman LAMALFA, and I look forward to the work we will do together.

#### CONGRATULATING ANGIE GIANCARLO ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Angie

Giancarlo, who is retiring from government service, having served our country for 25 years.

When Angie told me about her retirement, I told her I would support her, especially if she chose to reconsider. Alas, she is retiring, so I would like to take this opportunity to honor her 13 years spent on the House Appropriations Committee.

It is hard to put our appreciation into words, but as appropriators, we are at our best when we express it in numbers. As professional staff and clerk, Angie helped usher 12 energy and water bills through successful passage of the House and 14 bills through final enactment. Conservatively, that means she also had to directly consider over 600 amendments to get there.

I will spare everyone an accounting on all the talking points that it entails but rest assured Angie had correct comma placement in every single one of them. The countless hours Angie dedicated to the Committee made this place a better place, and we greatly appreciate it.

I feel very lucky that we have been able to work on this bill with Angie as clerk, and I am proud of her accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for myself, the Committee, and the United States Congress when I express my utmost appreciation for her dedicated service over the years.

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#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF A FEARLESS LEADER, DOLORES HUERTA

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the birthday of a fearless trailblazer and a symbol of hope: Dolores Huerta.

At 94 years old, she is still fighting the fight for economic justice, social justice, and justice for all workers.

Just last week, we were together reaffirming our commitment to workers' rights during a Cesar Chavez celebration. As the cofounder of the United Farm Workers, she mobilized local communities to fight for the rights of workers everywhere. Dolores understood that to create a movement, you need to empower the next generation of leaders so your work extends far beyond your lifetime.

With every organizer she trained, she helped create a ripple of change that organized and transformed committees decades after she uttered those famous words, "yes, it can be done," "si, se puede," a movement that still continues to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dolores a happy birthday.

#### FEDERAL MINIMUM FOR CHILD RAPE MUST BE THE DEATH PEN- ALTY

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

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, today, I address the fundamental principle of justice: the punishment of those who commit the most egregious crimes against the innocence of our children. It is a matter that strikes at the very core of our values and demands our unwavering attention and action.

There will be those who argue that the death penalty is unconstitutional, but let me be unequivocal: When it comes to protecting our children from the horrors of child rape, the death penalty is not only constitutional, but it is morally imperative.

Our Constitution stands as a beacon of freedom and justice, crafted to safeguard the rights and liberties of every American. Yet, what greater violation of those rights could there be than the brutal and unforgivable abuse of our most vulnerable—our children.

The Federal minimum for child rape must be upgraded to the death penalty and a minimum of life behind bars. For it is not merely a matter of punishment, but of deterrence and justice.

We must send a resounding message to those who would prey upon our children that such heinous crimes will not be tolerated in our society and those who commit them will be faced with death.

#### WE MUST STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, October 7 was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. Hamas killed over 1,200 innocent Israeli people, including women, children, the elderly, and took over 240 hostages.

Israel is one of our Nation's greatest allies. The intelligence we received from them helps us combat terrorism every day. President Biden's demand that they surrender or cease to pursue Hamas in response is a slap in the face to victims. It is sickening to see our President support a terrorist organization that circulated videos of themselves murdering innocent children over an ally that has helped protect our homeland for decades.

Hamas is working toward the genocidal eradication of the only successful democracy in the Middle East. Now more than ever, we must stand with Israel and fight anti-Semitism. I support H. Res. 1117 to oppose the one-sided pressure on Israel, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7888, REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 529, EXTENDING LIMITS OF U.S. CUSTOMS WATERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1112, DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1117, OPPOSING EFFORTS TO PLACE ONE-SIDED PRESSURE ON ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO GAZA

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1125 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1125

*Resolved.* That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7888) to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed two hours equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 529) to extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment

thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1117) opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN DREW). The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, today, the Rules Committee reported out a rule for four pieces of legislation: H.R. 7888, Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act. This legislation reauthorizes title VII, section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for 5 years from the date of enactment.

This bill is far from perfect, but we are going to have a lot of debate on that bill in just a moment in the rule and in 2 hours later. I will come back to that in a moment.

There are three other pieces of legislation. First, H.R. 529, Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act. This bipartisan legislation enhances Customs and Border Protections' air and marine operations mission by extending Custom's law enforcement authority from 12 to 24 nautical miles of the United States coast. This will help CBP combat unlawful activity in coastal waters at a time when we have significant problems with respect to our borders.

H. Res. 1112, denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies. This resolution denounces President Biden's open-border policies. It calls on the administration to immediately put in place policies that will end the crisis at our southern border. This is an important message. It is an important statement, but I hope this Congress will speak with one voice against an administration that refuses to enforce the law. This resolution is one statement along those lines.

H. Res. 1117, opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza. This resolution affirms that Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East, has the right to defend itself against Hamas and makes clear that the House of Representatives opposes efforts to place one-sided pressures on Israel to implement an immediate cease-fire.

This resolution is necessary because regrettably, embarrassingly, this administration took a seat, sat down, abstained, abstained in the face of the horrors that we saw unfold on October 7 to our friend, Israel; by sitting down when the United Nations Security Council called for a cease-fire, and pushing on Israel to walk away from its efforts to combat what Hamas has been doing to the people of Israel.

We should speak with clarity as the Congress of the United States that we stand in solidarity with the people of Israel, and this resolution is one way in which we can do that.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for the customary 30 minutes. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, we just returned from 2 marvelous weeks in our beautiful districts. I was invited to visit a food bank to highlight food insecurity and the need to provide families with nutritious and available meals. I talked with Tribal leaders and law enforcement about how we must work together to solve the many issues facing Native American communities from the missing and murdered indigenous women crisis to the need for greater economic development to the need for protection of sacred sites from desecration. We gathered healthcare providers from across New Mexico for a Congressional Hispanic Caucus on the road event to talk about Latino access to rural healthcare.

That event was standing room only because our constituents want us to address healthcare access and continue Democrats' work to bring down the cost of prescription drugs and healthcare costs, the work we began last year with the Inflation Reduction Act.

These are really important things. Our constituents want us to work on

really important things that make a difference in their lives every day.

So what are we doing today? Three of these bills don't really address anything. We have more resolutions that just express things but don't have any solutions. We are spending another valuable week on nonbinding resolutions and bills that Republicans have already failed to pass.

This is the third time we will vote on a resolution complaining about an immigration system that has been broken for years, and it is Congress' fault that we have not fixed it.

Republicans want to just talk about blame, but do they offer any solutions? That is not how governing works. It is not about coming down here and passing press releases on the floor of the House. If you want to engage in a problem and offer solutions, you engage in bipartisan negotiations to pass a law that fixes the problem. Instead, Republicans do the opposite. They block bipartisan immigration deals and complain that nothing is happening.

Well, something is happening. Republicans are making the problem worse. Six months ago, the President sent Congress a supplemental border security request. That request would have bolstered border security and slowed the flow of refugees by addressing the root cause of migration.

For 6 months, Republicans, who control this House, have refused to take up the President's supplemental border security funding request.

In the Senate, a bipartisan group led by a Republican Senator and Democrats worked for 4 months. They worked hard on a bipartisan border security deal. Before we could even discuss the merits of it in this House to say what we liked or didn't like, Trump told them to kill the bill.

Following Trump's orders, as always, House Republican leadership declared it dead on arrival in the House. Why? They want to preserve immigration as a political weapon, not something that Americans are asking us to fix.

Americans would like to see comprehensive immigration reform. How about if we do something like taking up the bipartisan Dream and Promise Act or the bipartisan Farm Work Modernization Act, which passed with bipartisan support out of this Congress because we need more agrarian workers to help pick the food we need to place on our tables.

What is especially shameful is that instead of offering solutions, Republicans are creating a dangerous environment in America. Rhetoric from the twice impeached and four times-indicted former President Trump that suggest immigrants are poisoning the blood of America is dangerous and disgraceful.

Trump's language echoes, almost verbatim, the propaganda and hate used by Hitler and other Nazi leaders. America is not Nazi Germany. We will push back against such a scary road to tyranny and bigotry.

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Trump forgets but America remembers that immigrants are vitally important to the economic vibrancy and future of our Nation. While securing the border is an important policy objective, there is no reason to demonize our parents, grandparents, coworkers, friends, and neighbors in the process.

This rule also makes in order H. Res. 1117, yet another nonbinding resolution, a press release. It has been just 1 week since seven World Central Kitchen volunteers were killed in Gaza, killed while trying to bring food to starving Gazans, who are on the brink of famine. More than 200 aid workers have been killed in Gaza over the last 6 months.

Over 13,000 children and 9,000 women have died in the war. So far, 27 kids have died of malnutrition. Do you know how horrible it is to die of starvation? Twenty-seven children. Famine is imminent for 1.1 million Gazans.

There are still over 130 Israeli hostages who, without a cease-fire, cannot go home to their grieving families, their worried families. Tens of thousands of Israelis are marching in the streets to bring the hostages home.

This resolution that we are hearing today fails to acknowledge the sad reality I have just discussed. It also fails to support President Biden's efforts to bring lasting peace to this region, which should be our goal. President Biden is right: A cease-fire is needed to bring over 130 Israeli hostages home and to prevent the deaths of innocent Gazans. Too many people have died already.

President Biden's calls to Netanyahu for a cease-fire, to bring the hostages home, and to reverse the humanitarian crisis should be welcomed by everyone with a caring heart. If you care for the hostages and their worried families, a cease-fire is needed. If you care for the women and children who are dying and starving, a cease-fire is needed. If you care for a future where peace can come to this region, a cease-fire is needed.

Next, the House will consider H.R. 7888, the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act. The bill reauthorizes FISA for 5 years and implements minor changes to the program. The Republicans have waited until the last minute to bring this reauthorization to the floor.

I will say, they tried once before back in February. We had a hearing in the Rules Committee on Valentine's Day. It was great. We saw amazing bipartisan agreement from the Judiciary Committee, but we never did get to hear from the Intelligence Committee.

Instead, Republicans waited until the last minute. It expires in 9 days. That is not a way to govern. This is an important bill that needs conversation and debate. Members need to hear from the two committees with jurisdiction over FISA to determine how they will vote and the important balance between protecting constitutional rights of citizens and protecting our national security.

Next, this rule makes in order H.R. 529, the Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act. While this bill is a bipartisan bill, which I will point out received unanimous support in committee and will probably receive almost near-unanimous support on this floor, this is the kind of bill that usually doesn't go through Rules. It is the type of bill that would normally pass under suspension.

Why wasn't it put under suspension? Is it because House Republicans needed something that could finally pass the Rules Committee, come to the floor, and maybe make it into law? The last bill to pass the Rules Committee and become law was almost a year ago. It is almost a year ago since we did the people's business on this floor where we actually got a bill, sent it out of Rules, sent it to the Senate, and it made it onto the President's desk.

Republicans have presided over the most ineffective sessions of Congress in history. Despite the pressing challenges facing our Nation, they have repeatedly chosen to prioritize silly censures, sham impeachments, and doing nothing messaging bills.

That is no way to run the House. That is no way to run the people's House and address the people's business.

Meanwhile, Democrats have kept our focus on delivering for the American people and implementing the incredible laws we passed last Congress when Democrats controlled this House, which was, by the way, the most successful and most productive in recent memory. We have carried the vote to make sure the U.S. didn't default on its debt last year. Democrats carried bills to fund the government, keep it running, and protect against draconian spending cuts.

Democrats always stand ready to work across the aisle to tackle important issues. This includes coming together to work on a bipartisan solution, a comprehensive solution to fix the border, to secure the border, to lower costs. We hope that our colleagues will work with us.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the reason that we have a resolution on the floor to stand and say that we believe that the Biden administration is failing to carry out its duty to secure the border of the United States is because it is true. The American people need to know and see that, and see us speaking with one voice.

The reason that we have a resolution on the floor saying we should stand with Israel is because the administration walked away from Israel, abandoned them in a vote in the Security Council vote by abstaining.

That is the truth. That is why these resolutions matter. That is why they are here on the floor.

We are going to have a lot of debate here about the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. On this, I think there is a lot of bipartisan agreement. There are a lot of bipartisan concerns about the size and scope of government. I think it is important to remember James Madison wrote to Thomas Jefferson on May 13, 1798: "Perhaps it is a universal truth that the loss of liberty at home is to be charged . . . against danger real or pretended from abroad."

The Founders knew what they were doing. The Founders intentionally built into the United States Constitution protections for us, protections for the people.

Unfortunately, the legislation before us doesn't do what is necessary to answer the question, to secure the people's rights. There are amendments that are in order that might get the legislation there.

Remember, section 702 allows the NSA to surveil non-U.S. individuals and organizations abroad if a significant purpose is to acquire foreign intelligence information, which it defines as information related to the conduct of U.S. foreign affairs.

Remember, there are some 230,000 targets that the government has, the blob, the intelligence community, that they are targeting over there, overseas, targeting externally. However, here is the problem: They are collecting information here in the United States on those individuals. We don't know who they are.

I asked the Judiciary Committee chairman and staff: Do you all know who they are? Have you gone into a SCIF and seen who they are targeting? The answer is no, we don't know who they are targeting.

Then, information is collected in communication to those individuals, which necessarily brings American citizens into the mix. The question is, what do we do about it? Remember this: The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, in a report released last year, stated: "Ordinary Americans may be in contact with section 702 targets for business or personal reasons even if the Americans have no connection to, or reason to suspect, any wrongdoing by their foreign contacts." That is an important issue. That is at the heart of the debate.

What we have right now before us is a rule to bring forward reauthorization of legislation passed so that we can go try to protect our country, supposedly looking outward, but it has ensnared American citizens in their information. That is why we are here. The question is whether we are going to have the ability to amend it to ensure that American citizens can be protected.

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, today, we are voting on a resolution that will

bring forward reauthorization of a program that has been abused for decades, the FISA 702 surveillance program.

Before we vote on that program, though, this resolution that we are voting on now prescribes that we will bring forward an amendment to require warrants. If you want to spy on Americans, if you want to use this database as a back door to look at the private information of Americans, you would need a warrant if this amendment passes.

Now, there are some people who say, oh, getting a warrant is too hard. It will slow us down. You will put America in danger.

Listen, I have been in the SCIF, the classified area where they are supposed to tell us the problems with requiring a warrant, and they never have told us a single example of where getting a warrant would be a problem to national security.

In fact, we have a provision in the warrant amendment that says in exigent circumstances you can skip that step. You will hear today that everything is fine, that we don't need the warrant amendment, that we have 53 reforms in this package.

Here is the problem with those reforms: We rely on the same people who abused the system to enforce those reforms, and they still don't go to the constitutional level that is required in this country.

Who doesn't trust those 53 reforms? Congress—the authors of this bill—doesn't trust those 53 reforms. Do you know how I know? Because they put in two exemptions for themselves in this bill. That is right: If the FBI is going to use 702 FISA to spy on Congressmen, they have to tell Congress. They even have to get permission from the Congressmen they are spying on if they say it is for the Congressmen's own good. Why do we have a provision in there that exempts Congressmen but not all of America?

Americans deserve the protections that are enshrined in the Constitution. Nothing less should pass this House.

This is an enormous database. They will tell you that we are just looking at intelligence that was gathered on foreigners. The problem is, they are collecting this intelligence in the United States, using service providers in the United States, using internet connections in the United States. They collect a lot of stuff here.

Do you think the NSA employee who did a FISA search on a Tinder date was looking for information about Hamas? No.

There is all kinds of information in there, and that is why it is being abused and why we need the warrant provision. I urge folks to vote for this rule so that they can vote for the warrant provision amendment. If that amendment doesn't pass, they shouldn't vote to reauthorize FISA.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.

MCGOVERN), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Rules and a mentor.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this place is so broken, it is pathetic.

It is interesting to listen to the gentleman from Texas, who is now managing this rule and who regularly lectures us on the importance of regular order and making sure that we have a more open process.

The rule that he is bringing before the membership today contains four measures. Three of these measures are being brought to us under completely closed rules. No amendments are made in order. Three of the bills weren't even considered by committees of jurisdiction—no hearings and no markup—yet here we are. What a wonderful process to celebrate.

I mean, this place is not functioning. We don't even know whether this rule that we are spending time debating today will even pass because there is such disarray on the Republican side. It is a pathetic way for this Congress to be run.

Mr. Speaker, I could be here all day talking about the dysfunction on the other side, but I rise today to applaud two public servants who I think have made this institution a better place.

First is our senior professional staff member and director of Member services, Eric Delaney, who will have his last day with us this Friday.

Eric is a Philly native and alum of Binghamton University, New York. He has spent over 18 years working for the American people here on Capitol Hill.

Like many staffers, Eric's journey began when he became a legislative assistant working for Representative Ted Strickland and the people of Ohio. He spent 8 years as a senior adviser for Member services under Xavier Becerra, the Caucus vice chair and then chair. He then served as legislative director for Representative ANTHONY BROWN before joining the Rules Committee in 2018.

Eric has an impressive resume, but let me also say he is also just a great guy and an integral part of our team. His dedication to public service, skill as a coalition builder, fast problem-solving, and quiet leadership have left a mark on all of us, and we will miss him at the Rules Committee.

We are sad to see him go but excited to see what he will accomplish in his new role at the Department of Energy. On behalf of all of us, I thank him for his hard work and unwavering commitment to this institution.

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Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate my dear friend, TOM COLE, who has officially been selected by the Republican Conference as the next chair of the Appropriations Committee.

It is no surprise to me given his skill as a legislator, his dedication as a public servant, and his decency as a person. I cannot think of any other person I would rather have chairing the Rules

Committee except me, but that is going to take change in the majority, and that is up to the American people, not us.

TOM has consistently demonstrated a tremendous respect for this institution, and he has always conducted himself in a way that demonstrates it, and it is not just in public when the cameras are rolling, but he does it in private, too. He is a man of integrity, a man of his word, and he works hard to do the right thing even after the gavel comes down and the cameras shut off.

To be honest, I wish there were more TOM COLES in Congress because he knows the secret of legislating, which is you don't have to agree on everything to agree on something.

The American people send us up here to work out our differences on their behalf, to do what is right for our country. It is a skill I have seen TOM COLE deploy time and time again to bring people together to try to find common ground.

Although Chairman COLE and I don't always see eye to eye, I think what we have done is show the American people that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. I think that is worthwhile. I think it matters, especially in this time of polarization and partisan anger.

On a more personal note—and I said this last night in the Rules Committee, and I hope I don't get in trouble for this—I value TOM COLE's friendship and respect his guidance and the example he sets around here. He conducts himself in a thoughtful, decent, and dignified manner.

I am thankful for the staff that he has surrounded himself with. I think they reflect positively on him, and they are a credit to this institution. I hope he doesn't take them all away from the Rules Committee when he goes to Appropriations.

I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new capacity, and I think all of us can learn a lot from Chairman COLE, and we should all join in a bipartisan way in honoring his service to this institution and to this country.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for his words. I think they are very inspiring as to the wonderful leadership that we have had with Chairman COLE, and also, we are going to miss Eric.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for his kind words for our colleague, Mr. COLE. Those of us on the committee will miss working with the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE). Obviously, as the gentleman from Massachusetts pointed out, he is not going very far. He will be down the hall in the Appropriations Committee. I guess we won't get ahead of things. It has not been formalized yet, but it seems like that is the direction it is going. It has been an

honor to work on the Committee with TOM COLE.

Again, without getting ahead of things, I think there are able folks on the Rules Committee, and Dr. BURGESS from Texas very likely might move into that role, and I will look forward to working with him in the Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of this resolution, which sets up the House of Representatives to consider much-needed reform and limitations to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

With the pending expiration of 702 of FISA, Congress is tasked with reforming an authority intended for foreign intelligence collection, but which has turned into warrantless surveillance of the American people.

The targeting of Americans is well documented. Reporting from the Office of the Director for National Intelligence found that in 2021 the FBI conducted over 3,394,000 U.S. person searches without a warrant. In 2022, the FBI was still conducting hundreds of warrantless searches each day.

These queries target Members of Congress, State elected officials, judges, campaign donors, protestors, and more.

In May of this last year, The Washington Post reported that in 2020 and early 2021, the FBI conducted over 278,000 searches of the 702 database that violated Justice Department rules and often lacked national security connections.

Even the FISA court found that “. . . the FBI's querying of section 702 information have proven to be persistent and widespread.”

Warrantless surveillance of the American people by the Federal Government in violation of the Fourth Amendment is well documented and well known.

If such an alarming reality does not merit serious reform and paring back of authorities, then my question is: What does?

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I was proud to be involved in the development of the Protect Liberty and End Warrantless Surveillance Act through which we first advanced these important reforms.

The FISA working group was the next installment of this important process, and the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act is a good start, but there is more work which must be done.

The underlying rule makes in order three critically important amendments—one prohibiting warrantless searches of Americans in the 702 database, one ending the overly intrusive abouts collection, and one enhancing reporting requirements and injecting Congress into the FISA court process.

These amendments are crucial to placing limitations and imposing transparency.

I urge my colleagues to support this rule and support these three amendments.

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

I appreciate that the rule makes in order several amendments for the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act. These are amendments that we heard about that both the members of the Judiciary and Intelligence Committees have proposed, but we also heard last night in the Rules Committee that there are many important amendments the Committee blocked and that the full House won't get to consider.

The process on this could indeed have been better.

What I wonder now is do we even have the votes to pass this rule? We need to be able to get to a point where we are taking up on the floor of the House rules that are going to get the votes.

As we know, they have already defeated six of their own rules. These are important matters, and I think it is important that we get to do the work.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. D'ESPOSITO). The gentlewoman has 13¼ minutes remaining.

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

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

I would point out that on this issue one of the concerns that we have is ensuring an adequate and fair hearing on the issue of the warrant amendment.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MASSIE) raised the issue as did the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN), the importance of warrant protections for American citizens.

It cannot be overstated the extent to which, at our founding and throughout our history, it has been critical to place that constitutional barrier between the authority of government being used in the name of defense and in the name of security in a way that tramples on the rights and the security of the American people.

That is what is at issue.

That is the conundrum we face.

For all of us that wish to protect our country, we know first and foremost we must protect our civil liberties or there is no country to protect.

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Let me tell you what bothers me.

So we know that there is a severe problem with the apparatus of the Federal police state abusing FISA, both section 702 and title I, to use those authorities to surveil and search Americans' private data.

I want nothing more than to put every Member of this body on the record. Do you support the warrant



protections granted under the Fourth Amendment to your constituency? I want everyone on the record on that.

In order to get there, we put at risk this bigger, broader problem because the other amendments made in order will expand that authority before we know we can even curb the authority.

So you are creating another bucket for which you are exposing American citizens—innocent American citizens, 19,000 donors to a political campaign. Don't tell me that all those 19,000 people were in contact with Hamas. They weren't.

The system was abused. That is why we need the warrant requirement. That is why we need the Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act, but we are not even going to be able to consider that.

What I am telling you is we have a conundrum, as my friend from Texas has said, of the Speaker saying we are going to brief you on what NSA, CIA, FBI says, but we are not going to bring in anybody to counter what they say. And we are going to do it in a SCIF so you can't tell the American people.

Well, what I want is: I want accountability. I want accountability to myself and everybody else in this body. That is why I am leaning towards voting for this.

On the other hand, the real question is: Are we going to go ahead and expand the authorities of the Federal police state just because we want a vote?

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, as we can see, there is strong consideration on some of the issues with regard to FISA, but we have also seen that we are so close to its expiration, and I really wonder whether the rule will pass.

I haven't heard them talk about whether they think this rule will pass. As I noted, six rules have been killed on the Republican side. There was also a tweet that was recently issued by the presumptive Presidential nominee in all caps. It says—and I am quoting this; I am not making any observations. It says in all caps—and I can't yell that loud—but it says: "Kill FISA, it was illegally used against me, and many others. They spied on my campaign."

I wonder whether this House will continue to move forward on the business that must be done or whether tweets will indeed lead to what action we are taking here today. Hopefully, we will take action that leads us to move forward.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 15½ minutes remaining.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding me time.

I am here to remind myself and everybody that we each took an oath to

uphold and defend the Constitution, and within the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is the Fourth Amendment.

I will read a portion of that for all of you: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated. . . ."

It doesn't say: Well, if we have got an important matter, we can violate it; if it is too difficult, if it takes too long, Mr. Speaker, we can violate it. It doesn't say that. It says it "shall not be violated."

Now, we are here to debate the rule today on this, and I will tell you I have concerns about the rule because we worked to make sure that amendments would be in order so that we could vote for them on the floor.

I have concerns about the rule. Assuming this rule passes and this bill comes to the floor, Mr. Speaker, the FBI and the intelligence agencies—just the last time there was a report out—spied on Americans illegally 278,000 times. It sure is long past time that we do something about it. It is sure long past time.

I will tell you, the fact that they are quibbling and fighting about having a warrant requirement, that they are fighting over protecting the data that they are purchasing, not just on me, Mr. Speaker, not just on you, the people in the gallery, the people that are watching on TV. Every single American, these intelligence agencies, without a warrant, are collecting your information for which they each took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution which says they can't do it.

Mr. Speaker, this reauthorization is not reformed. It is not currently reformed. It might be reformed depending upon the amendments available, but we already know that the one that protects your data from being bought by the FBI is not going to be allowed.

Somebody has to stand up for the Constitution and the rights of the American people, and if I can't do anything else here in this House of Representatives, you can count on me for standing up for that.

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

□ 1300

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I, too, like many more, take sacred the oath that we have taken to preserve the Constitution. I hope that as elections come up and as we think about how we make sure that we preserve our democracy, that those words continue to ring throughout all of my colleagues' memories of what has happened on the floor of this House.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. SPARTZ).

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to assure you I have significant concerns about why it does not address some material potential violations of Fourth Amendment rights of Americans. It really has to do a lot with upstream collection, and I will explain what it is.

Upstream collection is where the government and the State can go in the backbone and collect data about all Americans, whatever they want, and then they have to go through minimization procedures. Supposedly, this minimization procedure is supposed to limit the data that they incidentally collect about Americans.

Well, the challenge is no one ever audits and checks what they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, if you remember what happened in 2016, where pretty much these minimization procedures didn't allow to collect about information. It means that if you have the name of some potential terrorist in the body of your email, they can collect your data but NSA still did it. They collected the data.

Mr. Speaker, what happened? We don't know what happened; but we also know in 2022 that a new technique was authorized where, according to the review of the oversight board, if used in a widespread way and not minimized, it can be extraordinarily intrusive.

This is a very new sensitive technique, but no one ever checked this. We know these agencies, how they felt so many times collecting data on Americans. We are turning into a police state. This is a material flaw with this bill, and I want to raise significant concerns that it has to be addressed or we are just putting lipstick on a pig.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER).

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I am standing here in favor of this rule. This is an important rule that allows to come to this House floor the reauthorization of FISA and 56 significant reforms to this bill to curb what have been just devastating abuses by the intelligence community and by the FBI.

These reforms are essential to make certain that we can protect our most important national security tool, at the same time protecting American citizens and their civil liberties.

I am in favor of this rule. I ask all my fellow Members to support the rule, and I specifically thank CHIP ROY for his support for the rule as it came out of the Rules Committee. I appreciate him standing here today as we try to bring this rule to passage.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would point out that the concerns that we are looking at here, I think boil down to questions that people assert when they say, "lawfully collected information."



Therefore, you don't need a warrant to search the 702 data for United States citizens' information.

I think that is really at the crux of the debate going on. The rule that we have before us, which takes a product to respond to and make reforms and changes in response to some of the concerns raised, but then takes the critical and core component of warrant requirement and puts it off as an amendment subject to debate when there has been now some public pressure put on opposing the amendment.

That is the conundrum that you are seeing unfold, for the American people to understand why there is some hesitation here to proceed, when we are proceeding with reforms that don't get to the engine of the reform, reforms that might make some improvements but those improvements are in the periphery. They ignore the core problem, that fundamental issue as to whether or not you must have a warrant to look at the information of American citizens. That is it. That is at the core of it.

Mr. Speaker, we are talking about things that are significant. Just the tip of the iceberg: Searches by the intel community and the FBI included 141 Black Lives Matter protesters; two Members of Congress; journalists; political commentators; victims who contacted the FBI, people who came to the FBI offices to perform repairs; individuals on online dating services.

Now we have in this bill a carve-out for Members of Congress. We get a heads-up: Hey guys, you have been queried.

Why do we get something that 330 million Americans don't get?

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN), my good friend.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I support the rule, but like the gentleman, I will not support the legislation unless we get this warrant amendment requirement in the legislation itself.

Query is a fancy name for search, and the intelligence community will tell us right now there are 200,000 queries, 200,000 searches that take place every year on U.S. persons, on American citizens—200,000 a year. Those things are done on American citizens without a warrant, and this is the FBI that my friend and member of the Committee on Rules just talked about, who has abused the system.

Mr. Speaker, 278,000 times. It is not Mr. ROY, not Mr. JORDAN, that is giving you that number. That is the number from The Washington Post, 278,000 times.

The Inspector General at the Justice Department determined that FBI did not follow the previous rules when they searched this database on U.S. persons. Now, we are supposed to believe, Oh, we have new rules, stricter rules, better rules—and I am all for those—now they are going to follow the new rules. They didn't follow the old ones but now they are going to follow the new.

Why don't we go to the tried-and-true method. If you have the executive branch wanting to look at American citizens' information, they have to go to a separate and equal branch of the government, the judicial branch, and get a probable cause warrant.

It has worked pretty darn well for 200-plus years in the greatest country ever, but somehow, we can't do it here?

Our warrant requirement has three exceptions and the first exception is if it is an emergency situation you don't have to go to a judge and get a warrant. You do the search, you find out, and you protect America.

There are two other exceptions in there, as well.

Here is the fundamental question: If there are 200,000 searches done on U.S. persons a year, how many of them aren't covered by the exceptions?

Guess what? Nobody seems to be able to give us an answer. That is the question we need to know because if it is a big number, we should all be scared. If it is a small number, what is the big deal?

No one will answer that question. That is what we need to know.

Mr. Speaker, the best way to safeguard the liberty of the people we get the privilege of representing is to do what has been done in this country forever: Go get a warrant.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is really important that the American people know that we are debating a rule today, and that rule has the FISA bill, which we have heard much, but it also has other bills.

Mr. Speaker, half the bills, half the legislation that are on the floor today do nothing. They do absolutely nothing. In fact, it is not surprising that Republicans, my colleagues, worry about the do-nothing Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I request ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from NBC NEWS titled: "It is embarrassing": Republicans worry they have no achievements to run on in 2024."

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

There was no objection.

[From NBC News]

'IT'S EMBARRASSING': REPUBLICANS WORRY THEY HAVE NO ACHIEVEMENTS TO RUN ON IN 2024

(By Sahil Kapur)

"They can't pass an agenda" Democrats intend to highlight the majority's thin record this fall.

"I think people are paying attention to that," Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., the chair of the House Democratic Caucus, said in an interview. "This is clearly a Republican conference where the only thing that brings them together are impeachments and censures. That's what they're about because they can't pass an agenda. They can't do anything substantively to help the American people. And so we plan on making that an issue throughout the year."

Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., a senior appropriator, said there's still time for Re-

publicans to bag some victories. "If we can do the tax bill, and if we can do the appropriation bills . . . if we can do something to actually strengthen the border . . . then I think that would be a highly, highly, highly successful Congress," he said.

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., who represents one of 17 GOP districts that Biden won in 2020, praised the tax bill and said he wants to fund Ukraine and Israel, help Taiwan and secure the border.

"I hope there's enough adults in the room that are willing to focus on progress rather than purity," Fitzpatrick said.

GOP senators concur. "It would be really nice if they could hang their hat on some accomplishment," said Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., who previously served three terms in the House.

Cramer said the record of accomplishments since Republicans took the House majority has so far been "damn thin." He warned that if conservatives scuttle an immigration deal, it could hurt swing-district GOP members who would benefit from achievements as they fight for political survival in competitive districts.

"It would be ironic if the thing that prevented them from being able to hang their hat on a good immigration or border security policy would be the election because it could be the only thing that might save some of them," Cramer said. "The whole 'burden of governing' thing that I was hopeful would weigh heavily enough on them to get serious hasn't worked so far."

"We keep doing the same stupid stuff"

House Rules Committee Chair Tom Cole, R-Okla., said divided government always complicates lawmaking but argued that since the GOP took the House, "the big accomplishments here are what we stopped, not what we got done."

"Certainly so far we've avoided shutting down the government; that's no small achievement," he said. "I actually think that House races are going to be shaped more by the presidential race than they are by anything that happens here. The country is very evenly divided. I don't think very many people are going to vote for one guy for president and a person of a different party for their local congressman or congresswoman."

That's not good enough for some Republicans.

The frustration over the lack of achievements boiled over for Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, around Thanksgiving when he went to the floor to deliver a fiery speech that gained national attention.

"I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one!—that I can go campaign on and say we did. One!" Roy yelled. "Anybody sitting in the complex, you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done besides, 'Well, I guess it's not as bad as the Democrats.'"

Rep. Richard Hudson, R-N.C., the GOP campaign chief, said members conveyed their dissatisfaction to Roy about his comments that the party doesn't deserve the majority.

"I don't think it's helpful," Hudson said. "I bet some Democrats will take his words and make some ads out of them."

But he added that he doesn't think Roy's outburst will impact any races by fall. He said Republicans "have legislative accomplishments coming out of the House," citing conservative measures to bolster fossil fuel energy production and a "parents' bill of rights," even though they've gone nowhere in the Democratic-led Senate.

"I think we've got a record to run on," Hudson said.

Roy told NBC News he stands by his critique “because nothing’s been delivered yet—no final product.” And the message from his colleagues didn’t seem to impress him. On Thursday, as Congress passed a third stopgap funding bill in five months, Roy went back to the floor to question the value of the Republican majority.

“By the way, it does not matter who’s sitting in the speaker’s seat or who’s got the majority,” he said before the C-SPAN cameras on the House floor. “We keep doing the same stupid stuff.”

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would say that some of the quotes—and I am saying quotes—say: “I hope there is enough adults in the room that are willing to focus on progress rather than purity.”

Mr. Speaker, that means when you don’t have bipartisan legislation to work on some of the issues my constituents have talked about, the resolutions that nobody on the other side wants to talk about, because they do nothing.

I would also point to another quote: “I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one—that I can go campaign on and say we did. One.” Roy yelled. “Anybody sitting in the complex, if you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done besides: Well, I guess it is not as bad as Democrats.”

I think that is a really important thing that Americans need to know.

Mr. Speaker, when we were in charge of this House, we looked on making sure that we brought down the cost of prescription drugs. We made sure that we addressed the needs of the American people.

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 6¾ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from New Mexico has 9¾ minutes.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, which I hope we will, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 12, a bill that would protect access to reproductive and abortion healthcare for the millions of Americans who need it.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, the far-right and MAGA Republicans will stop at nothing short of a full abortion ban. As of this month, over a dozen States have restricted access to that critical healthcare with some extreme States eliminating access entirely.

Just yesterday, an Arizona Supreme Court upheld a 160-year-old law, making it a felony to perform or induce an abortion at almost any time. This is inhumane.

Mr. Speaker, do you think Republicans will stop at 15 States, 20 States? On the contrary, they won’t stop until every single woman in this country is

deprived of her right to make her own healthcare decisions in conversation with her faith, her family, and her doctors without government interference.

Mr. Speaker, that is why House Democrats are fighting to protect women, protect doctors, and protect patients who simply want access to needed care.

H.R. 12, the Women’s Health Protection Act, will prevent States from trampling on Americans’ constitutional rights and keep fundamental healthcare services available across the country.

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

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, to discuss our proposal, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. SCHRIER).

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague, Representative LEGER FERNANDEZ, for her commitment to ensuring women’s access to abortion care, no matter where they are in this country. This is because extreme Republicans are doubling down on their out-of-touch—and I will repeat—extreme attacks on women as they march toward a national abortion ban.

Make no mistake. By overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court deprived millions of women the freedom to make one of the most personal and important decisions of their lives.

As a physician, in fact, a pediatrician, I understand that reproductive healthcare, including abortion, is part of women’s healthcare.

There is simply no place for politics in the exam room. This is a personal decision between a woman and her doctor. It is not a government decision, and government should not be meddling in healthcare. This is a slippery slope, as we are already seeing.

When there is a claim by my colleagues, by my Republican colleagues, that life begins at conception, the moment a sperm touches an egg, boy, that is a slippery slope.

We have already seen what that has done to IVF care. Parents who desperately want children are unable to have families now in Alabama because of this ruling. This is interfering with even more aspects of women’s healthcare.

Next is contraception. Again, make no mistake. As one of two pro-choice woman doctors in Congress, you can count on me to do everything I can to protect women’s access to safe abortion.

Mr. Speaker, this is why the Women’s Healthcare Protection Act, which will keep government out of this most personal and important medical decision, is so critical to pass.

□ 1315

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

I want to give everyone at home a behind-the-scenes look at what we just did here today. Republicans needed filler this week because they have no real agenda to work on. Of the four bills, three of them are do-nothing bills that attack the President, a customs bill that has broad support and didn’t need a rule, and a FISA reauthorization which we don’t even know will pass.

I think Americans want to know what we are not doing here. They want to know that we are not taking up the important legislation that Americans are worried about, like security assistance for Ukraine, which the Senate voted overwhelmingly to pass. The crucial aid to Ukraine would be critical to fight for democracy, but we are not even taking it up.

We are not taking up the need to pass a farm bill. Everywhere I go in my district, my rural area, I am asked: What is happening with the farm bill?

We are not taking it up. We are not taking up legislation to protect a woman’s access to healthcare, so that if she has a miscarriage she is welcomed with assistance from her doctors and not handcuffs.

We have pointed out that the last bill to pass the Rules Committee and become law was almost a year ago, because Republicans in this Congress have been trying but failing over and over to govern. Democrats, in contrast, are willing to work across the aisle on bipartisan issues, to attack the important issues our constituents know we need to get done. We cannot continue to have the kind of infighting that stops legislative action for us to get the work done we need to get done.

Mr. Speaker, because of all the important issues that were raised and we need to take up, for women and people who love the women, who want to make sure they have the healthcare they deserve, vote “no” on the previous question. Let’s take up the Women’s Health Protection Act. Let’s move on things that in every State, election after election, we know we need to get done.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the previous question and the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to summarize what we have in front of us, particularly with respect to the foreign intelligence surveillance issue. That is where we have, I think, the most debate.

The fact of the matter is, for the average American watching this, they are going to be confused as to what exactly we are doing because it is a complex issue.

I started this rule debate by quoting James Madison, who in 1798, I will repeat, wrote to Thomas Jefferson and said: “Perhaps it is a universal truth

that the loss of liberty at home is to be charged to provisions against danger real or pretended from abroad.”

I think that is the question that is before us right now. It is the balance that a nation struggles with, if you are a republic like ours, a republic built on the back of liberty and our constitutional protections, that is trying to balance the need to stop evil abroad from attacking our people with protecting civil liberties at home.

What we have, for the average American to understand, is a big pot of collected information that is, in the words of the intel community, directed outward. That large pot of information is directed toward some 230,000 people, individuals and entities abroad. As I said earlier, we don't know who they are. We are not briefed on who they are. When we try to go into that kind of level of briefing, it is often cloaked in the intel world. They just say this is dangerous and important stuff. The Judiciary Committee chairman, for example, doesn't know who is on that list of 230,000 people.

From that list of 230,000, who we don't know, and which can expand or shrink at the whim of the intel community, we then take that information and communications with any of those individuals, if you are an American citizen, you can get swept up and viewed by the intel community. That is where the abuses took place.

I have heard some of my colleagues saying: You are asking for a secondary warrant when we say that the warrant amendment here is critically important. That misses the point that you have got an intelligence-driven apparatus to collect information abroad that then will sweep in communications by Americans citizens, or U.S. persons, into that database. Those communications can now be seen and can be viewed.

As I noted, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board report released last year said: “Ordinary Americans may be in contact with section 702 targets for business or personal reasons even if the Americans have no connection to, or reason to suspect, any wrongdoing by their foreign contacts.”

That is the problem. That is why the Judiciary Committee, which is the committee with primary jurisdiction, put in place additional protections in the form of a required warrant if you are going to look at the information of those American citizens. That was the wisdom of the very broad, bipartisan 35-2 vote in the Judiciary Committee. That was removed.

The bill now put on the floor, the bill before us, now we are forced to proceed to a bill by virtue of a rule whereby we are not sure whether the issue at play, the warrant requirement, will be supported.

Now, that might be fine. You say we have an open process, but it wasn't really an open process. It was a structured rule. There were provisions that

were sort of cooked up to achieve the result. That is what we are looking at.

In truth, there are amendments that have been part of the rule that are intel amendments which will expand FISA, which will expand the reach, and by all accounts, more likely than not, will pass.

Then there are the provisions that some support that would constrain the power, for example, the warrant requirement or the “abouts” language which would limit the use of the more generic “abouts,” so you have to target the specific individuals. Then there is the enhanced reporting, which happens to be my amendment. Those provisions are meant to constrain government.

The conundrum that you see, that you are going to see play out on the floor is: Do you support the rule to proceed, to move forward, under the hope that the warrant amendment will be passed? Because the sword of Damocles that is hanging over our heads is that this will expire and thus there will be pressure to pass a simple reauthorization for 5 years. That is the truth.

We will see what transpires. It is my considered judgment that we ought to try, as a body, to stand behind a warrant requirement to make sure we protect the American people.

The material previously referred to by Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ is as follows:  
AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1125 OFFERED BY  
MS. LEGER FERNANDEZ OF NEW MEXICO

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 12) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 12.

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### RECESS

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

declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1125;

Adoption of House Resolution 1125, if ordered; and

Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3250.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7888, REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 529, EXTENDING LIMITS OF U.S. CUSTOMS WATERS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1112, DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1117, OPPOSING EFFORTS TO PLACE ONE-SIDED PRESSURE ON ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO GAZA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 1125) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7888) to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 529) to extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1117) opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 210, nays 209, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 107]  
YEAS—210

Aderholt	Fulcher	Miller (OH)
Alford	Gaetz	Miller (WV)
Allen	Gallagher	Miller-Meeks
Amodei	Garbarino	Mills
Armstrong	Garcia, Mike	Molinaro
Arrington	Gimenez	Moolenaar
Bacon	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (AL)
Baird	Good (VA)	Moore (UT)
Balderson	Gooden (TX)	Moran
Banks	Gosar	Murphy
Barr	Granger	Newhouse
Bean (FL)	Graves (LA)	Norman
Bentz	Graves (MO)	Nunn (IA)
Bergman	Green (TN)	Oberholte
Bice	Greene (GA)	Ogles
Biggs	Griffith	Owens
Bilirakis	Grothman	Palmer
Bishop (NC)	Guest	Pence
Boebert	Guthrie	Perry
Bost	Hageman	Pfleger
Brecheen	Harris	Posey
Buchanan	Harshbarger	Reschenthaler
Buchson	Higgins (LA)	Rodgers (WA)
Burchett	Hill	Rogers (AL)
Burgess	Hinson	Rogers (KY)
Burlison	Houchin	Rose
Calvert	Hudson	Rosendale
Cammack	Huizenga	Rouzer
Carey	Hunt	Roy
Carl	Issa	Rutherford
Carter (GA)	Jackson (TX)	Salazar
Carter (TX)	James	Scalise
Chavez-DeRemer	Johnson (LA)	Schweikert
Ciscomani	Johnson (SD)	Scott, Austin
Cline	Jordan	Self
Cloud	Joyce (OH)	Sessions
Clyde	Joyce (PA)	Simpson
Cole	Kean (NJ)	Smith (MO)
Collins	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Comer	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Crane	Kiggans (VA)	Smucker
Crawford	Kiley	Spartz
Crenshaw	Kim (CA)	Staubert
Curtis	Kustoff	Steel
D'Esposito	LaHood	Stefanik
Davidson	LaLota	Steil
De La Cruz	LaMalfa	Steube
DesJarlais	Langworthy	Strong
Diaz-Balart	Latta	Tenney
Donalds	LaTurner	Thompson (PA)
Duarte	Lawler	Tiffany
Duncan	Lee (FL)	Timmons
Dunn (FL)	Letlow	Turner
Edwards	Loudermilk	Valadao
Ellzey	Lucas	Van Drew
Emmer	Luna	Van Dwyne
Estes	Luttrell	Van Orden
Ezell	Mace	Wagner
Fallon	Malliotakis	Walberg
Feenstra	Maloy	Waltz
Ferguson	Mann	Weber (TX)
Finstad	Massie	Webster (FL)
Fischbach	Mast	Wenstrup
Fitzgerald	McCaul	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	McClain	Williams (NY)
Fleischmann	McClintock	Williams (TX)
Flood	McCormick	Wilson (SC)
Foxx	McHenry	Wittman
Franklin, Scott	Meuser	Womack
Fry	Miller (IL)	Yakym

NAYS—209

Adams	Carter (LA)	Davis (IL)
Aguilar	Cartwright	Davis (NC)
Allred	Casar	Dean (PA)
Amo	Case	DeGette
Auchincloss	Casten	DeLauro
Balint	Castor (FL)	DelBene
Barragan	Castro (TX)	Deluzio
Beatty	Cherfilus-	DeSaulnier
Bera	McCormick	Dingell
Beyer	Chu	Doggett
Bishop (GA)	Clark (MA)	Escobar
Blumenauer	Clarke (NY)	Eshoo
Blunt Rochester	Cleaver	Espallat
Bonamici	Clyburn	Evans
Bowman	Cohen	Fletcher
Boyle (PA)	Connolly	Foster
Brown	Correa	Foushee
Brownley	Costa	Frankel, Lois
Budzinski	Courtney	Frost
Bush	Craig	Gallego
Caraveo	Crockett	Garamendi
Carbajal	Crow	Garcia (IL)
Cárdenas	Cuellar	Garcia (TX)
Carson	Davids (KS)	García, Robert

Goldman (NY)	McClellan	Schakowsky
Gomez	McCollum	Schiff
Gonzalez,	McGarvey	Schneider
Vicente	McGovern	Scholten
Gottheimer	Meeks	Schrier
Green, Al (TX)	Menendez	Scott (VA)
Harder (CA)	Meng	Scott, David
Hayes	Mfume	Sewell
Himes	Moore (WI)	Sherman
Horsford	Morelle	Sherrill
Houlihan	Moskowitz	Slotkin
Hoyer	Moulton	Smith (WA)
Hoyle (OR)	Mrvan	Sorensen
Huffman	Mullin	Soto
Ivey	Nadler	Spanberger
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Stansbury
Jackson (NC)	Neal	Stanton
Neal	Neguse	Stevens
Jackson Lee	Nickel	Suozzi
Jacobs	Norcross	Swalwell
Jayapal	Norcross	Swalwell
Jeffries	Ocasio-Cortez	Sykes
Johnson (GA)	Omar	Takano
Kamlager-Dove	Pallone	Thanedar
Kaptur	Panetta	Thompson (CA)
Keating	Pappas	Thompson (MS)
Kelly (IL)	Passrell	Titus
Khanna	Pelosi	Fry
Kildee	Peltola	Tlaib
Kilmer	Perez	Tokuda
Kim (NJ)	Peters	Tonko
Krishnamoorthi	Petterson	Torres (CA)
Kuster	Phillips	Torres (NY)
Landsman	Pingree	Trahan
Larsen (WA)	Pocan	Trone
Larson (CT)	Porter	Underwood
Lee (CA)	Pressley	Vargas
Lee (NV)	Quigley	Vasquez
Lee (PA)	Ramirez	Veasey
Leger Fernandez	Raskin	Velázquez
Levin	Ross	Wasserman
Lieu	Ruiz	Schultz
Lofgren	Ruppersberger	Waters
Lynch	Ryan	Watson Coleman
Magaziner	Salinas	Wexton
Manning	Sánchez	Wild
Matsui	Sarbano	Williams (GA)
McBath	Scanlon	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—12

Babin	Lamborn
Golden (ME)	Lesko
Grijalva	Luetkemeyer
Hern	Mooney

□ 1359

Messrs. JOHNSON of Georgia, MAG-AZINER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mses. LEE of Nevada, and TITUS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 193, noes 228, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 108]

AYES—193

Aderholt	Bentz	Carey
Alford	Bergman	Carl
Allen	Bice	Carter (GA)
Amodei	Bilirakis	Carter (TX)
Armstrong	Bost	Chavez-DeRemer
Arrington	Brecheen	Ciscomani
Bacon	Buchanan	Cline
Baird	Buchson	Clyde
Balderson	Burgess	Cole
Banks	Burlison	Collins
Barr	Calvert	Comer
Bean (FL)	Cammack	Crawford

Crenshaw	Issa	Palmer
Curtis	Jackson (TX)	Pence
D'Esposito	James	Pfleger
De La Cruz	Johnson (LA)	Posey
DesJarlais	Johnson (SD)	Reschenthaler
Diaz-Balart	Jordan	Rodgers (WA)
Donalds	Joyce (OH)	Rogers (AL)
Duarte	Joyce (PA)	Rogers (KY)
Duncan	Kean (NJ)	Rose
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (MS)	Rouzer
Edwards	Kelly (PA)	Rutherford
Ellzey	Kiggans (VA)	Salazar
Emmer	Kiley	Scalise
Estes	Kim (CA)	Schweikert
Ezell	Kustoff	Scott, Austin
Fallon	LaHood	Self
Feenstra	LaLota	Sessions
Ferguson	LaMalfa	Simpson
Finstad	Langworthy	Smith (MO)
Fischbach	Latta	Smith (NE)
Fitzgerald	LaTurner	Smith (NJ)
Fleischmann	Lawler	Smucker
Flood	Lee (FL)	Spartz
Foxx	Letlow	Staubert
Franklin, Scott	Loudermilk	Steel
Fry	Lucas	Stefanik
	Luttrell	Steil
	Malliotakis	Strong
	Maloy	Tenney
	Mann	Thompson (PA)
	Massie	Tiffany
	Mast	Timmons
	McCaul	Turner
	Gooden (TX)	Valadao
	Granger	Van Drew
	Graves (LA)	Van Dwyne
	Graves (MO)	Van Orden
	Green (TN)	Wagner
	Greene (GA)	Miller (IL)
	Griffith	Miller (OH)
	Grothman	Miller (WV)
	Guest	Miller-Meeks
	Guthrie	Molinaro
	Hageman	Moolenaar
	Harris	Moore (AL)
	Harshbarger	Moore (UT)
	Hern	Moran
	Hill	Murphy
	Hinson	Nehls
	Houchin	Newhouse
	Hudson	Nunn (IA)
	Huizenga	Oberholte
	Hunt	Owens

NOES—228

Adams	Connolly	Hayes
Aguilar	Correa	Higgins (LA)
Allred	Costa	Himes
Amo	Courtney	Horsford
Auchincloss	Craig	Houlihan
Balint	Crane	Hoyer
Barragan	Crockett	Hoyle (OR)
Beatty	Crow	Huffman
Bera	Cuellar	Ivey
Beyer	Davids (KS)	Jackson (IL)
Biggs	Davis (IL)	Jackson (NC)
Bishop (GA)	Davis (NC)	Jackson Lee
Bishop (NC)	Dean (PA)	Jacobs
Blumenauer	DeGette	Jayapal
Blunt Rochester	DeLauro	Jeffries
Boebert	DelBene	Johnson (GA)
Bonamici	Deluzio	Kamlager-Dove
Bowman	DeSaulnier	Kaptur
Boyle (PA)	Dingell	Keating
Brown	Doggett	Kelly (IL)
Brownley	Escobar	Khanna
Budzinski	Eshoo	Kildee
Burchett	Espallat	Kilmer
Bush	Evans	Kim (NJ)
Caraveo	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi
Carbajal	Foster	Kuster
Cárdenas	Foushee	Landsman
Carson	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (WA)
Carter (LA)	Frost	Larson (CT)
Cartwright	Gaetz	Lee (CA)
Casar	Gallego	Lee (NV)
Case	Garamendi	Lee (PA)
Casten	Garcia (IL)	Leger Fernandez
Castor (FL)	Garcia (TX)	Levin
Castro (TX)	García, Robert	Lieu
Cherfilus-	Goldman (NY)	Lofgren
McCormick	Gomez	Luna
Chu	Gonzalez,	Lynch
Clark (MA)	Vicente	Mace
Clarke (NY)	Good (VA)	Magaziner
Cleaver	Gosar	Manning
Clyburn	Gottheimer	Matsui
Cohen	Green, Al (TX)	McBath
Connolly	Harder (CA)	McClellan

McCollum	Pettersen	Spanberger	Chu	Hinson	Nadler	Torres (NY)	Velázquez	Wild
McGarvey	Phillips	Stansbury	Ciscomani	Horsford	Napolitano	Trahan	Wagner	Williams (GA)
McGovern	Pingree	Stanton	Clark (MA)	Houchin	Neal	Trone	Walberg	Williams (NY)
Meeks	Pocan	Steube	Clarke (NY)	Houlahan	Neguse	Turner	Waltz	Williams (TX)
Menendez	Porter	Stevens	Cleaver	Hoyer	Newhouse	Underwood	Wasserman	Wilson (FL)
Meng	Pressley	Suoizzi	Clyburn	Hoyle (OR)	Nickel	Valadao	Schultz	Wilson (SC)
Mfume	Quigley	Swalwell	Clyde	Hudson	Norman	Van Drew	Waters	Wittman
Mills	Ramirez	Sykes	Cohen	Huffman	Nunn (IA)	Van Dwyne	Watson Coleman	Womack
Moore (WI)	Raskin	Takano	Cole	Huizenga	Obernoite	Van Orden	Webster (FL)	Yakym
Morelle	Rosendale	Thanedar	Comer	Hunt	Ocasio-Cortez	Vargas	Wenstrup	Zinke
Moskowitz	Ross	Thompson (CA)	Connolly	Issa	Omar	Vasquez	Westerman	
Moulton	Roy	Thompson (MS)	Correa	Ivey	Owens	Veasey	Wexton	
Mrvan	Ruiz	Titus	Costa	Jackson (NC)	Pallone			
Mullin	Ruppersberger	Tlaib	Costa	Jackson (TX)	Palmer			
Nadler	Ryan	Tokuda	Courtney	Jackson Lee	Panetta			
Napolitano	Salinas	Tonko	Craig	Jackson Lee	Pappas			
Neal	Sánchez	Torres (CA)	Crawford	Jacobs	Pascarell			
Neguse	Sarbanes	Torres (NY)	Crenshaw	James	Pelosi			
Nickel	Scanlon	Trahan	Crockett	Jayapal	Peltola			
Norcross	Schakowsky	Trone	Crow	Jeffries	Pence			
Norman	Schiff	Underwood	Cuellar	Johnson (GA)	Perez			
Ocasio-Cortez	Schneider	Vargas	Curtis	Johnson (LA)	Peters			
Ogles	Scholten	Vasquez	D'Esposito	Johnson (SD)	Petersen			
Omar	Schrier	Veasey	Davidson	Joyce (PA)	Pfluger			
Pallone	Scott (VA)	Velázquez	Davis (IL)	Kamlager-Dove	Phillips			
Panetta	Scott, David	Wasserman	Davis (NC)	Kaptur	Pingree			
Pappas	Sewell	Schultz	De La Cruz	Kean (NJ)	Pocan			
Pascarell	Sherman	Waters	Dean (PA)	Kelly (IL)	Porter			
Pelosi	Sherrill	Watson Coleman	DeGette	Kelly (MS)	Posey			
Peltola	Slotkin	Wexton	DeLauro	Kelly (PA)	Pressley			
Perez	Smith (WA)	Wild	DelBene	Khanna	Quigley			
Perry	Sorensen	Williams (GA)	Deluzio	Kiggans (VA)	Ramirez			
Peters	Soto	Wilson (FL)	DeSaulnier	Kildee	Raskin			

## NOT VOTING—10

Babin	Lamborn	Payne
Davidson	Lesko	Strickland
Golden (ME)	Luetkemeyer	
Grijalva	Mooney	

□ 1413

So the resolution was not agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY RECOGNITION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3250) to recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York, 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 gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN) 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 385, nays 31, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 109]

YEAS—385

Adams	Bergman	Calvert
Aderholt	Beyer	Caraveo
Aguilar	Bice	Carbajal
Alford	Bilirakis	Cárdenas
Allen	Bishop (GA)	Carey
Allred	Blumenauer	Carl
Amo	Blunt Rochester	Carson
Amodei	Bonamici	Carter (GA)
Auchincloss	Bost	Carter (LA)
Bacon	Bowman	Carter (TX)
Baird	Boyle (PA)	Cartwright
Balderson	Brown	Casar
Balint	Brownley	Case
Banks	Buchanan	Casten
Barr	Bucshon	Castor (FL)
Barragán	Budzinski	Castro (TX)
Beatty	Burchett	Chavez-DeRemer
Bentz	Burgess	Cherfilus-
Bera	Bush	McCormick

Chu	Hinson	Nadler	Torres (NY)	Velázquez	Wild
Ciscomani	Horsford	Napolitano	Trahan	Wagner	Williams (GA)
Clark (MA)	Houchin	Neal	Trone	Walberg	Williams (NY)
Clarke (NY)	Houlahan	Neguse	Turner	Waltz	Williams (TX)
Cleaver	Hoyer	Newhouse	Underwood	Wasserman	Wilson (FL)
Clyburn	Hoyle (OR)	Nickel	Valadao	Schultz	Wilson (SC)
Clyde	Hudson	Norman	Van Drew	Waters	Wittman
Cohen	Huffman	Nunn (IA)	Van Dwyne	Watson Coleman	Womack
Cole	Huizenga	Obernoite	Van Orden	Webster (FL)	Yakym
Comer	Hunt	Ocasio-Cortez	Vargas	Wenstrup	Zinke
Connolly	Issa	Omar	Vasquez	Westerman	
Correa	Ivey	Owens	Veasey	Wexton	
Costa	Jackson (NC)	Pallone			
Costa	Jackson (TX)	Palmer			
Courtney	Jackson Lee	Panetta			
Craig	Jacobs	Pappas			
Crawford	James	Pascarell			
Crenshaw	Jayapal	Pelosi			
Crockett	Jeffries	Peltola			
Crow	Johnson (GA)	Pence			
Cuellar	Johnson (LA)	Perez			
Curtis	Johnson (SD)	Peters			
D'Esposito	Joyce (PA)	Petersen			
Davidson	Kamlager-Dove	Pfluger			
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Phillips			
Davis (NC)	Kean (NJ)	Pingree			
De La Cruz	Keating	Pocan			
Dean (PA)	Kelly (IL)	Porter			
DeGette	Kelly (MS)	Posey			
DeLauro	Kelly (PA)	Pressley			
DelBene	Khanna	Quigley			
Deluzio	Kiggans (VA)	Ramirez			
DeSaulnier	Kildee	Raskin			
DesJarlais	Kiley	Reschenthaler			
Diaz-Balart	Kilmer	Rodgers (WA)			
Dingell	Kim (CA)	Rogers (AL)			
Doggett	Kim (NJ)	Rogers (KY)			
Duarte	Krishnamoorthi	Rose			
Duncan	Kuster	Ross			
Dunn (FL)	Kustoff	Rouzer			
Edwards	LaHood	Ruiz			
Ellzey	LaLota	Ruppersberger			
Emmer	LaMalfa	Rutherford			
Escobar	Landsman	Ryan			
Eshoo	Langworthy	Salazar			
Españat	Larsen (WA)	Salinas			
Estes	Larson (CT)	Sánchez			
Evans	Latta	Sarbanes			
Ezell	LaTurner	Scalise			
Fallon	Lawler	Scanlon			
Feenstra	Lee (CA)	Schakowsky			
Ferguson	Lee (FL)	Schiff			
Finstad	Lee (NV)	Schneider			
Fischbach	Lee (PA)	Scholten			
Fitzgerald	Leger Fernandez	Schrier			
Fitzpatrick	Letlow	Schweikert			
Fleischmann	Levin	Scott (VA)			
Fletcher	Lieu	Scott, Austin			
Flood	Lofgren	Scott, David			
Foster	Lucas	Self			
Foushee	Luna	Sessions			
Fox	Luttrell	Sewell			
Frankel, Lois	Lynch	Sherman			
Franklin, Scott	Mace	Sherrill			
Frost	Magaziner	Simpson			
Fry	Malliotakis	Slotkin			
Fulcher	Maloy	Smith (MO)			
Gaetz	Mann	Smith (NE)			
Gallagher	Manning	Smith (NJ)			
Gallego	Mast	Smith (WA)			
Garamendi	Matsui	Smucker			
Garbarino	McBath	Sorensen			
García (IL)	McCaul	Soto			
García (TX)	McCain	Spanberger			
García, Mike	McClellan	Spartz			
García, Robert	McClellan	Stansbury			
Gimenez	McClintock	Stanton			
Goldman (NY)	McCollum	Staubert			
Gomez	McCormick	Steel			
Gonzales, Tony	McGarvey	Stefanik			
Gonzalez,	McGovern	Steil			
Gonzalez,	Meeks	Stevens			
Gonzalez,	Menendez	Strong			
Gonzalez,	Meng	Suoizzi			
Gonzalez,	Meuser	Swalwell			
Gonzalez,	Mfume	Sykes			
Gonzalez,	Miller (OH)	Takano			
Gonzalez,	Miller-Meeks	Tenney			
Gonzalez,	Mills	Thanedar			
Gonzalez,	Molinaro	Thompson (CA)			
Gonzalez,	Moolenaar	Thompson (MS)			
Gonzalez,	Moore (UT)	Thompson (PA)			
Gonzalez,	Moore (WI)	Tiffany			
Gonzalez,	Moran	Timmons			
Gonzalez,	Morelle	Titus			
Gonzalez,	Moskowitz	Tlaib			
Gonzalez,	Moulton	Tokuda			
Gonzalez,	Higgins (LA)	Tonko			
Gonzalez,	Hill	Torres (CA)			
Gonzalez,	Himes				

## NAYS—31

Arrington	Crane	Miller (IL)
Bean (FL)	Donalds	Miller (WV)
Biggs	Good (VA)	Moore (AL)
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	Nehls
Boebert	Greene (GA)	Ogles
Broehnen	Hageman	Perry
Burlison	Harris	Rosendale
Cammack	Harshbarger	Roy
Cline	Jordan	Steube
Cloud	Loudermilk	
Collins	Massie	

## NOT VOTING—15

Armstrong	Joyce (OH)	Mooney
Babin	Lamborn	Norcross
Golden (ME)	Lesko	Payne
Grijalva	Luetkemeyer	Strickland
Jackson (IL)	McHenry	Weber (TX)

□ 1424

Ms. GARCIA of Texas changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was not present due to the mistake of rushing to the 2 p.m. HFAC hearing. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 109.

Stated against:

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 109, I mistakenly voted “yea” when I intended to vote “nay.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 107, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 1125; “nay” on rollcall No. 108, H. Res. 1125; and “yea” on rollcall No. 109, H.R. 3250.

## AUTHORIZING VIDEO RECORDING IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER DURING A JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 1126 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1126

*Resolved*, That the Speaker, in concurrence with the Minority Leader, is authorized to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to record proceedings during a joint meeting of

Congress on April 11, 2024, to provide a virtual reality experience for educational use by the public.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF BILL FOSTER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of BILL FOSTER.

Bill was a longtime Savannah, Georgia, resident, having been born and raised in the area.

After graduating from Armstrong College Night School, Bill served our Nation as a member of the Georgia Army National Guard. During this time, he was a commissioned officer in the 118th Field Artillery Battalion.

Following service, Bill worked with Thomas and Hutton Engineering as a land surveyor. During his employment, he contributed to multiple landscape development projects. Noting his skills and strong work ethic, the company appointed Bill as chairman of the board of directors where he served until the time of his retirement in December of 1997.

Bill embodied the characteristics of a true community man, having raised a wonderful family with his wife, Peggy, while actively participating in local church operations and other community committees.

Bill will be remembered for his civic leadership, his community involvement, and his service to our Nation.

#### HAMAS IS RESPONSIBLE

(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, we need to be unequivocally clear about one thing: Hamas is responsible for every single loss of life in Israel and Gaza since their barbaric attack on October 7.

Hamas, conducting a war from beneath the homes and kitchens of citizens, is putting civilians in danger, not this ridiculous assertion made against Israel, which is merely defending itself against these sources of attack.

There can be no cease-fire until Hamas surrenders, releases every hostage, and ceases firing at Israel and its innocent citizens.

It is shameful that the Biden White House and Senate majority Leader SCHUMER are walking back support of one of our greatest allies.

Meanwhile, there are increasingly concerning pro-Iran/Muslim Brotherhood influences inside our own State Department.

Israel has an undeniable right to defend themselves from their attackers.

The U.S. must continue to support military armaments, including the Iron Dome missile defense system, and never encourage our ally to surrender to the terrorists who want them dead and to not exist.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL MUST PROTECT THIS NATION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reinforce one of the most important positions that we have in the United States, and that is the Attorney General of the United States of America.

That officer of the Nation is to provide protection when it comes to fair voting laws, to structure a scheme of social justice and criminal justice interacting together where you have justice in the eyes of the citizen, and, of course, you have a response in the eyes of the person that is the perpetrator, that they are held accountable.

So I call upon the Attorney General of the United States to defend this Nation: Defend this Nation on the grounds of more women's rights; defend this Nation on a better social voting rights structure that is not being defended; and fight for a young boy that is sitting in a classroom isolated in Texas because he does not have the right hairstyle. He is suffering because the State of Texas is not abiding by the CROWN Act.

I want the Attorney General of the United States to do its job of defending the citizens of this country and to hold those responsible who have done wrong and to be able to protect those who have not done wrong. I will follow up in the days to come.

#### A SHAMEFUL DISPLAY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, over the last few weeks, we have seen a shameful display by Members of the Democratic Party, including the Senate majority leader, who attacked and undermined the State of Israel and the special relationship that we have.

The United States recognized Israel 11 minutes after its founding. They are our closest ally in the world, and at a time of war the Senate majority leader, the Senator from New York, took the opportunity to call for a regime change.

At a time when the Democratic Party talks about protecting democracy, rails against foreign interference in elections, the Senator from New York thought it was his opportunity and in his interest politically to undermine the State of Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Hamas is a terrorist state. The fastest way for a cease-fire to occur is for Hamas to surrender and release the hostages. That is the only thing that members of the United States Government should be demanding from the President to the Senate majority leader to the former Speaker of the House.

It is shameful what is happening in the Democratic Party today.

#### FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to be very clear in the hearts and minds of Americans and the hearts and minds of Texans, the hearts and minds of the Democratic Caucus that no one in our Caucus condones the killing of innocent people no matter where we find ourselves.

So I rise today to take great issue with any suggestion that our Democratic Caucus would not fight for those who are the most vulnerable.

I recognize the Maryland delegation and the leader, Mr. MFUME, who comes to the floor to ensure that the voices of Marylanders are heard in helping to rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge but also to ensure the representation of the American people that we do not discard our friends.

What we will do is demand that our friends stand up for the vulnerable, that our friends love babies and women and children, and that we make sure that there is not an unequal mistreatment of individuals who are here in this country and who are overseas.

So I must challenge any interpretation of Democrats as being anything but supportive of the President's policies, which are policies that believe in protecting human rights workers, and again, as I started out, by protecting those vulnerable persons in the—how should I say it—in the very vigorous war that is going on and the loss of life that we see.

That is why you hear a difference of opinion in the Democratic Party. That is why you hear from the majority leader of the United States Senate a different voice because that voice has to speak for, again, the most vulnerable.

At the same time, would we not want to have the Nation acknowledge the tragedy that happened in Maryland in the Baltimore Harbor where so many detrimental disasters could be forthcoming because of the terrible tragedy of the bridge coming down, the lack of

money to be able to support a new system of construction, as well to be able to pay for it.

So here is the real story. Tragedy struck the Baltimore Harbor some weeks ago. We saw not only the Maryland delegation come together, but we saw the Nation come together.

The Nation has come together to be able to speak to the pain of the people that are in Maryland, that are in Baltimore, and in particular, in the city of Baltimore. That is what happened.

So I am standing with and supporting Mr. MFUME who comes to represent the Maryland delegation to ensure that those funds are forthcoming and that they are not dismissed. I think it is extremely important that we know to help our various communities that are suffering from hurricanes, suffering from a particular type of disaster that no one had ever heard, which is the disaster of the collision of a cargo carrier, if you will, going into the Francis Scott Key Bridge that many of us remember as the source of the Star Spangled Banner.

So I would not be here if I didn't think the value that I stand for is to stand alongside Mr. MFUME to recognize that we are Americans first and that we are here to help those who are in their time of need who cannot help themselves.

That is why the President immediately went to Maryland in terms of his voice, immediately spoke up on behalf of the people of Maryland and the people of Baltimore and immediately spoke up on behalf of the Maryland Congressional Delegation which Mr. MFUME now will continue to lead. He immediately stood up because he is going to be a man of his word. He stood up because he is a man of his word that he was going to be here to stand with the great people of Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to indicate my support for the funding efforts to help the great people of the great State of Maryland. Let's do it together. That is what Americans do. We help each other, and we work together.

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

#### FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. MFUME) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, let me begin by thanking the gentlewoman from Texas for her opening remarks of

this Special Order hour dedicated to make sure that we underscore the sense of tragedy, the sense of loss, and the sense of damage that has occurred as a result of the bridge collapse in Baltimore. I thank her again for sitting in and standing in. Your remarks were very well received. We appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today shortly to welcome other Members again who will be coming over to be a part of this Special Order. I want to call everyone's attention to the fact that somewhere around 1:30 a.m. on March 26, the Dali, a large 985-foot cargo ship weighing 95,000 tons when empty, collided, as we all know now, tragically with the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.

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The *Dali's* collision with the Key Bridge caused its fatal collapse into the Patapsco River and has forced the Port of Baltimore to suspend vessel traffic until further notice. All of the shipping lanes, with the exception of the ones that the Coast Guard was just recently able to open, have been closed, and we don't expect that to change until sometime around the end of May, if we are fortunate.

Aside from that, I think it is always important to recognize that it was not the collapse of the bridge alone that troubled us, but it is also the loss of human life. Our hearts continue to go out to the families who lost their loved ones on that bridge on that fateful evening.

This unimaginable disaster claimed the lives, as we know now, of six men: Alejandro Hernandez Fuentes, Maynor Yassir Suazo Sandoval, Miguel Luna, Dorlian Castillo Cabrera, Jose Mynor Lopez, and Carlos Hernandez.

Those stories and those lives have yet to be fully understood or told, but those men, most of whom had been in this country 16 or 17 years, working in most instances two jobs, married with children and raising families, paying taxes, and doing what a lot of people would not want to do at 1:30 in the morning that high up on a bridge, filling potholes.

We, in the State of Maryland, continue to mourn them, as do people all over the country, and we know that they were, indeed, as I said, husbands, somebody's father, somebody's brother. Their passing serves as a solemn reminder to cherish our own lives and the lives of those that we really deeply care about. These men gave their heart, they gave their sweat, and ultimately gave their souls.

They leave behind six grieving families and loved ones that will never see them again. So those families can never get enough of our condolences and our prayers and our sympathies. I thank the largest Latino and immigrant organization in the Mid-Atlantic, CASA de Maryland, its Executive Director Gustavo Torres, and all of those who worked so hard to support those grieving families the day of the col-

lapse and every day since then, both financially and emotionally. I ask that we continue to lift them in prayer in a time of great tragedy that all Americans, regardless of where they are, to some extent feel, understand, and grieve for.

I would be remiss if I did not thank President Joe Biden, who called the Governor and myself and other members of the delegation that morning to express his profound regret and his unflinching and unwavering support, to find a way to make things whole again, to rebuild that bridge, and to allow those shipping lanes of commerce to be open.

President Biden, since the beginning of this, has not wavered in his support of replacing that bridge, and not just for the sake of replacing a bridge, and to open, as I said before, the channels of commerce, but to also find a way to give hope to all of the many people who are affected, the thousands of longshoremen, thousands of dock workers that do odd jobs, all of those in the communities of Turner Station and Dundalk, Maryland, who are right at the mouth of the bridge, as well as all those small businesses and businessowners, the truck drivers and others—everyone affected when all commerce came to a halt.

I thank President Biden. We have appreciated the simple eloquence of his example in this tragedy. We pledge to work with him and with the appropriate members of the Appropriations Committee here in the Congress.

In addition to the President, I thank Secretary Buttigieg, who also reached out early that morning as the sun rose and who was one of the first boots on the ground by noon.

Secretary Buttigieg was initially responsible in making sure that the cleanup funds, the initial dollars, got appropriated and let right away. They were sent and are being used now in cleanup of the massive amount of debris, which I am going to talk about, which is almost unthinkable when you consider a bridge of that size.

Administrator Guzman and the SBA, we thank you and we thank all those SBA officials who came over and who started working with small businesses who are severely impacted by this, as was the case with Acting Secretary Su of the Department of Labor.

Now, one of the things that we believe is very important, and I think it is important to mention right now, is that the United States Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers immediately stood up a command team on the scene, immediately began working with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, who, by the way, has done an excellent job in marshaling all of the State's resources. That command team, made up of the Coast Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers, the State police, the FBI, and so many others that were involved from the start of this, really has made a difference in terms of the progress that has been made thus far.



The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Transportation Authority also were very much a part of what took place.

Mr. Speaker, this unified command, as I indicated, were some of the first boots on the ground, and they have responded to these crises day in and day out with diligence and with precision. Their work around the clock, 24/7, does not go unnoticed by our city, our State, or our Nation. We owe much dedication to those servicemen and servicewomen who, even at this hour as I speak, are still very much involved, as they had been in trying to find a way to open those channels.

There are 51 divers in the water right now, going through the wreckage and trying to assess the danger in very dangerous, dark, and murky circumstances.

We still have three individuals who have not yet been recovered, and so the work of those divers is particularly important so that these families might be able to bring closure to all that is going on.

I mentioned Governor Wes Moore. I want to speak more about him and his team and the members of the Maryland delegation who have worked in lock-step with one another to get us to this point.

My thanks to both Senators in the other body, Senators CARDIN and VAN HOLLEN; the entire House delegation, Congressman HOYER, Congressman RUPPERSBERGER, Congressman RASKIN, who you will hear from in just a minute, Congressman SARBANES, Congressman ANDY HARRIS, Congressman TRONE, Congressman GLENN IVEY, and myself.

I would like, if I might, before I talk more about the State's effort and what we are really dealing with when we think about this collapse, it is more than just concrete and bricks and steel falling into the ocean. It has disrupted supply chains across this Nation that we hope to reopen and reestablish.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), my fellow Marylander, and the ranking member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, Mr. MFUME, for yielding me time. I am grateful to him for his extraordinary leadership through this catastrophe and for leading us through this Special Order hour this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the devastating collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in our beloved home State of Maryland.

In times of catastrophe across the country, from earthquakes in California to hurricanes in Florida to flooding in Louisiana to wildfires in the West to terrorism in New York or Washington, D.C., we come together as a country to help our communities recover and rebuild, and we cannot allow any of the political divisions in America today to interfere with this process

of coming together to help a community struck by catastrophe in this way.

Disasters befall all of our States and all of our districts, and they are not partisan in character. We have to stick together to support all of our communities, and that is what we are going to do in Maryland, and we are going to do as a Nation to rebuild the Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge.

I thank Governor Moore's administration, the Coast Guard, Secretary Buttigieg, the Army Corps of Engineers, first responders, the Maryland Transportation Authority, and everyone who is working overtime to address this disaster. The Unified Command convened by the Coast Guard has been hard at work in removing the bridge debris from the river and restoring access to the port, salvage and recovery operations are ongoing in a very difficult and complicated process.

The Dali vessel, weighing 213 million pounds, is the same size as the Eiffel Tower with pieces of bridge weighing as much as 4,000 tons laying on top of it. The water is frigid and murky, complicating the ongoing and heroic rescue efforts that began immediately.

I thank President Biden and his administration for their exemplary leadership in the face of this catastrophe and its characteristic commitment to help the local community rebuild.

The President has directed his administration to move heaven and Earth to rebuild the bridge and to recover the port as rapidly as possible, and within hours of receiving Maryland's request, the DOT and FHA swiftly approved \$60 million in initial aid.

Mr. Speaker, I also acknowledge the devastating loss of the six construction crew workers who were killed in this nightmare when they were working what seemed like a routine nighttime shift fixing potholes. Our thoughts continue to go out to their families and all of their loved ones.

We have a long road ahead of us to rebuild the bridge in Maryland, and our bipartisan Congressional delegation stands ready to do everything which needs to be done to restore full access to the port and rebuild the bridge.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank Mr. MFUME for his extraordinary leadership and thank all of our colleagues who have expressed their support and their sympathy for the people of Maryland dealing with this crisis. Thank you for standing with us.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) whose district is miles from where this happened but who has been with us every step of the way.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES).

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman MFUME for organizing this very important and special tribute. It is a tribute, as you have already heard, to the six hardworking men who lost their lives during this collapse of the bridge on March 26.

They got up that morning—early, early in the morning—because they were out there in the middle of the night on this shift not knowing, obviously, what was going to happen. Their families could have no inkling of what was going to happen on that tragic day, but they were just out there doing their job.

I thank the gentleman, in particular, because in every setting now, every public statement he has made, he has led with concern and focus on those six workers that were lost. They were husbands, they were dads, brothers, friends, and our deepest condolences go out to their families who are feeling that incredibly profound loss.

This is also a tribute to the first responders who sprang into action, and, as a result, were able to save other lives on the day of that collapse, and they continue, these first responders, to search for the remaining bodies of those that were lost under very dangerous conditions because they want to reunite them with their families and their loved ones. They will be remembered as heroes, and they deserve today's tribute.

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We also want to pay tribute to the response, the immediate response. Within minutes of this disaster, President Biden made clear that the Nation was going to step in and step up. He put his team, led by Secretary Buttigieg and others, on the task. In Baltimore, we could feel that embrace and that support right out of the gate.

This is a tribute to the executive branch response. It is a tribute to President Biden and his team. It is also a tribute to Governor Moore, who also stepped up that day, and, frankly, every day since, to show the solidarity of this response and this unified command.

We are going to push through this. Baltimore gets knocked down sometimes, but we always stand back up. That is the grit of Baltimore. In this case, we know we can't stand up by ourselves. We need President Biden, we need Governor Moore, and we need the United States Congress to be part of a national response for a national project to restore the channel and the Port of Baltimore, which is so critical to the economy of our city, our State, our region, and the Nation, and then, ultimately, as we know, to rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

That is why we are here paying tribute in the way we are today. Again, I thank my colleague Congressman MFUME for organizing this opportunity for us today.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his interest, his work, and his dedication to this mission that is before all of us, to rebuild this bridge and open the lanes of commerce once again so that our Nation's economy is not affected in ways that would cause us unwanted and unnecessary harm.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Ms. PELOSI),

the Speaker Emerita of the United States House of Representatives. She is a native of Baltimore, the daughter of a mayor and the daughter of a congressperson, but a daughter of the city.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I especially thank him for his leadership to the great State of Maryland and the city of Baltimore, as well as for calling for this Special Order this evening so that we can come together and express the heartbreak that we all felt and now to commemorate the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and these six beautiful souls, in loving memory of them, who lost their lives on that dark morning.

I thank Congressman MFUME for organizing the Special Order. I join him and Congressman SARBANES in recognizing the leadership role of the Governor of Maryland, Wes Moore. I want to pay tribute to the mayor of Baltimore, Brandon Scott, and to all of our congressional delegation for uniting together in a bipartisan way in response to this tragedy.

Just to remind you, it was 2 weeks ago, in the dark of night and braving the cold, a crew got to work making repairs to the Francis Scott Key Bridge. They were doing their jobs so that 30,000 people a day could go to theirs, to do their jobs.

Our love and prayers are with those who lost their lives in this collapse and with their families who lost a husband, a brother, a father, a son.

Our gratitude is with the heroic emergency responders who responded so quickly and saved lives, as well as the teams working quickly to clear the channel.

The magnitude of the collapse cannot be understated. Six families shattered, first and foremost. Tens of thousands of commuters rerouted, paralysis of a port that handles \$80 billion in commerce, sending a shock wave through the entire economy. Inspired by the love, unity, and resilience of the Baltimore community, Baltimore will rebuild.

President Biden, as has been mentioned, and the Congress must be there with resources to support every step of the way.

On that score, I would say, having been in Congress for a long time, sadly, we have been witness to many natural and other disasters that have befallen our communities, whether it was the bridge in Minnesota, whether it was the storm in Florida, whether it was Katrina in New Orleans, or whether it was water damage in Iowa. The list goes on and on, but we have all been there for each other. Maybe not all of us, but most of us have been there.

This is a big, big tragedy, but in terms of cost, much smaller than many of the hurricanes and the rest that have happened in the rest of the country. We can learn from them. Whether it is unemployment insurance for the workers, whatever it happens to be, we

want to make sure that we utilize every resource at our disposal to bring people together.

The Governor has pointed out, as has Congressman MFUME, Congressman SARBANES, and members of the delegation, the mayor, and our Senators BEN CARDIN and CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, that this is a national challenge. If you are a restaurateur in Tennessee, you are affected by this. If you are an auto-worker in Ohio, you are affected by this. If you are a salesperson in West Virginia, you are affected by this, because of the products that come through and the jobs that are affected by it.

In closing, my father was mayor of Baltimore my whole life. When I was in first grade and when I went off to college, he was still the mayor of Baltimore. That is where my heart is.

I always was so proud of the fact that the National Anthem was written in Baltimore. Francis Scott Key, in the War of 1812, wrote the National Anthem. My brother, Tommy, who also was mayor of Baltimore, was always fond of singing it in his way.

The line in the song that I always liked the best, and I think that applies here, is when he says: "Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there." That is when I start cheering at the game, not at the end, but at that point, as I just did at opening day in San Francisco. Those were the words penned by Francis Scott Key as he gazed upon the ramparts. Now a bridge bearing his name is near where those ramparts were.

As we rebuild, we will, indeed, give proof through the night that our flag is still there, our flag being our unifying symbol of our country that we are all in this together. We will be there. We will learn from other disasters. We will teach other disasters in the future by how we, in a new fresh way, in the Baltimore way, Baltimore strong, rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Proof through the night that our flag is still there.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Speaker EMERITA both for her leadership in the greater San Francisco area and also for her love for the city of Baltimore. Both cities are very, very fortunate to have her. I can only say thanks to Speaker NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland has 29 minutes remaining.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. IVEY).

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for organizing this Special Order hour.

I also join with the comments that have already been made with respect to condolences to the families of the six lives that were lost. I remember, when I heard about it that morning, there

were eight, I think, missing initially. I remember praying at that time that they would survive. Even though the emergency services made immediate efforts to try and save them and blocked off the road so that no other people were going to meet that fate, I know that we have lost six at this point.

It is a sad moment, a tragic evening, and we certainly want to extend our condolences to their families and their communities. Gustavo Torres and some of the other leaders and officials in those communities recognize the impact that was had, and we certainly want to tell them that we support them and we are going to work hard to help them make it through this tragedy in every way that we can.

I also want to commend Governor Moore who has been outstanding in the way he has handled this event. The leadership he has provided has been quite impressive. He has really risen to the occasion. I knew he was a talented leader, but he has demonstrated that repeatedly during this time.

I thank the Biden administration, too, for taking immediate steps. The President himself came out I think that same day and made the commitment to make sure that the bridge got rebuilt, that the Federal Government was going to make 100 percent efforts to cover those costs, and that he was going to do everything in his power to make sure that that happened quickly, that we weren't going to wait for the litigation to take place. I think the last time there was a bridge collapse, the litigation took 10 years to resolve. Thank goodness he has decided to move it forward immediately because we need that money now. We need to rebuild it. You have heard about the economic impact on the region. I think that is certainly the case, so making initial and quick steps to make that recovery happen, I think, is critical.

I did want to say this, too. That morning, I got calls from reporters about the tragedy, and some were asking for initial responses. Some also asked me about comments that people had made with respect to the collapse of the bridge.

One candidate for Congress said DEI did this, and he called Mayor Brandon Scott "the DEI mayor."

One rightwing provocateur said foreign agents of the United States attacked digital infrastructures.

Another individual said: Looks deliberate to me. A cyberattack is probable. World war III has already started.

Lastly, a Utah State Representative said: This is what happens when you have Governors who prioritize diversity over the well-being and security of our citizens.

I told that reporter then, and I want to say it on the House floor now, that I thought those comments were disgusting and irresponsible. I thought it was a sad moment. I know we are having very partisan times here in the United States, and certainly here in

the House, but I think this is a moment where we need to rise above that.

I thank my Republican colleagues who just did that and are doing that just now. ANDY HARRIS stood with us. Congressman ANDY HARRIS stood with us yesterday. We had a press conference where we had the Biden administration present, the Governor present, and the House and Senate delegation from Maryland were all present. He was there, too, and voiced his support for full recovery of the bridge.

I say this just to end. The voices that I just mentioned a moment ago, those were not the representative voices of my colleagues here in Congress. I think they understand that this is not about red States or blue States. This is a moment where this is about the United States of America. It is times like this where we have to turn to each other and not on each other so we can rise above the tragedy and move forward together.

I know we can do better. I know we will continue to do better, and I want to commend all of those who have done better so far with this effort.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments, for his leadership on this, and for his steadfastness as we all try to work together to move beyond this American disaster and to create in its place a new bridge, new lanes of commerce, and new opportunities economically for people who relied so much on that port and, by the way, on every port in this country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RUPPERSBERGER), a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, the first thing I want to tell the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. MFUME) is that I represented Sparrows Point and the Key Bridge for over 20 years. We just had redistricting, and all of a sudden, the gentleman is the new person. He jumped in with both feet, and I appreciate the gentleman's leadership in pulling people together.

The funny thing is that the bridge is located in Baltimore City, but Baltimore County is right next to it. I grew up and went to school in the city, and the gentleman went to Turner Station, which is in Baltimore County.

It is really, I think, unique that the gentleman is here now to move forward and do whatever he needs to do. He is doing a great job, and I thank him for his leadership and all that he is doing.

Mr. Speaker, as I said before, I proudly represented the port for over 20 years until the recent redistricting, so I literally watched the port grow into one of Maryland's and our country's strongest economic engines.

Today, the port supports more than 51,000 direct, induced, and indirect jobs and another 346,000 related jobs. These are jobs associated with the cargo mov-

ing through the port, companies that export and import cargo through the port, as well as the end-stage businesses like manufacturers and auto dealers.

All of this activity generated \$5 billion in personal wages and salaries for Marylanders last year alone and brought in \$647 million in State and local tax revenues. In total, the economic value of the Port of Baltimore to the State of Maryland just in 2023 was more than \$70 billion. Let me say that again: \$70 billion.

Now, with the development of Tradepoint Atlantic in nearby Sparrows Point at the foot of what was once the Key Bridge, the opportunities for even more employment and economic growth are exponential and unlimited. We are anticipating a tremendous surge in manufacturing jobs as well as jobs in retail and hospitality.

That is why we have invested smartly and strategically in the port over the years at the local, State, and Federal levels. We added an impressive 50-foot berth and massive Neo-Panamax container cranes. We upgraded terminals. We are expanding the Howard Street Tunnel so it can handle double-stacked trains going to and from the port with cargo.

Last year, the Federal Government awarded the port \$47 million for a new roll-on, roll-off pad, an offshore wind project, and other upgrades for the Key Bridge and Port Baltimore.

This, of course, was part of the massive investment that came out of the bipartisan infrastructure bill that this body wisely passed in 2021 to help us compete with ports around the world.

These investments are paying off in dividends. In fact, last year, while ports nationwide were returning to their prepandemic baselines, the Port of Baltimore was the only U.S. port to see a container volume increase. We handled record cargo.

Clearly, investing in our infrastructure is a safe return for our taxpayers. It is creating jobs, making our supply chains more resilient, and curbing inflation.

Rebuilding the Key Bridge as quickly and safely as possible is a top priority for me, for our State, and for our country. It is a top priority for the Maryland delegation, and it should be a top priority for all of us.

Our delegation will soon be introducing legislation to require the Federal Government to make good on the President's commitment. We thank the President for his commitment, 100 percent, to cover the cost of rebuilding the bridge. We are going to do it quickly, and we have a lot of individuals throughout the country working to do this for us.

This is consistent with the catastrophic loss of other major infrastructure elsewhere in the country. There is no time for partisan politics or unreasonable demands. We must pass this quickly together.

We also cannot lose sight of the human toll of this unimaginable trag-

edy. It is not only the port workers who will be unemployed or underemployed but the six construction workers who lost their lives.

Our hearts go out to them and their loved ones.

They were doing dangerous, gritty work, filling potholes in the middle of the night to support their families and serve their community. They deserve our respect and gratitude.

Finally, I thank our Governor for stepping up on the State level, and our local government, our mayor and our Baltimore County Executive, John Olszewski. We really have come together as a team.

My hope is that in rebuilding better, we can prevent a tragedy like this from ever happening again and prevent other families from experiencing the same grief that families are experiencing right now.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support us in the effort.

Mr. Speaker, I have been here for a while. This is my last term. I am not happy with where this Congress is now on both sides of the aisle. They are not working together to get things done. I hope that this negative experience will turn into a positive experience, where Republicans and Democrats will work together for the benefit of the United States of America and for my home of Baltimore.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his words, and I thank him also for his service to this body for almost two decades. We wish him well as he goes forward. One thing we are all sure about is that his heart remains in Baltimore.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to another gentleman from the State of Maryland (Mr. HARRIS), who is also a senior member of the Appropriations Committee and a Member whose entire district is the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the entire coastline. He has always worked diligently on behalf of issues affecting the bay.

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Today, I rise, as fellow members of my delegation have, to speak regarding the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and especially to honor the memory of the hardworking men who lost their lives the morning the bridge collapsed.

These hardworking men were fellow Marylanders: husbands, fathers, brothers, and friends. Their passing serves as a solemn reminder to cherish our own lives and the lives of those we love deeply.

Mr. Speaker, the Maryland congressional delegation stands united as we mourn those lost and extend our heartfelt condolences to their grieving families.

I also want to take a moment to recognize Maryland's brave first responders whose heroic actions saved lives the morning the Key Bridge collapsed. Once that mayday call was issued from the approaching ship, Maryland Transportation Authority Police acted

quickly and, in less than 2 minutes, stopped traffic from coming over the bridge. There is no doubt these immediate actions saved lives and averted an even greater tragedy.

We thank those officers who protect us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even in the middle of the night while most of us are asleep, as was the case that day.

Mr. Speaker, the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and the closure of the Port of Baltimore has caused serious economic consequences for our State's economy. The Baltimore Port is the largest U.S. port for handling farming construction machinery. It handles agricultural products. It is also a large export facility for American coal.

Mr. Speaker, 15,000 jobs directly depend on the Port of Baltimore.

I especially thank the Army Corps of Engineers for their quick and tireless work to get the channel cleared so that the port can reopen as soon as possible.

As we continue to work on the clean-up phase of the bridge collapse, it is important that we seek maximum liability from those foreign companies that owned and operated the ship that crashed into the bridge. As I have long said, American taxpayers in both Maryland and across the country should not be held responsible to pay for the cost to rebuild a bridge if, indeed, there was negligence on the part of foreign-owned shipping companies.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, tragedy knows no partisanship. The Key Bridge collapse wasn't a Republican tragedy, and it wasn't a Democrat tragedy. The solution to clearing the channel, reopening the port, and building the bridge back even better than it was before won't be a partisan solution. It will be a bipartisan one.

As we navigate the necessary legislation going forward, we all commit in the delegation to working in a bipartisan way to cut through Federal red tape, clear that channel, open that port, and construct an even better, safer bridge so that our fellow Marylanders, Maryland's economy, and those affected by this tragedy will come back stronger, safer, and united.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for his comments and to underscore what I said earlier and what was said by several other people, that this disaster is not a partisan disaster. It affects all of us in this country regardless of our political label. I commend the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS) for his steadfastness on this.

I am going to take a few minutes to talk about several other Members on both sides of the aisle who have, through their example, demonstrated the best way to go about dealing with a disaster like that, and that is to do it in lockstep together.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the other gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). He is the former majority leader, and he is, for those who don't know, the dean of the Maryland delegation.

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

Mr. Speaker, late at night, a ship being guided by people working for the Port Authority of Baltimore lost control of a gigantic ship. Unable to propel it or guide it, they immediately called the Transportation Authority, as Mr. HARRIS pointed out. The good news, for we don't know how many people, but perhaps hundreds, was that the Transportation Authority acted quickly.

We had a tragedy in the loss of six lives working on that bridge to keep it in good and safe shape. Tragically, for them, that gigantic ship that had lost power and the ability to steer took down a significant portion of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and caused their deaths.

For that, we lament, and we send our thoughts to their families.

That was the immediate tragic effect, but the effect on this bridge and the sections of the bridge falling into the channel and precluding ingress and egress had international consequences, certainly consequences to the State of Maryland and certainly consequences to the United States of America.

This port is one of the busiest ports in America. As the previous speakers have said, it carries a variety of critically necessary products and creates a dynamic economy not only around the port itself and in Maryland but internationally.

I rise to join my colleagues. You might be surprised, Mr. Speaker, that this is bipartisan and nonpartisan in approach, but it is because, as Mr. HARRIS, again, said: This is not a partisan tragedy. This is a tragedy for those who lost their lives and for those who have lost their immediate economic means of support, whether they were owners, shippers, or longshoremen and others working for the port.

As a result, we in Maryland believe this is, as we would believe if it were another port that had been so damaged, a question that the entire country needs to address.

We have done that before. We did it when a Minnesota bridge fell on an interstate. We acted. We acted as a nation, 100 percent paying for that Minnesota repair. We hope and believe that the Congress will do the same.

We are pleased that, in a very short time after the accident occurred, President Biden said that is what the Nation would do and that is what he would recommend.

I congratulate our Governor, who has essentially set up a command center.

I think every American citizen would be extraordinarily proud not only of those people who acted within 1 minute to stop traffic upon hearing the danger from the ship itself, but also the Coast Guard.

The Army Corps of Engineers acted within literally hours of the accident, putting in the machinery to fix and open this port and to take care of the people who work for and are advantaged by the port.

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They are on the job today. They will be on the job tonight. They will be on the job tomorrow morning.

Our secretary of transportation, who oversees the Port Authority, indicated to us just a few days ago when we had a hearing that they are hoping to open this port to 80 percent of the shipping that would use this port—not this big tanker; they need a deeper draft, but a 30-plus-foot draft—by the end of May.

That is government at its best.

I will close with this: In the press conference we had, the biggest tragedies in many instances bring out the best of government, the best of people in helping one another overcome that tragedy.

I thank the gentleman for taking out this Special Order. This happened in his district, but it affects 434 other districts, the Nation, and countless countries. Therefore, I thank him for his leadership, for his strong voice, and for galvanizing the Maryland delegation along with the Governor of our State, Governor Moore, to meet this challenge and make it better.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland, the former majority leader of the United States House of Representatives, for his comments, his friendship, and also for the effort he has put forward as a part of what we call Team Maryland, again, a bipartisan effort to correct this tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA).

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative MFUME and my colleagues from Maryland for organizing this Special Order hour.

I bring heartfelt condolences from Chicagoland. Next to me is a picture of the six men who died in this accident. They were doing construction work on the bridge as it collapsed. All six of them were immigrants from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala: Dorlian Cabrera, Miguel Luna, Maynor Sandoval, Alejandro Fuentes, Carlos Hernandez, and Jose Lopez.

Like far too many immigrants, they encountered tragedy working in the country they came to seeking a better life. Immigrants keep our country moving. Immigrants power our economy, but immigrants are more than just their labor. Latinos are disproportionately in high-risk jobs like construction, and we cannot wait for tragic accidents or death to recognize immigrants' humanity.

Therefore, as we rebuild the Key Bridge, we must also advocate for stronger workplace protections for all workers, including immigrants, regardless of their status.

Rebuilding the Key Bridge is a national imperative. There is precedent for the Federal Government footing the bill in situations like this, and, as a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I will fight to make sure that this happens. After all, the Key Bridge has regional, national, and international significance.

Mr. Speaker, my thoughts are with the families of those who perished working on the bridge. My thoughts are with the people of Baltimore and Maryland.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 3½ minutes remaining.

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I want to do a couple of things here. Number one, I thank Speaker JOHNSON for the conversation that we had shortly after this bridge collapsed and for his full understanding of the impact on the Nation and why this is so very important that we, again, allow commerce to flow through that port.

I thank ROSA DELAURO, ranking member on the Appropriations Committee, and HAKEEM JEFFRIES, our minority leader, for their understanding on this issue, particularly Leader JEFFRIES, who went above and beyond a commitment personally to try to get this thing done and to make sure that we did it together.

I would be remiss if I did not thank TOM COLE, the new chair of the Appropriations Committee, who spoke with me just 2 days after this happened and who understands completely the economic impact that this poses for our Nation as well as to Members on both sides of the aisle as we try to find a way to make sure that we move forward.

Mr. Speaker, let me be redundant and underscore the fact that this is one of the Nation's top ports. It is the largest estuary that it sits over, meaning the Chesapeake Bay and the Patapsco River, but the port itself is a significant contributor to our economy, and it is the number one port in terms of roll-on and roll-off of new automobiles. It is a great exporter of titanium, sugar, coal, and a number of other imports, as well as exports.

I will also say it has been a pleasure working with our Governor; Mayor Brandon Scott of Baltimore; County Executive Johnnie O of Baltimore County; Bill Ferguson, the president of the senate in Maryland; and Adrienne Jones, the speaker of the house, who have pushed through emergency legislation to help us to assist all of the dock workers and small businesses that are affected and helping us to move toward some sort of resolution of this issue.

I began my remarks by saying that we must not ever forget the human souls, the lives lost that day. Again, as we think about this well into the future, I hope that all of us remember that this was a bridge, but this was more than just a bridge. It became a graveyard also.

So because of the suffering that these families have endured, I would ask everyone all over the Nation to join us in understanding that this is not a partisan issue, that we must find a way together to get through this, that we must protect our Nation's supply

chains and all of the risk that it poses for consumers in our society, and we can do it together.

There will be a process to determine the funding mechanisms and the funding ratios. That will all be a part of some of what the Appropriations Committee will do, I am sure, but more than anything else, this becomes a milestone. I hope that we look at it as a problem that occurred that was solved by the work, potential, and input of everybody who cared, no matter where, in fact, they were or are.

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

Ms. BARRAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Baltimore for today's special hour.

On March 26 in the early hours of the morning, I remember watching in horror as a cargo ship ran into and collapsed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.

As we all assess what happened, how we will rebuild and what the impact of its collapse will have on trade and ports like mine in Los Angeles, let us stop and take a moment to recognize the lives lost that night.

As we watched in horror, we did not know that 185 feet above the river on that bridge in the dark of night that there was a construction crew bravely working to fix potholes so the 30,000 motorists who crossed the bridge each day could do so safely.

Six members of the construction crew died or are presumed dead.

We have come to learn something that is of no surprise to me, they were immigrants who came to America for a better life, for an opportunity to provide for their family—much like my own parents.

Today we stand in solemn remembrance of them. In their honor, we not only mourn their loss but celebrate the invaluable contributions that immigrants like them make to the American economy and society.

Let us first remember, Maynor Suaza Sandoval, a father of two from Honduras. He came to the U.S. when he was 18 years old. He was an entrepreneur who came to the United States and worked three jobs to provide a better life for his family. He was described by family as "a joyful person" and "a generous man" who sent money to his hometown soccer team in Honduras. He also contributed to his community by working with the nonprofit immigrant organization, CASA. He is survived by his wife, and two children, ages 5 and 18.

Jose Mynor Lopez, also left behind his homeland in Guatemala to seek a better life in America. He worked hard to provide for his family and was a wonderful husband to his wife, Isabel, and a caring father and stepfather to his four children.

Miguel Luna, from El Salvador, was a proud immigrant and father of six, who worked in his spare time with CASA to help other immigrants from Central America create a better life for their families in the United States.

Dorlian Castillo Cabrera moved here from Guatemala to support his mother, Marlon. He loved his job and worked hard to give his mom a comfortable life in America.

Alejandro Hernandez Fuentes, a father of four from Mexico, was working to help his sister join his family here in the United States.

And finally, we remember Carlos Hernandez, a 24-year-old construction worker

from Mexico, who is the nephew of Alejandro Hernandez Fuentes. He died with his uncle on that bridge.

Minutes before the bridge collapse, Carlos left a voicemail for his girlfriend, Jasmine saying, "yes, my love, we just poured the cement and we're just waiting for it to dry." His shift was almost over, and he was looking forward to heading home to see her. They had planned to get married in a few months and start a family.

These men came to this country in pursuit of a better life and to support their families.

They made a critical contribution to maintain our Nation's infrastructure.

Their loss underscores the risky jobs Latinos and immigrants endure to build and maintain our infrastructure, produce food, and keep our country running.

Latinos and immigrants are often demonized for political purposes. It is wrong.

As Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, we will continue to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that prioritizes the safety, dignity, and rights of all immigrants, regardless of their status.

As we reflect on the lives of Jose, Miguel, Maynor, Dorlian, Alejandro, and Carlos, let us also recognize the countless other immigrants who, like them, contribute immeasurably to the fabric of our Nation. From the fields to the factories, from the construction sites to the corner stores, immigrants are the backbone of the American economy.

Let us honor the memory of those who lost their lives in the bridge collapse by committing ourselves to building a nation where all people, regardless of their background, can pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential.

We say to those lost: "May you Rest in Peace." "Decansen en Paz."

#### ADVANCING IMPORTANT MEASURES ON THE FLOOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEDGER

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of the Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are advancing important measures on the floor this week. We continue to work hard for our constituents and the American people.

We continue to push the Biden administration to address the ongoing crisis at the border and increase our domestic energy production capabilities.

We are standing by Israel and denouncing President Biden's efforts for a one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza. This is a Hamas-led

travesty, and we need to make sure that we continue to have and focus on the evils that Hamas terrorists have created and the turmoil that they have created in that region.

There is a lot to get to. I appreciate many of my colleagues for being willing to share some thoughts today.

Mr. Speaker, I will yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA).

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time and the opportunity to expound upon very important topics that we face across the board, whether it is today's legislation, or ongoing discussions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to touch a little bit this afternoon on the situation with Secretary Mayorkas and the Biden administration, who are willfully and systematically ignoring our Nation's laws, which are diminishing our national security. Of course, I am talking about the border situation. How the President and the administration continue to get away with ignoring the sieve that our border is, the hundreds of thousands coming across.

My colleagues could put the number at over 7 million over the full time, over 3 years. It is probably hard to really estimate what it is, the people coming into this country. Under the terminology, let's say migrants, or even in some cases by the administration, newcomers.

Why these euphemisms? People are breaking and entering into this country illegally and undermining its security, undermining our systems of services, et cetera.

Early on in this session, House Republicans passed the bill known as H.R. 2, which is one of the strongest border security packages ever in the history of the House. H.R. 2 holds the administration accountable for this colossal failure we see every day in Eagle Pass, all along Texas, all along Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

What is the outcome from Secretary Mayorkas? Well, the House, in its wisdom, decided to move forward with an impeachment. Now, that hasn't been delivered to the Senate yet. I think timing is everything, and the Speaker, in his wisdom, decided a little more time was needed before those documents are delivered and the Senate is looking at taking it up.

Hopefully, they will. Hopefully, Leader SCHUMER doesn't just try and brush it under the rug. There are serious charges here, and the track record of the Secretary and the whole Biden administration on this certainly bears the discussion, certainly bears the information that has come out and will continue to come out in an impeachment process.

Therefore, as well, whatever happens with that impeachment, whatever the timeline is, we still have H.R. 2 sitting over in the Senate waiting for action as well. Again, in order to tighten up our own border and properly handle the laws we already have on the books, we don't need a lot of new legislation. We

just need it defined better, it looks like, on what asylum really means, on the policies that had been in place before that were working reasonably well.

However, under Mayorkas' leadership, we would have over 9 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide, 7.4 million encounters at our southern border, and then 1.8 million known as got-aways that have gotten away from our Border Patrol. Those are the ones that we know about.

Immigration judges have thrown out approximately 200,000 cases because the DHS did not properly file the required notice-to-appear paperwork by the time of the scheduled hearing.

Did they purposely blow that at DHS so that they could say 200,000 of them didn't have the proper paperwork to appear and that those are now permanent getaways? It is a pretty wild coincidence for 200,000.

In my personal opinion, on top of that, do they have the same rights on this type of legal question, where the timeline expired and they didn't get the right paperwork? They are still illegally in this country. Again, they are not migrants. They are illegal aliens that have broken into this country.

The Biden administration's far-left open-border policies are what is to blame for this historic crisis. There are over 60 instances of the Biden administration taking actions that have undermined our Nation's security, including halting the construction of the border wall.

That is what I said, 60 different actions. Was it just to unwind what Trump did because he doesn't like Trump?

I had a recent visit south of the Tucson area near a place called Naco, Arizona. My colleagues can still see what looked like probably a mile in either direction of the metal material there that was being used at the time to construct the border fence. There were piles and piles of giant girders of steel there, and I could look at it up close. I could show pictures where it is marked on there, October 2020. The date of it is still marked there on the material laying there.

President Biden, about 1½ years ago, made some mention: Well, maybe we will start putting that back up and fill in some of the gaps.

On a different trip to Arizona, closer to a dam, all these different gaps were seen. There were miles of fence, but there were gaps in it.

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The people coming in since they are being welcomed by our government can just find any one of the gaps in the fence and be picked up. Actually, we are sending vans to go pick them up so we can get them processed sooner and cut them loose with the idea that they might come back within 2 years or whenever the court date would be except that DHS screwed up the date and lost 200,000 of them because they didn't give the required notice to appear.

In the meantime, we are trying to hustle them into the country as fast as possible through the actions of Biden's directives with border personnel.

They announced on May 10 of last year that it would allow for some release of migrants in the U.S. with no way to actually track them.

The Department of Homeland Security has now admitted that 40 percent of catch and release migrants have just disappeared into the country.

The Senate must hold the trial for Secretary Mayorkas' impeachment because he needs to be held accountable. You can't just ignore our laws like that and make a joke out of it. This is, again, our security. Fentanyl is coming in. We have people coming in that will be part of known terror cells. The people they have caught and turned away are from very questionable, very dangerous associations.

This is no joke. This is not just shouting in the wilderness. This is very real, and how this administration continues to get away with it blows my mind and a lot of the minds of the American people out there.

How can this be happening? Lately, President Biden is talk about, well, does he have the authority to make a move on further enforcing the border? It is an executive action. The laws are on the books. We have legislated on that. We have put forward funding on that. The President in his action is to execute and to enforce the laws that are on the books.

If we would execute and enforce them properly to the fullest extent we could, as a country, we wouldn't have nearly the problem that we are seeing right now.

In the meantime, we legislate here. H.R. 2 is sitting over in the Senate. I urge the Senators to take that up and move in the direction that will further define and tighten our laws so we will have a much more secure border.

With that, I suggest that the American people call your United States Senators and have them move H.R. 2.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California and I always appreciate his participation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I am going to talk a little about Bidenomics. It is interesting the President doesn't talk about Bidenomics anymore. He thought about a year ago it would be a neat thing to talk about, but I guess the problem is that reality struck.

Just over a month ago, President Biden stood right in front of where you stand now, Mr. Speaker, in this very Chamber to give his State of the Union Address. He declared: "Our economy is the envy of the world."

Well, just today, the Consumer Price Index, a key inflation index, came in



“hotter than expected.” By the way, that is not good news for Americans. It actually increased to 3½ percent. The past few years, it has been higher than it has been in 40 years.

As we all pay more for almost everything in Joe Biden's economy, let's take a really close look at the economy that Joe Biden built.

Well, when Joe Biden took office, the national debt was \$28.7 trillion, a huge amount of debt, but now it is approaching \$35 trillion, or more than \$250,000 of debt for every American household. Now, in my district, that debt is higher than the average mortgage in my district.

For the average family, the mortgage is the least of their debt worries now. Now, it is the Federal debt.

The CBO projects that by 2031, \$2 trillion deficits will be the norm, but I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that as usual the CBO gets this wrong because this year it is going to be way over \$2 trillion. In fact, over the last calendar year, from last April to the beginning of this April, the Federal debt has increased over \$3 trillion under Joe Biden's watch.

Joe Biden's new spending initiatives, just the new spending initiatives in the budget he just proposed, adds up to a price tag of 5.5 trillion more dollars over the next 10 years, and that is just new spending.

That doesn't count the ongoing growth of existing Federal programs that he projects in his budget.

Together, all this new spending is going to drive up Federal deficits to 10 percent of GDP, a level we have only seen in the modern era during the national emergencies of COVID and World War II.

Now, since Joe Biden took office, inflation has risen to historic levels and make no mistake, Bidenflation is a direct result of Joe Biden and the Democrats' out-of-control government spending.

Just a couple of days ago, Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JPMorgan Chase, no friend of this side of the aisle, warned in a letter to his shareholders that interest rates could rise to 8 percent or higher. He also mentions drivers of persistent inflation being military conflict throughout the world and fiscal deficits.

Let me tell you something, the Biden administration are absolute champions of military conflicts throughout the world and fiscal deficits. The bottom line is, we all know that under the last administration there were no hot wars. The Middle East actually was becoming more peaceful, not less peaceful. The Russians were not advancing in Ukraine.

All that changed with this administration and the resulting military spending that is going to be necessary worldwide will drive inflation even higher.

That is not my word; that is the word, again, of the CEO of JPMorgan Chase, a person who understands how this economy works.

Now, President Biden's economy is affecting Americans of every age and we all know it. In fact, according to a recent survey, one in eight retirees now plan to return to work this year because they simply can't afford retirement anymore. Inflation has driven up the cost of everything—groceries, gasoline, housing, rent, everything.

In a recent study, The Wall Street Journal showed that a \$100 grocery list from 2019—and for those of you keeping score, that was during the last administration—now costs \$137. Anybody who is watching us to day who goes to the grocery store, Mr. Speaker, knows this is true. They know what a loaf of bread costs. They know what a dozen eggs costs. They know what a gallon of milk costs. When they go down the aisles, they know everything is more expensive under Joe Biden's watch.

If Joe Biden thinks the economy he built is “such an envy,” maybe he ought to take a walk through a grocery store.

Within the first 2 years of this administration, Joe Biden and the House Democrats passed their so-called American Rescue Plan—I don't think we feel too rescued, to be honest with you—and the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, which is the real laugh because everybody knows inflation isn't reduced from where it was in the last administration. Both of those sent Federal Government spending sky-high, again, what Jamie Dimon warns us is going to lead to a prolonged inflationary period and high interest rates.

Lastly, I will talk about energy prices because when you go to the gas pump, if you go to buy diesel to put in your farm tractor or truck, you know what it costs now. It costs about 50 percent more than it did under the last administration.

Energy prices, your electric bill, your heating bill, everything is going sky-high because of this President's policies.

Make no mistake, Joe Biden's out-of-control spending, his spending agenda, and his economic policies have made life simply unaffordable for American families.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I will bring up another anecdote. When you hear voices like President Obama's economic adviser, Larry Summers, talk about the fact that there is one equation when you enact that much government spending like what happened in President Biden's first 2 years, there is only one outcome when you enact that much spending with no offsets. The American Rescue Plan, Inflation Reduction Act, like you mentioned, that type of relief spending is unnecessary and immediately creates inflation. That is what we have experienced.

House Republicans oftentimes don't get the credit that we deserve for taking back the majority and putting an end to all of that additional spending that was enacted so quickly as soon as the Democrats had the White House,

House, and Senate. They do those bills under reconciliation, they don't require the filibuster anymore, and they passed over \$3 trillion that way on party-line vote.

Just by taking back the majority, we have the opportunity to completely eliminate that and also work to find other areas of waste and push that as much as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. HARRIS for that message. Sometimes the details and data are inconvenient when you are trying to push a narrative about an economy, but it is good to make sure to highlight that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY), a good colleague and friend.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank our Conference vice chair for holding this Special Order hour and leading us and helping us get our message out there for the American people.

Today, I rise to bring attention to the fact that Americans have been held hostage in Gaza for 186 days. American citizens currently sit behind enemy lines held hostage in Gaza.

The world changed on October 7 when Hamas launched a barbaric attack, a blood-thirsty rampage on the peace-loving people of Israel and they claimed the lives of over 1,000 innocent civilians, including 32 American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, 250 hostages were taken, with five American citizens still believed to be alive and fighting for their survival in Gaza. Last week, I had the honor to travel to Israel and while in Jerusalem, I, with my colleagues, met with the Goldberg-Polin family, Rachel and Jon Goldberg-Polin, whose son, Hersh, an American citizen, was taken hostage at the Nova Music Festival, where 379 beautiful young peoples' lives were stolen.

They brought into focus that we have little to no information on the health and the welfare of the hostages. International organizations cannot get that data.

The last video of Hersh from that day showed him applying his own tourniquet as his left arm had been blown off by a grenade. Their family has shown such courage and grace in telling the world about their son and his story and the story of the hostages currently held.

There have been many other families just like theirs whose loved ones have been ripped away from them and they still do not have answers. We must do everything in our power to secure the release of these Americans, including standing strong with Israel in their fight against Hamas.

The fact that 6 months have gone by since the attack, we cannot forget that American citizens are still being held hostage by Hamas. Not for 1 day, not for 1 minute.

It is time for strength and unity, not weakness or division. President Biden should be calling for their release every single day. Israel needs America



in its time of peril. The bond between our two nations is unbreakable. I will continue to work tirelessly in this Congress to defend Israel's right to exist and right to defend itself.

Israel needs to defend itself no matter what the cost against these people that committed these crimes and atrocities. We must stand together in the face of evil and send a clear message that America will not tolerate the murder and the capture of our citizens and innocent citizens across the globe. We need to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to peace and freedom in the world.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate his passion and I echo his comments.

Mr. Speaker, as I wrap up, I thank my colleagues for sharing their heartfelt messages. I appreciate them putting the time and effort into making sure their constituents and the American people know some of the most important things that are going on back here. I appreciate their time to be down here.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), a good friend.

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Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as my colleague NICK LANGWORTHY did before me, to express my support for the State of Israel in its war for survival, basically, against the terrorist Hamas group.

We need to make one thing perfectly clear in this body: We stand with Israel, no matter what.

As Mr. LANGWORTHY just said, 16 Congressmen and -women just returned from Israel. Many of their spouses went, as well. This was a trip to gain insight, to gain context and perspective, to be educated about the plight of Israel and what they are facing in this war with these brutal savages, the Hamas terrorists.

What we saw, Mr. Speaker, was horrible. We went to a kibbutz in the southern part of Israel. It was one of our first stops. This was a village. Basically, a kibbutz is a community or a gathering of people. It was a beautiful village at one time.

We went there, and it was frozen in time. Tricycles were left out on the sidewalk area. Clothes were pulled halfway out of the dryer. Food was still on the table of some of these homes. Other homes were almost burned to the ground. Glass was shattered. Lives were shattered, as well.

We saw that moment frozen in time, 6:32 on the morning of October 7. The folks who had woken up that morning thought it was just going to be another normal day in the kibbutz, a day to share with family, to go to school, to work in their crops. They were just within a stone's throw of Gaza. Little did they know that that day was going to be a day that lived in infamy for Israel because, you see, the Hamas terrorists broke down the fence and the

gates into that kibbutz, kidnapped more than 40 people from that kibbutz, killed more than 200, brutally murdering women who were pregnant, ripping the babies out of their wombs, burning others alive. We were able to see firsthand the devastation and destruction left by these brutal terrorists.

Israel is a nation of resolve, and we saw that, as well. We saw that in kibbutzim further north up on the border with Lebanon, where 654 people, an entire kibbutz, had to be evacuated because they were not safe because of the rockets from Hezbollah.

Hezbollah is being funded by Iran. This is a proxy war by people who don't want Israel to exist, who want to wipe it off the face of the Earth.

The sanction money that this President has released, some \$16 billion that has gone to Iran, has been used to buy rockets and missiles for Hezbollah.

Saturday morning, we left a hotel in that kibbutz area to make our way further north and to the west, near the Lebanese border. Mr. Speaker, 52 minutes after we left this hotel, Hezbollah fired 30 rockets on that hotel that we stayed in. The Iron Dome stopped 29 of those, but one of them hit near the hotel. It didn't do any damage, but 16 Members of Congress and their families were there just an hour prior to that.

It is very clear that this is not just a war between Islamic terrorists and Israel. This is a war between civilizations. This is a war, a battle between good and evil, and that is why it is imperative that we stand with Israel.

Imagine, Mr. Speaker, your home. Maybe you have lived there for a couple of decades. Imagine if you lived there 80 years, and the neighbor to your right, the neighbor to your left, the neighbor across the street, and the neighbor behind you never wanted you there. All they could think about is driving you out of that house. If it meant killing you and your family to do that, so be it. That is what the State of Israel is facing.

We met with the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and with the President of Israel, President Herzog. Let me assure you today, despite the media reports, Mr. Speaker, despite what others in this body may be saying, the will of Israel is strong to finish off the four battalions that remain in Rafah of these terrorist killers and, just as importantly, to bring home safely the 133 hostages, some of whom are Americans.

Unfortunately, just today, Mr. Speaker, a report was released that the Hamas terrorists may have delivered some 40 of these hostages to other terrorist nations or terrorist entities, and they may not even be in Gaza. Israel needs to know if these people are alive. They deserve to know proof of life.

A lot of people are calling for a cease-fire. Israel, the IDF, has Hamas on the ropes. It is time to finish the job. It is time to eradicate Hamas. It is time to bring the hostages home. It is time for peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close with this, because this is nothing new to Israel, ever since they crossed the Jordan River. Some 2,600 years ago, a prominent Levite songwriter in King David's court penned these words. It still rings true today, Mr. Speaker.

O God, do not remain quiet;  
Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still.  
For, behold, Thine enemies make an uproar;  
And those who hate Thee have exalted themselves.

They make shrewd plans against Thy people,  
And conspire together against Thy treasured ones.

They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation.

That the name of Israel be remembered no more."

For they have conspired together with one mind;

Against Thee do they make a covenant . . .

Who say, "Let us possess for ourselves

The pastures of God."

God, fill their faces with dishonor,

That they may seek Thy name, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever;

And let them be humiliated and perish,

That they may know that Thou alone, whose name is the Lord,

Art the most high over all the Earth.

Today, it is Israel. Tomorrow, it could be America. The jihadists, the Islamic extremists, the terrorists call Israel the Little Satan. They call the United States of America the Great Satan.

We stand with Israel, and even if this administration is trying to pry open a crack in our relationship, this body should not let that stand and make it very clear that Israel is our friend, our ally, and we will stand behind them and beside them.

Mr. Speaker, I hope this is all over very soon because this could be over today if Hamas would release the hostages and simply surrender. When that does happen, we will rejoice with Israel, but, Mr. Speaker, until that does happen, we weep with Israel.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri. I can't add any more to that but will quickly highlight a point that I think needs constant reminding: The Abraham Accords were some of the strongest, most positive potential opportunities for peace in the Middle East by creating trade relationships with Israel and Arab nations. These are unprecedented. These are some of the most important things that I think happened in all the foreign policy from our previous administration.

Saudi Arabia was inching toward engaging in these types of trade relationships. Iran doesn't want that to happen. Iran supports Hezbollah. Iran supports Hamas. Hamas does this attack. The whole intent was to make sure that the narrative and public perception would change on Israel because it was inching too close to productivity with a bellwether like Saudi Arabia being willing to potentially embrace trade negotiations and diplomatic relationships with Israel. Iran does not want that to happen. They will do whatever they can to incite violence

and terrorism. They know that Israel will go and protect themselves. They know that Israel will respond. They know if they wait long enough, that even the President of the United States, who has traditionally been a very strong supporter of Israel, will start to put pressure on Israel as if October 7 was their fault.

We cannot forget that narrative. We cannot forget that Iran is rejoicing and exuberant that this one-sided pressure is put on Israel at this moment. I think that point is so important to make.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues for sharing so much of their thoughts on various elements of the economy and other foreign policy issues.

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

#### STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah for hosting a forum here on the floor for our colleagues to be able to talk about the important issues with respect to Bidenomics, such as you can even use that term as anything other than creating and inflicting pain on the American people through a big spending, highly regulatory inflationary environment that is killing the average hardworking American family. That is the truth.

My colleague from Utah brought a number of our other colleagues down to make that point very clearly, in addition to making the point that I have come to the floor of the House to underscore and reiterate. That is the importance of the United States of America standing side by side, shoulder to shoulder, with our friend, Israel.

We are not. That is the plain and simple truth. We are not standing side by side with Israel at a time when she most needs it.

Three days ago was April 7. That marked the 6-month timeframe since the brutal attacks of October 7. October 7 in Israel has become much like we describe September 11.

As we know, through both what is publicly available and those things that we have seen privately in terms of the information available, the videos that we have seen, the horrific slaughter of human beings in Israel, Hamas slaughtered children, raped women, burned whole families alive, and took hundreds of innocent civilians hostage. An estimated 1,200 Israelis were killed on October 7. Those numbers are still numbers that we are trying to track down.

An estimated 130 hostages of the initial estimate of 250 are still believed to be held in Gaza. To be very clear, that includes Americans. Americans are

right now being held hostage by Hamas in Gaza. Ninety-one Israelis are dual citizens, and eight Thai nationals, one Nepali, one French-Mexican, but six Americans.

Instead of unequivocally backing Israel and the fight against Hamas, a United States-designated terrorist group, I want to be very clear, the Biden administration has been undermining Israel every step of the way.

Last November, on the floor of this body, the people's House, the Representatives of this body passed, on a bipartisan basis, funding for Israel. We did so immediately. It is something I am proud of. I am not shy to criticize Members of both sides of the aisle for the shortcomings of the people's House, but we came together on a bipartisan basis, and we passed, I think it was, about \$17 billion in funding for our friends in Israel just over a month after the vicious attacks against them.

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That bill would have funded their needs, shown that we would stand next to Israel, and importantly, it was paid for. It was paid for out of the expansion of the Internal Revenue Service, which most recently was found by the IRS' own inspector general to have 63 percent of the audits that were added are for people who make less than \$200,000.

Mr. Speaker, 63 percent of the audits were for people who make less than \$200,000. By the way, that is what we said would happen, if you expand the power of the IRS the average American, the average hardworking family, would get targeted by the bureaucrats at the IRS.

However, our Democratic colleagues and the President of the United States—a Democrat, radical progressive Democrats—are choosing the Internal Revenue Service, are choosing to target you, the hardworking American family, are choosing to side with Hamas over Israel. That is what is happening.

So instead of America standing up together united and standing right alongside Israel, our Democratic colleagues and the administration and in this body and in the Senate give lip service to standing with them, and instead, are trying to undermine them.

Again, I want to be very clear. Republicans in the House passed off of this floor with Democrat votes legislation that would fund Israel that was paid for—so we are no longer just spending money into oblivion—by taking away some of the increased expansion of the IRS that the IRS' own inspector general has acknowledged and reports as being used to target hardworking, middle-class families.

That is the truth. That is the distinction.

But it goes a lot further than that.

The Biden administration is trying to tie the hands of Israel. They are taking active steps to undermine Israel. President Biden told reporters that Israel's military operations in Gaza

were “over the top” and the bombing was “indiscriminate.”

President Biden told protestors: “. . . I've been quietly working with the Israeli Government to get them to reduce and significantly get out of Gaza. I've been using all that I can to do that.” That is the President of the United States.

On March 25, just a couple weeks ago, President Biden's representatives at the United Nations green-lighted, by abstaining instead of voting—by abstaining instead of voting—on a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire without any connection to the release of hostages.

Can you imagine the leadership of our country where they could have a veto exercise in the United Nations Security Council, they chose not to exercise that, abstained, walked away, refused to stand up, and in essence, turned their back fully, not just on the nation of Israel but on every Jewish American who knows family and friends, and has their heritage connected to the great State of Israel. This President and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle turned their backs on Israel. That is the truth. There is no debate on that truth. It is literally what happened.

Now, by the way, the administration is all too happy to continue to throw billions of dollars to the United Nations. This is when I give a little wake-up call to my colleagues on this side of the aisle for continuing to fund a government at war with our people and at war with our values by giving more funding for the United Nations.

It is this administration that is throwing money at the United Nations—I think this last bill we moved was \$3.5 billion. Let's keep in mind that the United Nations General Assembly, the paragon of virtue, has passed 153 resolutions condemning Israel. They have passed zero on China, zero on Cuba, zero on Turkiye. I can keep going down the list, but they have passed 153 resolutions condemning Israel.

Anybody with eyes can see what is happening. The prime minister of Israel, Prime Minister Netanyahu was correct when he said: “Just as the United States would not agree to a cease-fire after the bombing of Pearl Harbor or after the terrorist attack of 9/11, Israel will not agree to a cessation of hostilities with Hamas after the horrific attacks of October 7.”

Every Member of Congress, the President of the United States, every Member of the Senate, we should be standing up shoulder to shoulder backing Prime Minister Netanyahu, backing Israel with their unequivocal right to defend themselves, their unequivocal right to root out Hamas from the hostile forces that have been attacking them and to not allow the international community to gaslight the world into saying that Israel is slaughtering civilians, because it is simply not true.

The press and the international community will throw out numbers of the casualties in Gaza, but what they don't tell you is that a large number of those casualties are, in fact, enemy combatants. They are literally operating like divisions, like a military, but they hide because they are cowards. Hamas are cowards, and they hide under schools, and they hide under hospitals, and they build tunnels all through the city, all through the streets, making it as hard as it has ever been in the history of warfare for a sovereign nation, Israel, to defend itself against evil, terrorists embedded in the civilian communities right underneath the streets of Gaza.

But what is amazing is that what will be studied for years to come is the extent to which Israel has bent over backwards, has worked to minimize the casualties. I don't have the most recent data, but I would tell you that it is something in the ZIP code of, I think, 19,000-ish casualties of civilians and about 13,000 terrorists or enemy combatants.

If you don't know how ratios work out in the world of combatants, this is actually an historic low. History will judge this as an extraordinary feat by Israel to attack those who levied the most heinous attacks on their people and are holding hostage—I will remind people—six Americans. History will view this as an unprecedented success in modern warfare to root out and target evil and try to avoid civilian harm.

Just to give you an example, I just told you there were roughly 19,000 civilian casualties to about 13,000 enemy combatant casualties. Mr. Speaker, there were 19,000 civilian casualties to about 13,000 enemy combatant casualties that I believe the data reflects that we see going on in terms of Israel and their engagement with Hamas in Gaza.

Here is a point of reference: According to the United Nations, civilians usually make up around 90 percent of casualties in war, which would be a 1-to-9 ratio. I mean, think about that. Think about the extent to which that is what the United Nations—the paragon of virtue, that has had 153 resolutions condemning Israel—the United Nations says the ratio is normally 1-to-9. And Israel has got it at something in the ZIP code of like 1-to-1½. While you have the enemy not marching in a line of red coats, not getting in the field and just marching at you as enemy combatants but hiding as the cowards that they are in the tunnels under the schools and the hospitals and the businesses and the communities in Gaza.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle in this Chamber and in the Senate should be ashamed of themselves as should the President of the United States for walking away from Israel, going to the United Nations, abstaining from your role in the Security Council to stand aside Israel while buying into the nonsensical lies about what Israel is doing when they are actually doing probably the best job in

the history of humankind to root out and target the enemy combatants and the terrorists who are embedded in the communities of Gaza.

It is an extraordinary feat. It is something we should hold up as a model of success and then stand alongside Israel. And what we should do is send over the \$17 billion that we already passed off the floor of the House and sent to the Senate which is paid for by shrinking the IRS; an IRS which as I already pointed out is targeting hardworking American families as the Inspector General of the IRS noted.

Seek the truth. Figure out what is really happening.

I notice that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS) has joined me. I have been talking about the extent to which we should be standing alongside our friends from Israel, and I would be happy to yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding.

What we are watching is a complete foreign policy failure on the part of the Biden administration. And we are watching it on two fronts. We are watching it in Eastern Europe where peace prevailed under the last administration, and it is no coincidence that shortly after this administration bungles the withdrawal from Afghanistan that Mr. Putin invades Eastern Europe.

Then on October 7, Hamas—after this administration actively interfered with an internal discussion they were having about their court system—Hamas, again, detecting weakness, launched that horrific inhumane attack on Israeli civilians on October 7 where they take over 200 hostages.

Mr. Speaker, the latest news, literally just coming out today, is in the negotiations. The Israelis were willing to negotiate a cease-fire, Hamas just has to release 40 hostages—Israeli hostages—and Hamas says they don't even have 40 Israeli hostages anymore.

Now, there are only two possible explanations for that. Hamas is lying, and they have more than 40. Actually we heard in the rule debate today from the other side of the aisle they said: Well, we should be talking about this, there are 133 hostages. Well, Hamas says there aren't anymore. So they are either lying that the hostages aren't there, or even worse, they killed the hostages. These are civilian hostages. These are not uniformed members. These are civilians.

I wore the uniform of the country. You put on the uniform of the country, and let me tell you something, you understand you could be taken prisoner, you could be subject to violence during war, but you don't expect it in this unprovoked attack on October 7 on civilians.

So furthermore, this administration, which couldn't even get a withdrawal from a war correct, they couldn't even withdraw from a war correctly, they are trying to tell the Israelis, who are under an existential threat—Mr.

Speaker, we don't understand that in America because we have two oceans on two sides and two friendly nations to the north and south. We don't understand what it is like to live in a neighborhood where some of your neighbors have said: Death to your country, that your country shouldn't exist. We don't understand that.

Yet this administration and this Pentagon is attempting to tell Israel how to win this war. And what they want after the war is a two-state solution. Well, look, I want peace and I want utopia and I want all that too, but let's investigate.

What do they mean by a two-state solution? Wait a minute. Gaza was a two-state solution.

Gaza got its independence, its ability to govern itself, humanitarian aid by the hundreds of millions of dollars, including from the United States which pours into Gaza to make life good for the citizens. They bring water in, bring all the infrastructure in, and the only infrastructure Hamas built were tunnels under the city so they could launch an attack and have a place to hide when Israel responded to the attack.

That is what they did, that is what a two-state solution looks like in Israel.

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Mr. Speaker, I don't know if you had the privilege to visit Israel and land at Ben Gurion Airport. Ben Gurion Airport is between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and if you look at the map of Israel and you look just to the northeast of Ben Gurion Airport, there sits a piece of the West Bank—what the Palestinians want; they want to claim that territory.

If you look at that—and we visited one of those places—it is on an elevation. From that piece of the West Bank, you can look down in the valley and there is Ben Gurion Airport.

The people who took me up there said: Tell me why a two-state solution doesn't work, because if this is a second state, a single shoulder-fired rocket at an incoming jumbo jet—because these jets are big that come into that airport—can destroy that airplane. The effect of just that one shoulder-fired rocket would be bringing the economy of Israel to its knees because you would disable—no international flights would go into Ben Gurion. Of course, they wouldn't go into Ben Gurion.

You don't think that can occur? Of course, it can occur. Israel has to be able to defend its territories. It has sworn enemies.

Mr. Speaker, I would remind the body that at that protest in Michigan over the weekend, they weren't chanting only “death to Israel,” they were chanting “death to America.”

This protest didn't occur in Riyadh. It didn't occur in Jordan. It didn't occur in Tehran. It occurred in Michigan; people in this country calling for death to America. If we think people in this country are calling for death to

America, imagine what they are thinking about in Tehran where they really want to bring death to America, where they are weeks away from a breakout on three nuclear weapons. We know what the damage of only one nuclear weapon can do.

They are weeks away from a breakout on three nuclear weapons. This all happened under this administration's watch where we think the appropriate response to Iran is to send them another pallet full of \$6 billion with them promising, Oh, it is only for humanitarian aid—ignoring the fact that money is completely fungible.

Of course, that administration in Tehran is going to say: Oh, well now we don't have to buy food here. We can use that American money to buy the food, and we are going to spend that money to send to Hezbollah in the north, with tens of thousands of rockets that could rain down on northern Israel to Hamas and Gaza, to the militia that surround them in Syria, the Iranian-backed militia.

How naive can you be about the dangers of this world? How naive can you be? Well, we know how naive you can be because you just have to go to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue to find it. Where in this election year, they are putting the security of one of our best allies in the country up for bid for electoral votes. That is a real shame.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for giving me the few minutes because our friends in Israel deserve the full, unqualified support of the United States to win their war. It is not our war; it is their war. Existential threats to one of our best allies, they deserve our help, not our criticism.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Maryland. His remarks are particularly meaningful as one who proudly wore the uniform of the Armed Forces of the United States. I appreciate him for his service in the military, as well as a Member of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, he says it exactly right. I think it is really critical to understand that it is disgraceful—I don't know what other way to put it—it is disgraceful for the American President to pressure Israel instead of Hamas. But that is what is happening. If we truly want to end the humanitarian suffering that war necessarily brings, the answer is never, and is not appeasement. It is not. It is the unequivocal support for Israel finishing the job. Everything else is a distraction.

The American people—I know the Americans I represent, the Texans I represent, I assume the gentleman's constituents—they want us to stand with Israel on a bipartisan basis. That means pressuring the Senate to take up the bill that we already sent them that is, in fact, paid for, that we sent in November, pressuring the Senate to bring up that bill.

By the way, for their part, Hamas can end this war immediately by ac-

cepting the fact that their side has lost the conflict, that Israel is going to exist, and that America is going to stand next to her. Because as long as we are in this body, we are going to be fighting to ensure that this country stands side by side with Israel, notwithstanding the fool-headed decisions of the current administration.

Hamas leader Ghazi Hamad pledged that the October 7 attacks were just the first time; that there will be a second, third, and fourth.

Will we pay a price, he says? Yes, and we are ready. We are called a nation of martyrs, and we are proud to sacrifice martyrs.

Are we awake? That is the truth, and it is not just Michigan on our soil, by the way. In Houston, Texas, this last week, there were individuals chanting "death to America."

It is coming to our shores, it is on our shores because a weak administration, a weak Congress is allowing it and encouraging it.

Calls for a cease-fire are called for Israel to surrender to Hamas and to surrender to terrorism.

Those are the words of Prime Minister Netanyahu, and he is completely correct.

A cease-fire will only allow Hamas to rebuild a planned another October 7. That is the truth.

Mr. Speaker, I close with one point here. I am never afraid to call out my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I stand behind a speech I gave before Thanksgiving saying: What have we done? Name one thing.

But I want to say this: The debate for the soul of this country is happening on the Republican side of the aisle, and it is a debate that is being carried out on full display for the American people to see it, and it started with the Speaker's debate 15 months ago, and it has gone through a number of unbelievably important changes that we have been trying to make in this institution and we are not going to stop. We are not.

Last year, we were able to pass the strongest border security bill in history. I am proud of that as a Republican. It went over to the Senate, and it died at the hands of Democrats. We were able to pass a responsible increase in the debt ceiling with reforms that would have made this country stronger, more prosperous, with less inflation.

Unfortunately, side deals got done and that got sidetracked, but it was a giant step forward.

This body impeached for only the second time in history a sitting cabinet member, Alejandro Mayorkas, for his complete and utter failure to secure the border of the United States and his dereliction of duty.

I am proud of that. I am proud that this body has done that. I proud that we stood up and sent over legislation to the Senate that funded Israel, that took that money and paid for it out of the IRS. I am proud of that. When Republicans stand united for victory,

stand united for freedom, stand united athwart our colleagues on the other side of the aisle and an administration that would undermine our country and undermine liberty and walk away from Israel and fund open borders, when we are united against that, we win, and we lead, and people follow.

When we, instead, cower down and say, Oh, we have to do something to get something done, just for the sake of it, then that is just unity with no purpose.

I am proud of the Republican Conference when we are united in purpose to defend the liberty of the American people.

I am proud today that we had a debate right here about the difficult decisions of foreign intelligence surveillance so we can go after bad guys, like the bad guys that want to hit Israel and hit us, but to do so while we are respecting the constitutional protections and the liberties that the Founders understood were critical.

We do not have a country that is worth preserving if we are going to burn the Constitution while we try to defend it. We must stand together to defend civil liberties while we stand together to defend our country. The American people expect no less.

We should stand side by side with Israel. We should unite to make sure that we can continue to carry out surveillance against bad actors while protecting civil liberties. We should stop spending money we don't have. We should secure the border of the United States. We should continue to do the great things this Republican Conference has been able to do when we are united and standing against an administration led by radical progressive Democrats that want to undermine the American Dream, destroy our sovereignty, leave our borders open, undermine our children's safety, put criminals on the street, side with Hamas over Israel. We can stand athwart that if will unite to do it. That is my call. That is what I believe we must do.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS) for joining me, and I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 11, 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-3749. A letter from the Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Staff, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service,

Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-23-0034] received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3750. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Annual Report to Congress on the operations of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 8(a) (as amended by Public Law 93-646, Sec. 10); (88 Stat. 2336); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3751. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's reports titled "Community Services Block Grant Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2020" and "Community Services Block Grant Performance Measurement Report", pursuant to Sec. 678B(c) and 678E(b)(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3752. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's reports titled, "Community Services Block Grant Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2020", and the "Community Services Block Grant Performance Measurement Report", pursuant to sections 678B(c) and 678E(b)(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3753. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Interim Staff Guidance — Advanced Reactor Content of Application Project/Technology-Inclusive Content of Application Project Guidance received April 5, 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-3754. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Report to Congress on U.S. Compliance with Section 4 of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 107-243, Sec. 4(a); (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3755. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Clarification of Controls on Radiation Hardened Integrated Circuits and expansion of License Exception GOV [Docket No.: 240221-0054] (RIN: 0694-AJ38) received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3756. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision of License Requirements of Certain Cameras, Systems, or Related Components [Docket No.: 240130-0027] (RIN: 0694-AI45) received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3757. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions of Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 240215-0050] (RIN: 0694-AJ54) re-

ceived April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3758. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to Export, Reexport, and Transfer (In-Country) Controls for Nicaragua under the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No.: 240202-0036] (RIN: 0694-AJ34) received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3759. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations End-User Controls: Imposition of Restrictions on Certain Persons Identified on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) [Docket No.: 240308-0076] (RIN: 0694-AI82) received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3760. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Report to Congress on the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation (Treaty Doc. 110-10), Section 2(8); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3761. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the drawdown of articles and services under Section 506(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide Anti-Crime and Counternarcotics Assistance to Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3762. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2023 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3763. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2023 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3764. A letter from the Director, Office of Workplace Inclusivity and Opportunity, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2023 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3765. A letter from the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2023 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3766. A letter from the Director, U.S. National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's FY 2023 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3767. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2023 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, Sec. 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3768. A letter from the Chief, Branch of National Consultations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0104; FXES1114090FEDR-245-FF09E300000; Docket No.: NMF5-240325-0087] (RIN: 1018-BF96; 0648-BK48) received April 8, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3769. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the Trust's Annual Management Report for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n(j)(5)(E)(ii); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 15 (as amended by Public Law 107-90, Sec. 105); (115 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3770. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulations Improving and Strengthening the Enforcement of Trade Remedies Through the Administration of the Anti-dumping and Countervailing Duty Laws [Docket No.: 240307-0075] (RIN: 0625-AB23) received April 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### 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. ROY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1125. Resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 7888) to reform the foreign intelligence surveillance act of 1978; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 529) to extend the customs waters of the United States, consistent with presidential proclamation 7219; providing for consideration of the resolution (H.Res. 1112) denouncing the Biden's administration's immigration policies; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H.Res. 1117) opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza (Rept. 118-450). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7626. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for room air conditioners that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-451). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7637. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-452). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7645. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes dryers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-453). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7673. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-454). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 7700. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-455). 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. BOST (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 7917. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of adjudications and appeals of claims for benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FROST (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CASAR, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H.R. 7918. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to emerging artists to support their early development; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LUTTRELL (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 7919. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain revisions to the manual of the Veterans Benefits Administration and to improve the quality of the adjudication of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VAN ORDEN (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BACON, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER):

H.R. 7920. A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award competitive grants to eligible entities for the purpose of establishing and enhancing farming and ranching opportunities for veterans; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MANNING (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. MENG, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 7921. A bill to strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Homeland Security,

Oversight and Accountability, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. DUARTE):

H.R. 7922. A bill to establish a Water Risk and Resilience Organization to develop risk and resilience requirements for the water sector; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 7923. A bill to limit USDA funding for ground-mounted solar energy systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BOWMAN (for himself, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAB, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 7924. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support graduate programs in mental and behavioral health professions at minority-serving institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CARL, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 7925. A bill to provide for the standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 7926. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to requirements for air carriers to disclose certain exposures to toxic fumes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. BEYER, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 7927. A bill to require a study on the manner and extent to which the tariff rates assessed by the United States on imports are regressive or demonstrate a gender bias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California:

H.R. 7928. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to revise the rates of basic pay for certain enlisted members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 7929. A bill to amend title XX of the Social Security Act to provide for nursing home worker training grants; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 7930. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to award grants for providing to or developing for schools and youth-serving or-

ganizations educational resources or training on preventing teen dating violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Ms. CARAVEO):

H.R. 7931. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the fee schedule for ambulance services provided by critical access hospitals; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. EZELL, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. MACE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FRY, Mrs. LUNA, Ms. LETLOW, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 7932. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to international financial institutions for the purposes of financing foreign shrimp farms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 7933. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SORENSEN (for himself and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 7934. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to implement a limitation on contracting for supplies needed for the Department of the Army for certain workload activities at arsenals of the Department of the Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 7935. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to accelerate the implementation of quantum information science technologies within the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 7936. A bill to prepare the National Park Service for America's Semiquincentennial by reevaluating and recommitting to efforts to protect and sustain the resiliency of our Nation's cultural resources for the enjoyment, wellbeing, and education of all present and future generations; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H. Res. 1126. A resolution authorizing video recording in the House Chamber during a joint meeting of Congress for certain educational purposes; to the Committee on House Administration; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BERA (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BARR, Mr. MEEKS, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LIEU, Mr. AMO, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. CHU, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. PETERS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr.



RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MAST, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BACON, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Ms. PORTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. GOMEZ):

H. Res. 1127. A resolution reaffirming the United States commitment to Taiwan and recognizing the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Ms. TLAI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. OMAR, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H. Res. 1128. A resolution recognizing the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, commending a month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and extending best wishes to Muslims in the United States and across the globe for a joyous and meaningful observance of Eid al-Fitr; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBU (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H. Res. 1129. A resolution supporting May 3 as "National Space Day" in recognition of the significant positive impact the aerospace community has and will continue to have on the United States of America; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. RODGERS of Washington (for herself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H. Res. 1130. A resolution supporting the designation of April 2024 as the "Month of the Military Child"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H. Res. 1131. A resolution celebrating Hindu Americans, and condemning attacks on Hindu places of worship, Hinduphobia, and anti-Hindu bigotry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. SALINAS):

H. Res. 1132. A resolution condemning Republican inaction to address comprehensive immigration reform and border security; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c) 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. BOST:

H.R. 7917.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which states "[t]he Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States"

The single subject of this legislation is:

Related to VA Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) and the U.S Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court)

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 7918.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to emerging artists to support their early development.

By Mr. LUTTRELL:

H.R. 7919.

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

Under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veteran Affairs

By Mr. VAN ORDEN:

H.R. 7920.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would amend Title IV of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7624 et seq.) by establishing a program under which the Secretary will award competitive grants to eligible entities for the purpose of establishing and enhancing farming and ranching opportunities for veterans.

By Ms. MANNING:

H.R. 7921.

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

section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States.

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 7922.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The single subject of this bill is to establish a Water Risk and Resilience Organization.

By Mr. BOST:

H.R. 7923.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Limits USDA grants for solar panels on prime and unique farmland.

By Mr. BOWMAN:

H.R. 7924.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Diversity in the mental health workforce

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO:

H.R. 7925.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for the standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and or other purposes.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 7926.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: section 5 of Amendment XIV to the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to requirements for air carriers to disclose certain exposures to toxic fumes, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 7927.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Taxes

By Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California:

H.R. 7928.

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

Article 1 Sec. 8 Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Increasing Military Pay

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 7929.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

Healthcare

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 7930.

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

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

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health/Teen Dating Violence

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 7931.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health Care

By Mr. NEHLS:

H.R. 7932.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Would prohibit the use of Federal funds for financing foreign shrimp farming, processing, or any activity related to the export of shrimp to the United States.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 7933.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations.

By Mr. SORENSEN:

H.R. 7934.

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

Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution. The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 10, United States Code, to implement a limitation on contracting for supplies needed for the Department of the Army for certain workload activities at arsenals of the Department of the Army, and for other purposes.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 7935.



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

Article I Section 8, U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Enhancing quantum technology research at the Department of Defense.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 7936.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill supports the enhancement of cultural resources stewardship and historic preservation by the National Park Service.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 82: Mr. CLINE.  
 H.R. 233: Mr. GROTHMAN.  
 H.R. 324: Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. MAGAZINER.  
 H.R. 435: Mr. FINSTAD.  
 H.R. 619: Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. DUARTE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN.  
 H.R. 694: Mr. MCGARVEY.  
 H.R. 807: Mr. MAST and Mr. MRVAN.  
 H.R. 866: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 883: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
 H.R. 884: Mr. MENENDEZ.  
 H.R. 1002: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 1097: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.  
 H.R. 1100: Mr. BRECHEEN.  
 H.R. 1117: Mr. BACON.  
 H.R. 1222: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 1238: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 1269: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
 H.R. 1293: Mr. NORCROSS.  
 H.R. 1328: Mr. CARSON and Mr. ALLRED.  
 H.R. 1447: Mrs. DINGELL.  
 H.R. 1487: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 1488: Mr. AMO.  
 H.R. 1716: Mr. SORENSEN.  
 H.R. 1770: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Mr. BEAN of Florida.  
 H.R. 1787: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H.R. 1826: Mr. MRVAN.  
 H.R. 2410: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.  
 H.R. 2434: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
 H.R. 2451: Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. EDWARDS.  
 H.R. 2499: Mr. SELF.  
 H.R. 2530: Mr. RYAN and Mr. MEEKS.  
 H.R. 2539: Mr. GALLEGO and Mr. PETERS.  
 H.R. 2584: Mr. SORENSEN.  
 H.R. 2663: Mr. MEEKS.  
 H.R. 2742: Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. CISCOMANI.  
 H.R. 2744: Mr. LALOTA.  
 H.R. 2783: Mr. CARBAJAL.  
 H.R. 2800: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
 H.R. 2827: Mr. VALADAO and Ms. ROSS.  
 H.R. 2845: Mr. NEGUSE.  
 H.R. 2864: Mr. LAWLER.  
 H.R. 2922: Mr. CROW.  
 H.R. 2955: Mr. PASCRELL and Ms. BROWNLEY.  
 H.R. 3031: Mr. HUFFMAN.  
 H.R. 3074: Mr. LAWLER and Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 3194: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 3276: Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
 H.R. 3381: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 3386: Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 3416: Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. SORENSEN, and Mr. DELUZIO.  
 H.R. 3432: Mr. BILIRAKIS.  
 H.R. 3433: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. ESPAILLAT.  
 H.R. 3504: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.  
 H.R. 3576: Mr. SORENSEN and Mr. NORCROSS.  
 H.R. 3759: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 3933: Mr. NEGUSE.  
 H.R. 3949: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 3951: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
 H.R. 3977: Mr. CURTIS.  
 H.R. 4157: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. SIMPSON.  
 H.R. 4175: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.  
 H.R. 4184: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PAL-LONE, Mr. DELUZIO, and Mr. MOULTON.  
 H.R. 4189: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LALOTA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.  
 H.R. 4268: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
 H.R. 4303: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. THANEDAR.  
 H.R. 4334: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 4335: Mr. LAWLER.  
 H.R. 4541: Mr. DELUZIO.  
 H.R. 4577: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
 H.R. 4875: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 5003: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. MFUME.  
 H.R. 5045: Ms. SCANLON.  
 H.R. 5142: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 5208: Mr. OWENS.  
 H.R. 5247: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. TRONE.  
 H.R. 5435: Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 5477: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.  
 H.R. 5530: Mr. LAHOOD.  
 H.R. 5547: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.  
 H.R. 5566: Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 5748: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.  
 H.R. 5757: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
 H.R. 5819: Ms. ROSS.  
 H.R. 5840: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.  
 H.R. 6003: Mr. CROW.  
 H.R. 6023: Ms. PEREZ.  
 H.R. 6046: Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
 H.R. 6049: Mr. MEEKS, Ms. STEVENS, and Mr. LANGWORTHY.  
 H.R. 6110: Mr. PASCRELL.  
 H.R. 6159: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. CUELLAR.  
 H.R. 6171: Mr. VAN DREW.  
 H.R. 6199: Ms. JACOBS.  
 H.R. 6319: Ms. OMAR and Ms. TLAIB.  
 H.R. 6364: Mr. LALOTA.  
 H.R. 6407: Mr. RASKIN and Ms. LOFGREN.  
 H.R. 6681: Mrs. HINSON.  
 H.R. 6698: Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 6829: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. POSEY.  
 H.R. 6929: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
 H.R. 6951: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Mr. FRY.  
 H.R. 6980: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 7027: Mr. MANN.  
 H.R. 7041: Mrs. RAMIREZ.  
 H.R. 7046: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Mr. HUDSON.  
 H.R. 7082: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
 H.R. 7084: Ms. LOFGREN.  
 H.R. 7109: Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SCALISE, and Mr. ROY.

H.R. 7116: Mrs. DINGELL and Mr. LEVIN.  
 H.R. 7183: Mr. MILLS.  
 H.R. 7218: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. WILD.  
 H.R. 7227: Ms. BROWN, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. PELTOLA, and Mr. COHEN.  
 H.R. 7288: Mr. SARBANES.  
 H.R. 7297: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
 H.R. 7314: Ms. WILD.  
 H.R. 7378: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. AMO.  
 H.R. 7438: Ms. PETTERSEN, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. COLE.  
 H.R. 7450: Mr. LALOTA.  
 H.R. 7504: Ms. PETTERSEN.  
 H.R. 7513: Mr. YAKYM.  
 H.R. 7536: Mr. BARR.  
 H.R. 7575: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
 H.R. 7581: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. DONALDS.  
 H.R. 7629: Ms. SALINAS, Mr. VAN DREW, and Ms. MENG.  
 H.R. 7634: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. MCCLELLAN.  
 H.R. 7636: Mr. DONALDS.  
 H.R. 7638: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. CARL.  
 H.R. 7649: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. BOST, and Mr. VAN ORDEN.  
 H.R. 7688: Ms. WILD, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
 H.R. 7749: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 7770: Ms. STEVENS and Ms. NORTON.  
 H.R. 7771: Ms. NORTON, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. TITUS.  
 H.R. 7849: Ms. BROWNLEY and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.  
 H.R. 7881: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, and Ms. STANSBURY.  
 H.R. 7890: Mr. BILIRAKIS.  
 H.R. 7891: Mr. WALBERG.  
 H.R. 7892: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
 H.R. 7900: Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.J. Res. 8: Mr. PALMER.  
 H.J. Res. 54: Mr. NEAL.  
 H.J. Res. 117: Mr. CLYDE, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. RUTHERFORD.  
 H.J. Res. 124: Mrs. HOUCHIN and Mr. HILL.  
 H.J. Res. 127: Mrs. HOUCHIN.  
 H. Con. Res. 101: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.  
 H. Res. 882: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.  
 H. Res. 907: Ms. CHU and Mr. SARBANES.  
 H. Res. 1117: Mr. MCCAUL.  
 H. Res. 1118: Ms. TITUS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.  
 H. Res. 1121: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia and Mr. VARGAS.  
 H. Res. 1123: Mr. CARTER of Texas.

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

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

OFFERED BY MR. TURNER

The amendment to be offered by myself or designee to H.R. 7888 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.